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**LAST WEEK
CA.SH COLLECTION**
GIFT AID- £31.00
LOOSE - £247.88

TERMINAL COLLECTION
£435.50

STANDING ORDERS FOR JULY
£3637.00

ATTENDANCE
292



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

AUGUST – DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

✠ **HOLY MASS FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
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SATURDAY 22nd August

6.00pm Vigil Mass June and Stan Ott RIP

SUNDAY 23rd August

21ST SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass Aracelly and Neftali Hernandez (80th Birthdays)
11.00am Sung mass Teresa and Paul Adams (50th Wedding Anni.)

MONDAY 24th August

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass John Day RIP (1st Anni.)

TUESDAY 25th August

SAINT LOUIS

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

WEDNESDAY 26th August

BLESSED DOMINIC of the MOTHER of GOD

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Patricia Johnson RIP (5th Anni.)

THURSDAY 27th August

SAINT MONICA

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Catherine Holt RIP

FRIDAY 28th August

SAINT AUGUSTINE

10:00am Holy Mass at the Elizabeth College Almshouse
11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Robert Lawrence RIP (4th Anni.)

SATURDAY 29th August

PASSION of SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST

6.00pm Vigil Mass Duncan and Sandra Stevens 17th Wedding Anni.

SUNDAY 30th August

22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass Eugene Okani 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

Over the last few weeks I've been writing about the sacraments – those seven outward signs Jesus gave the church to give us inward grace. There are also many many outward signs, which give us inward grace, which have not been given by Jesus, but emerge in the life of the church. These are the sacramentals.

Rosaries, medals, holy water, holy oil, scapulars, pictures and statues of the saints – these are just some of the sacramentals which are available to Catholics to use and increase in the life of grace in the soul.

Sacramentals aren't essential for salvation, we don't need to cover ourselves in religious medals, nor make our living room look like a shop window in Lourdes to be 'a real Catholic'. But, as we have said, we are body and soul, and sometimes our body needs to be reminded of God, we use sensual reminders of God's all pervading presence, and so remember to raise our hearts to God throughout the day.

All our possessions reflect our inner life, if you want to know someone read their bookshelf. And so it is fitting that our bodies and homes reflect our inner spiritual life. We wear a cross, we hang a crucifix, we exteriorize the inner workings of our soul, and so allow more grace to penetrate us and draw us to God.

Colombia Earthquake Appeal

Please do support our brothers and sisters suffering after the earthquake in Colombia. Feel free to follow this link: acnuk.donorsupport.co/page/Columbia-emergency

Parish Safeguarding

I would like to thank Sophie Sadler, who for the last few years has been the parish safeguarding representative, but this week has stepped down from the role. Many have been helped by her and received their DBSs through her work. On behalf of the parish, thank you for your service.

We will now be building a small team of parish safeguarding reps, so please do keep this important work in your prayers.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Monday 28th September – Thursday 1st October

This cost includes flights from Stansted, half board accommodation, and transfer from Lisbon airport to Fatima. Cost £419. Led by Fr. Stephen Boyle, these excellent few days will include visiting the homes of the seers, attending mass at the apparition chapel and the beautiful way of the cross. There are only a few places left. Closing date is 13th September. Email Fr. Stephen dartford@rcaos.org.uk or phone him, 07504518262 for more details. Single supplement is £100. Insurance is not included on the trip, and we ask that attendees are insured.

Stand Up for Article 18 Defend Freedom of Religion and Belief

Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guarantees everyone the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. Yet across the world, this fundamental right is under threat.

As **#RedWednesday** marks its 10th anniversary, this is a critical moment to act. More than 5 billion people live in countries where persecution, oppression, and discrimination restrict religious freedom, including more than 200 million Christians.

Please sign the petition here: acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege

Archbishop's Certificate in Catechesis

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course begins online on 10 October 2026 from 2pm to 4pm. The total cost of the 2-year course is £800, £400 is payable before the start of each academic year. Registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50.

Would you like to know more? Join our 'Come and See' Evening on Monday 14 September at 7pm. The link to register can be found here:

aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert

Restoration Project update

1. As you all know, some of the stained glass is in a perilous state, in particular the main window behind the altar. We have submitted an outline grant application to fund this work, to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. They have responded positively to Stage 1, ('Your project has great potential'), providing advice and guidance before we submit our Stage 2 application. There's a long way yet to go.

2. As we seek to get accurate costings for the aisle roof repairs, we will open localised areas of the North & South side aisle ceilings, currently covered in rendered plasterboard, to determine water ingress damage. We know from a report in 1852, that the nave ceiling is 'coloured cerulean blue, and powdered with gold stars. ... The roofs of the aisles are more elaborately painted..'. In opening up the side aisle ceilings, beyond assessing water damage, we hope to see what if anything remains of the 'elaborately painted' ceilings. A grant application was submitted this week, to the National Churches Trust to help with the cost of these investigations.

3. Finally, after 12 years of silence, the bell is now ringing! We've had everything surveyed and have had a new controller installed. As a trial, the bell will ring before the 11 Mass. We intend to ring before the vigil Mass on Saturdays. If you have been near the church, on any day at noon, you might have noticed that the Angelus is also rung. Finally, the new controller allows the altar servers to ring the bell at the consecration. We don't propose ringing the bell before the 9am Mass on Sundays, as some local residents might still be in bed.