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LAST WEEK

CASH COLLECTION
GIFT AID- £87.00
LOOSE - £279.88

TERMINAL COLLECTION
£495.00

STANDING ORDERS FOR JULY
£3637.00

ATTENDANCE
238



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

AUGUST – DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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SATURDAY 1st August

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Joyce Stratton RIP

SUNDAY 2nd August
18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass

People of the Parish

11.00am Sung mass

Sir Michael Pike RIP (4th Anni)

MONDAY 3rd August
FERIA

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm Holy Mass

Katherine Bingley RIP

TUESDAY 4th August
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Holy Mass

Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood

WEDNESDAY 5th August

DEDICATION of the BASILICA of ST. MARY MAJOR

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm Holy Mass

John Farren RIP

THURSDAY 6th August
FEAST of the TRANFIGURATION of the LORD

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm Holy Mass

Vocations to the Religious Life

FRIDAY 7th August
SAINT SIXTUS

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

10:00am Holy Mass at the Elizabeth College Almshouse

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm Holy Mass

Killian Bogui (Birthday Intentions)

SATURDAY 8th August
SAINT DOMINIC

9:00am Low Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Dorothy Jayes Ward RIP

SUNDAY 9th August
19th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass

Katherine Bingley RIP

11.00am Sung Mass

People of the Parish

Confessions

Saturdays at 10.00am – 10.30am and 5pm - 5.30pm. After weekday Mass – please sit by the confessional.

Adoration

One hour before every weekday mass.

Spiritual Thought

Last week we thought a little about marriage, given how many weddings we have here. This week I thought we could look at baptism, as we have many baptisms too. (I'm trying to avoid making this column a 'what Fr Tom did on Saturday').

It is worth really investigating the sacrament of baptism – this is the beautiful sacrament every Christian receives, and so enters the church and can be called a Christian. It is the entry into the life of grace, it washes us of original and actual sin and, when it has been cleansed and prepared for His presence, God comes and dwells in the Christian soul.

While every human being is created by God, and every human being can call God 'father'. For the Christian this fatherhood is more profound. At holy baptism our soul is reformed into the image of Jesus (we are 'christened'). God then looks at the soul of the baptised person and sees us, uniquely us, but in the form of his only begotten Son. We are both ourselves and another Christ. We are made his adopted sons and daughters in the Son. Hence, the prayer of the baptised person is most perfectly the Our Father.

Our life from that moment is to become as perfectly as possible true sons and daughters of the Father. We try to keep the image we have received of the Son as clear and shining as possible, by avoiding the disfigurement of sin. We follow the pattern of the life of the Lord by picking up our cross, by communion with the Father, by announcing and living the Kingdom. In these ways our soul is kept in holiness and consecration and the gifts of baptism become more fruitful.

The gifts we are given at holy baptism are gifts that keep giving so while our own baptism may be many years ago (it's good to know the date and remember it each year) the gifts we received are still giving us life and are even now a pledge of heavenly life.

Congratulations

We welcome into God's church, through holy baptism, Leonardo and Ambra. We pray for them and their families.

Church Renovation News – Prayers Needed

Disappointing news.

The application we made to Historic England has been rejected, because one of the criteria of the fund is that the building be in a geographical area of deprivation, which does not describe this area.

We can try again, perhaps when fewer applications are being made.

We have made an application to the National Lottery Fund for our windows. These applications are more of a dialogue. We have heard back from this application, and they seem positive.

Please can I ask you to earnestly pray to Our Lady for the success of this bid.

St Catherine's Catholic Girls School, Bexleyheath

You are invited to share the following vacancies with your family and friends:

SEMH Learning Support Assistant and DT Technician.

Examination Invigilators wanted for internal and external examinations, supporting and guiding students calmly during the school's examinations. Please visit: www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies/ for more info and link to apply.

Ancient Byzantine Iconography course, 12 - 18 October 2026- Stoneyhurst

A seven-day course writing an icon in the ancient Byzantine style, using the liquid egg tempera technique. The course leads the student through each step of writing an icon of their own, providing theological explanations and practical demonstrations. Our October course is for those with some experience: please register your interest for an opportunity to book onto the next novice course.

christianheritagecentre.com/events/ancient-byzantine-iconography-course/

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London

is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Books offered for Donations

By St. Joseph's altar we have some books which are looking for new homes. Please take them, but kindly leave a little donation (perhaps £5 per book). They are not used here, but can be used and loved in your own homes perhaps.