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DONATIONS

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*This parish is part of the RCAOS registered
Charity Number 1173050
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

ST. URSULA'S GIRLS CONVENT SCHOOL

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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £52.00
NON GIFT-AID - £340.66

ATTENDANCE
362



OUR LADYE STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

**JANUARY- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME AND
CHILDHOOD OF JESUS**

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SATURDAY 17th January

6.00pm Vigil Mass Fr John Ryan RIP

SUNDAY 18th January

2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass Fr John Horn RIP
11.00am Sung mass People of the Parish

MONDAY 19th January

SAINT WULSTAN

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Angela Kinslow
9.30am Holy Mass

TUESDAY 20th January

SAINTS FABIAN and SEBASTIAN

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Alexander Taylor
7:00pm Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 21st January

SAINT AGNES

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Muriel Drescher RIP
9.30am Holy Mass

THURSDAY 22nd January

SAINT VINCENT

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Anne O'Mahoney RIP
9.30am Holy Mass

FRIDAY 23rd January

FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Bill Farren RIP (Ann.)
9.30am Holy Mass

SATURDAY 24th January

SAINT FRANCIS de SALES

6:00pm Vigil Mass Dennis Holdbrook RIP

SUNDAY 25th

9.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish
11.00am Sung mass Ann O'Mahoney RIP (1st Ann)

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

Last Saturday we had the traditional blessing of animals on the feast of St Anthony.

We can ask – and it's a good question – why bless animals? Animals (I hate to have to tell you) don't have immortal souls, so they cannot grow in holiness like human beings can, their souls can't receive grace nor can they commit sin. So, why bless our lovely animals?

God has created all things – everything, from the glorious angels, to humans, to animals, even to the lowest life forms, and even those things which have no life, the rocks and minerals. All have received existence from God.

The church has blessings for all manner of things. Everything which leads to human flourishing, any good human activity can be blessed. Just as the government peers into all human activity to see what can be taxed, so the church raises up all good human activity to God by bringing his blessing down upon us and our things.

We have, in the course of the year blessings for wine, beer, harvests. The blessing of water, food, homes, images, schools, cars and other vehicles. The blessing of expectant mothers, and mothers after child-birth, the blessing of engaged couples and wedding rings, and at the time of death.

Part of Catholic life is asking for and receiving blessings – when we buy a new car, or rosary, at the time of our birthday or when we're facing exams or a job interview, it becomes natural for us to go to the church and ask the priest for a blessing. When we do this we are opening this area of our life to God's will. It is a great sign of humility not to rely on our own merits and effort, but to ask God for his help.

In ending our thoughts about blessings, we should remember that parents, grandparents and god-parents have spiritual authority over their children, and so should regularly bless them with the sign of the cross. It is a beautiful and holy thing to regularly bless your children.

Congratulations

Welcome into God's church Micah Tsang, baptised on Saturday.

Tea and Coffee after Mass

Next Sunday, after the 9:00am and the 11:00am Masses we will have refreshments after Mass, a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners. All proceeds go to the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.

Floor Restoration

Our floor restoration team will continue to remove the cork covering the floor tiles. Any new volunteers are most welcome. We will meet at the church on Saturday 24th January at 12noon. Refreshments will be provided after the work.

House Blessings in Epiphany Time

There is an ancient practice of having our houses blessed at Epiphany and after Easter. If you'd like Fr Tom to visit and bless your house over the coming weeks please email him at frtomlynch85@gmail.com – with some suggested times and days of the week (and your address) and he'll get back to you.

St Catherine's Catholic School for Girls in

Bexleyheath is seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators to maintain the integrity and security of both internal and external examinations, and to support and guide students calmly during their examination period. Please contact – St Catherine's, Watling Street, Bexleyheath, 01322 556 333 Ext 1026

Second Collection Next Sunday

Next Sunday we will have a second collection for St. George's Cathedral. Our archdiocesan cathedral is where many diocesan and national events are held – it is the mother church of the diocese and known and loved by many.

Aside from it's weekly parish collections it has no other funding, yet serves all the parishes of the diocese. Please do think of giving generously.

Racial Justice Sunday 1st February

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2026, at 10am.

Ursuline Message

The Ursuline Sisters announce the death of Sister Zela Procter on the 23rd December 2025, aged 91. Her funeral mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead on Friday 30th January 2026 at 11am. She will be buried in Lancaster on Monday 2nd February 2026, 12:15pm Lancaster Cathedral.

Message from Deacon Duncan

Kindly allow me to pass on my grateful thanks and blessings to the Parish at Our Ladye Star of the Sea. As each Mass ended last weekend, I grew even more sad that I was leaving the parish and my Ministry would be elsewhere, which seemed unthinkable! My thoughts and prayers for the parish will remain with me and I will always remember with great affection all the parishioners who have been so kind to me and for someone who came unannounced, and somewhat as an intruder; I received the most gracious and warm welcome which will remain with me for the rest of my life. The last prayer of my day, as some may recall, is: 'Be still and know that I am God' and with that prayer I will pray for the parish, and for you Fr Tom, and also Maggie, who despite all her troubles, made me feel very special.