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#### ST. URSULA'S GIRLS CONVENT SCHOOL

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#### ST. JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### LAST WEEK

**COLLECTION**  
GIFT AID - £60  
NON-GIFT AID - £355.01

**ATTENDANCE**  
295



## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

OCTOBER- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

### ✠ HOLY MASS FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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#### SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

##### FERIA

6.00pm Vigil Mass

*Theresa Madelin RIP*

#### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

##### 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung mass

*Mannus Boyle RIP*

11.00am Sung mass

*People of the Parish*

#### MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

##### SAINT EDWARD the CONFESSOR

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

*John O'Brien RIP*

#### TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

##### SAINT CALLISTUS

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Holy Mass

*Judy Lendrum*

#### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

##### ST TERESA of JESUS

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

*Marion Drescher*

#### THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

##### SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

*Diane Palmer RIP*

#### FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

##### SAINTIGNATIUS of ANTIOCH

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

*Joyce Wearne*

#### SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

##### SAINT LUKE

6.00pm Vigil Mass

*Fr Tomasz Wargacki*

#### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

##### 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass

*Diane Palmer 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**

This week on Wednesday we celebrate the feast day of one of the great saints of the church, St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church.

She joined the lax convent of the Incarnation in Avila, in Castile, and, by her own admission, was lax in her vocation. The nun there were allowed to furnish their rooms, have many visitors and talk freely – which separated the community socially and financially. However, during a period of illness she discovered the practice of interior prayer – not the saying of prayers, but the opening of the heart and mind to God and the discovery of His presence in her soul.

This discovery completely changed her life. She, with some other sisters, left the Incarnation to found the convent of St Joseph. This convent emphasized deeper prayer, silence and poverty as ways to holiness.

In the course of her life she founded convents up and down Spain and was well known for her hard work, holiness and sense of humour. She gave us the expression “Lord, save us from sour faced saints”. Her writings are easily accessible, particularly the spiritual classic *The Interior Castle* – which I would recommend to anyone.

With the saints we might ask “what can we learn from them?” but with St Teresa we can ask “what can’t we learn from her?”

Her simple definition of prayer “If a person doesn’t think of Whom he is addressing, and of what he is asking for, and who it is that is asking and of Whom he is asking it, I do not consider that he is praying at all.” Prayer then, for St Teresa means being aware of God, who He is in his splendor and glory and divine love. And being aware of ourselves, who we are as we approach God.

With these thoughts, let us ask St Teresa to help us pray and enter more deeply into God’s mystery and life.

## **A Huge Thank You**

As many of you many know, Norman, our wonderful organist for the 6pm Saturday and alternate Sundays at 11am is retiring. I’m very grateful that he has stayed on for my first few weeks (he had expressed his desire to retire to Fr. Kevin some months ago). We are all grateful to him and Dawn for their dedication and talent. May God bless and reward him in his semi-retirement, we’ll be seeing him again for weddings and funerals hopefully.

## **Second Collection Today**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October was the Family Fast Day. We will have a second collection today for CAFOD – please find envelopes at the back of the church. Or use “Second Collection”, if using the card machine.

## **October Devotions**

As October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, you are warmly invited to October devotions, hymns, the rosary and litany in honour of Our lady. This will take place in the church at 3pm every Sunday in October.

## **Celebrating Cultural & Ethnic Identities in Our Parishes – Free Webinar**

Join the Archdiocese of Southwark’s Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion for a free webinar exploring how cultural and ethnic identities can be celebrated within our parishes. Thursday 16 October at 7:00–8:45 pm. What to expect: Reflections on the Archdiocese’s ongoing story of inclusion, plus real stories from parishes, a lively panel discussion with clergy and parish/chaplaincy reps, practical tools and next steps for your parish/ministry. Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/QJ5vL4nURTmnHUIAa2BiKA>

All are welcome – parishioners, clergy, chaplaincy teams and ministry leaders.

## **RCIA/Conversion Course**

This course in the Catholic faith is open to all who would like to become Catholic, to adult Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and anyone who would like know more about the Catholic faith. By coming along there is no commitment to receive any sacraments, but simply to understand the Catholic religion, what we believe, how we live and the reasons behind our faith. We will have our first meeting in the Presbytery, 68 Crooms Hill, at 7:30pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Please let Fr Tom know if you are planning to attend.

## **St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School**

St. Joseph’s is an inclusive school with developmental curriculum that celebrates the social and cultural diversity of our school. Families are welcome to book a visit on 02088584182.

## **Restoration Team**

If you are free on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, from 12-2pm please do think about volunteering with the restoration team. The job that day will be to continue removing the cork tiles and uncover the original Victorian floor of the church.

## **Building a Better Marriage (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope**

To celebrate Jubilee 2025 one day Building a Better Marriage events are being held during 2025. The opportunity for married couples starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. Participants have noted in their evaluations: “It was so great being welcomed by the team! We really enjoyed the course and learnt so much to help our marriage.” To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk); 1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood

## **Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteers - is this for you?**

The chaplaincy at Queen Elizabeth Hospital is currently looking to recruit more volunteers to visit patients on the wards. If you are interested in knowing more, please email Rev Emmanuel at [ekormi@nhs.net](mailto:ekormi@nhs.net), or call the Chaplaincy on 020 8836 6831. Gwen Chiosso from St Stephen’s parish in Welling has written an article about her experience which can be found here: <http://www.saintstephens.co.uk/blog/hospital-chaplaincy-volunteering/#more-1395>