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LAST WEEK

ATTENDANCE
NOT TAKEN

WEEKLY COLLECTION
COUNTED THIS WEEK



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

SEPTEMBER- DEDICATED TO THE SORROWS OF
OUR LADY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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SATURDAY 13TH

SATURDAY MEMORIAL of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6.00pm Vigil Mass

People of the Parish

SUNDAY 14TH

EXULTATION of the HOLY CROSS

9.00am Sung mass

Harry Dibble RIP

11.00am Sung mass

Audrey Kerr Well Being

MONDAY 15TH

OUR LADY of SORROWS

No public Mass today

TUESDAY 16TH

PARISH CONSECRATION

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Holy Mass

Vocations to the Priesthood

WEDNESDAY 17TH

ST ROBERT BELLARMIN

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

Special Intentions

THURSDAY 18TH

ST EDITH of KEMSING

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

In Reparation

FRIDAY 19TH

SAINT THEODORE of TARSUS

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

For the King

SATURDAY 20TH

SAINT ANDREW KIM TAEGON

6.00pm Vigil Mass

TBC

SUNDAY 21TH

25th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass

TBC

11.00am Sung mass

TBC

Confessions

Saturdays at 10.00am – 10.30am and 5pm - 5.30pm. After
weekday Mass

Adoration

One hour before every weekday mass.

Spiritual Thought

Firstly, please let me say a huge thank you for your warm and generous welcome to me last weekend. Welcoming a new priest can be difficult, particularly after such a good and hard working priest such as Fr Kevin, who knows this parish and it's parishioners so well. So I do deeply appreciate the kindness of your welcome.

We celebrate today (replacing the Sunday of Ordinary Time) the feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. This feast commemorates the discovery of the true cross of Jesus by St. Helena (the mother of Emperor Constantine) in Jerusalem.

According to tradition three crosses were discovered, so the question arose as to which bore the savior, and which the thieves crucified with him. A miracle of healing showed which was the cross of Jesus, and from this cross all the relics of the True Cross have been taken – we have one such relic in our own church.

What can be learnt and lived from this ancient traditional story? There are many crosses in the world – the Romans loved using the cross for execution – there are many sufferings and causes of suffering. But there is only one life giving, saving cross. Only one cross sanctified by bearing the body of the Lord. Our lives can have suffering – some people suffer horrendously in body and mind – but our sufferings only become healing or meaningful when we unite them to the sufferings of the Lord.

When we consciously, intentionally offer our sufferings with His then our sufferings, our crosses, become fused to His – our sufferings then become part of His divine sacrifice, our sufferings help heal the sins of the world.

This is a profound truth – St. Paul himself claims “I am making up in my flesh what is still lacking from the sufferings of Christ” (Col. 1:24). We do the same when we suffer, and unite that suffering with Jesus on the cross.

May the prayers of St. Helena be with us, for our own healing, and the salvation and healing of the world.

Eucharistic Adoration

Please note that we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour before each weekday Mass. You're most welcome to arrive early and pray before Our Lord.

Mass at Elizabeth Cottage Chapel

I'd like to thank the residents of Trinity and the Elizabeth Cottages for their flexibility. The mass time there has now been changed to Friday's at 11am.

A life changing opportunity!

Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a **two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond** who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both

confidence and joy. **The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year, payable over 2 years is £800.** Registration must be completed in advance and there is a **non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here:**

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

To all catechists and those thinking about helping in this ministry:

Saturday 20th September – Annual Diocesan Day for Catechists. This day is for all catechists of your parish, including those involved in Children's Liturgy. Registration now open! You are invited to join us for a day filled with teachings & prayer & a chance to meet fellow Catechists. Join us at St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HU from 10am. Register aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2025 For the last few years the day has reached full capacity; registration is therefore necessary as soon as possible to guarantee a place.

St. Ursula's Open Days

All prospective parents and students are warmly invited to join St. Ursula's upcoming Open Events, where you can see for yourself how St Ursula's nurtures academic excellence, moral integrity, and personal growth. These are Monday 6th -Friday 10th October, 9.15-10.45am. Please see the poster in the porch and scan the QR code to register your interest.

This Sunday Next Sunday

This Sunday we welcome Fr Dariusz and the Ecclesia group, who will join us for the 9am Mass.

This Sunday we have the second collection for the Catholic Education Service. This collection funds the work of our school and the diocesan team who help with the administration in the Catholic sector.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday there is another second collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization (formerly called Home Mission). This supports the spreading of the gospel in our own country, particularly enabling the support of evangelization from parishes.

Service for Hope and Healing: Wednesday 24th September 2025

The Archdiocese welcomes everyone to attend our annual **Service of Healing & Hope**, for those harmed by abuse and for those supporting the people who have been harmed. The service will be led by **Abp John Wilson** at 6.30pm, at St George's Cathedral. For more information, please search: Southwark Hope and Healing.