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**LAST WEEK
CASH COLLECTION**
NOT COUNTED THIS WEEK

TERMINAL COLLECTION
£507.00

STANDING ORDERS FOR AUGUST
£3842.00

ATTENDANCE
258



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

SEPTEMBER – DEDICATED TO THE SORROWFUL HEART OF MARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
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SATURDAY 5th September

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

SUNDAY 6th September **23rd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am Sung Mass
11.00am Sung mass
People of the Parish
Mr. Chhama RIP

MONDAY 7th September **FERIA**

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

TUESDAY 8th September **NATIVITY of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Mr. Alfred Francis (health int.)

WEDNESDAY 9th September **SAINT PETER CLAVER**

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Sr. Christy Paul MC

THURSDAY 10th September **FERIA**

9:30am Holy Mass Beatrice Parker RIP

FRIDAY 11th September **SAINT AMBROSE BARLOW**

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass For our Church

SATURDAY 12th September **MOST HOLY NAME of MARY**

6.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased Members of the Halloran Family

SUNDAY 13th September **24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am Sung Mass
11.00am Sung Mass
Valdemars Felcis
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

Something about September clicks us into work mode, even the squirrels seem busier. Suddenly September hits the schools are back, summer is over, holidays are returned from and the world is ready for business. September in this country is traditionally the busiest harvest month, the harvest moon usually shines in this month.

We can ask ourselves, after the quiet time of August, what has grown in my life? what can I harvest? What can I put aside to feed me for the rest of the year? Two things most often feed our inner life – expectations of things to come, and memories of things received. Before we begin the business of expectations, sowing for the future, let us just give God thanks for the great things he has given us. Perhaps during the summer he has given us more family time, to know why we work so hard. Perhaps he has blessed us with good exam results to crown our efforts. Perhaps he has given us opportunity to travel and see the world differently, that I might be different. In any way that God has blessed us this summer let us give him thanks around the altar, as we worship the Lord and giver of all good things.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sophie and Harvey, and Jessica and Simone 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 Announcement

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 led 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.

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.

Volunteer Sought

The parish is looking for someone to help update the diocesan accounting system for us. If any accountant (retired or working) could spare a day a month to upload the data I would be very grateful to hear from you.

SVP Conference Update

Thank you everyone who supported Our St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Conference Bake Sale a couple of weeks ago - the Conference raised £381!

We are holding a second Bake Sale after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, 13 September. If you would like to help, or find out more about joining the SVP, please contact us

at svpgreenwich@gmail.com or speak to Father Tom, who can refer you to us.

SVP is looking for donations of dining chairs, table, or an armchair for one of the beneficiaries. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please email us, or speak to Father Tom.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and generosity.