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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £38.55
NON-GIFT AID - £281.86
CAFOD COLLECTION
£43.30
ATTENDANCE
279



OUR LADYE STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

OCTOBER- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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SATURDAY 18th October SAINT LUKE

6.00pm Vigil Mass Fr Tomaz Wargacki

SUNDAY 19th October 29th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung mass Diane Palmer RIP
11.00am Sung mass People of the Parish

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament John O'Brien
9.30am Holy Mass

TUESDAY 21st October SAINT MARGARET CLITHEROW

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Judy Lendrum
7:00pm Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 22nd October SAINT JOHN PAUL II

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament School Mass for St. Ursula's
9.30am Holy Mass

THURSDAY 23rd October SAINT JOHN of CAPISTRANO

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Evangeline Craig
9.30am Holy Mass

FRIDAY 24th October SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE) Holy Souls
8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass

SATURDAY 25th October SATURDAY of OUR LADY

6.00pm Vigil TCA
Mass

SUNDAY 26th October 30th SUNDAY of 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

We've just finished this month's 'floor bashing' – entering the church the sound was like descending into Nibelheim, the sound of hammers and chistles. But, if you look at the floor at the back of the church, under the pews on your left hand side you'll see something unseen for 50 years – the original floor of the church. Thank you to the 15 who worked so hard.

The restoration of the church is an immense work – returning the building to it's former glory, to the beauty it once had, a beauty which is hinted at by what we see. There is a spiritual lesson in this also – since it's foundation, the church which Jesus founded has been decayed and restored many times. The great and most famous saints often arose at a time of decay, but through their work, holiness and fidelity they were able to restore the holiness of the church.

We can remember the prophetic words of Jesus to St. Francis in the church of San Damiano "Francis, rebuild my church". St Francis took these words literally and restored the ruined church of San Damiano – but then, through the poverty of his friars, restored holiness to the church. This culminated in the dream of Pope Innocent – he saw a church (the Lateran Basilica) on the brink of collapse, held up and made secure by a poor friar. He didn't understand this dream until St. Francis and his companions, having walked to Rome from Umbria, arrived for an audience, and Pope Innocent recognized the poor friar as St. Francis.

We may be tempted to see only the difficulties and decay of the church – which has been widely reported, and is the material for many stand-up comics. We hear of the scandals which have sadly driven so many from the church, and harmed the dear people of the church. Decay, corruption, infidelity.

We might be waiting for a great saint to help us, another Francis, or Benedict, or Teresa or Ignatius. Another saint who will remove the rust and ruin from the church and let it shine with love.

But maybe God wants us too to help with the great restoration of the church. At this moment, we are called to become holier, to become more faithful, to uncover the true beauty of the church. To become more and more full of the love of God that decay has no place, that the spiritual building of the church shines with his glory.

How fortunate we are to be able to work for such a beautiful goal, and what wonderful helpers we have, on earth and in heaven, for this great work.

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.

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.

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.

Seeking Facilitators

The Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. **Salary:** £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: **October 31st 2025**

Rooted in Love - an opportunity for married and engaged couples

Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a **monthly online meeting** where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ.

Gathering monthly on Zoom **Thursdays:** 30 October at 8:30pm, 27 November at 8:30pm, 11 December at 8:30pm

Email mfkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information

Job Vacancy

St Catherine's Catholic Girls School have the following vacancies: Teacher of Science, Teacher of Psychology (and Sociology) (Maternity Leave), Teacher of Geography (Fixed term), Teacher of Science (Maternity Leave). For full job descriptions and person specifications please visit www.stccg.co.uk/vacancies. Thank you.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Mens' retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

Room to Rent

A Catholic student is looking for a room to rent in Greenwich. If you, or someone you know, would be able to help, please contact Fr Tom for details.