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LAST WEEK
CASH COLLECTION
GIFT AID- £33.00
LOOSE - £368.54
TERMINAL COLLECTION
£317.50
STANDING ORDERS FOR JULY
£3637.00
ATTENDANCE
252



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

AUGUST – DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
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SATURDAY 29th August

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

SUNDAY 30th August **22ND SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am Sung Mass Eugene Okani RIP
11.00am Sung mass People of the Parish

MONDAY 31st August **SAINT AIDEN**

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Katherine Bingley RIP

TUESDAY 1st September **SAINT EDMUND ARROWSMITH**

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Sandra Stevens (Birthday)

WEDNESDAY 2nd September **FERIA**

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Kathleen and Otto Dover RIP

THURSDAY 3rd September **SAINT GREGORY the GREAT**

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Deceased Members of St. Peter's Tennis Club

FRIDAY 4th September **SAINT CUTHBERT**

9:15am School Mass Margaret Myers RIP (Anni.)
2:15pm School Mass Pupils and Staff of St. Ursula's

SATURDAY 5th September **SAINT TERESA of CALCUTTA**

6.00pm Vigil Mass Aaron and Finn Nolan Bennett (Exams)

SUNDAY 6th September **23RD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish
11.00am Sung Mass TBC

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

This Tuesday marks my 1st anniversary since moving to this parish.

I'd really like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind welcome and generous patience with me this year.

In the priesthood we say 'moving takes a year' – which I think is an underestimate. After the initial movement of location and belongings there follows a good few months of discovering new advent and Christmas customs and services, then new lent and Easter customs, finally the big parish celebrations of Holy Communion and Confirmation. And finally the priest can say he's seen all the seasons of the parish. (We at OLSS have an additional season, not shared by many other parishes - wedding season, which we are currently enjoying.)

This is, as many visitors notice, a lovely parish. There is a great sense of community, people knowing (and liking) each other. There is a beautiful feeling of co-care and co-responsibility for each other and the church.

I ask God to continue to bless and keep this lovely parish, and to bless my time here with holiness and fruitfulness. And please, remember to pray for me.

Congratulations

Welcome into God's church Lara and Joachim, baptised this weekend and last. And Isabel and Scott, who were married in the church this week. May God bless all of them and their families, and keep them in his grace.

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

Diocese Announcements

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

The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on the 30th September 2026, at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The service will be lead by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.

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.

Greenwich Young Catholic Adults

We begin again our biweekly Greenwich Young Catholic Adults group. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month after the evening Mass. The group is open to all Catholics aged 18-35. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm (with opportunity for confession), Holy Mass at 7pm and this Tuesday (weather permitting) we'll have a barbecue after Mass.

Mass Stipends for September

As our office staff take their annual leave can I ask anyone who would like to book a Mass for a particular date in September to do so sooner rather than later, to avoid disappointment. Thank you.