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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £26.00
NON GIFT-AID - £333.48

ATTENDANCE
243



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 CHRISTMAS TIME

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SATURDAY 3rd January

6.00pm Vigil Mass

People of the Parish

SUNDAY 4th January

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME

9.00am Sung Mass

For Peace

11.00am Sung mass

Bishop Elect Father Gerard Bradley

MONDAY 5th January

FERIA CHRISTMAS TIME

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fr Paddy Cannon RIP

9.30am Holy Mass

TUESDAY 6th January

EPIPHANY of the LORD

9:00am Holy Mass

Fr John Smethurst RIP

11:30am Holy Mass

Canon Oliver Heaney RIP

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fr. Terrance McClean-Wilson RIP

7:00pm Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 7th January

SAINT RAYMOND of PENYAFORT

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fr. Bernard Heaphy RIP

9.30am Holy Mass

THURSDAY 8th January

FERIA CHRISTMAS TIME

11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Canon Leo Mooney RIP

12noon Holy Mass

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

FRIDAY 9th January

FERIA CHRISTMAS TIME

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fr Martin O'Connor RIP

9.30am Holy Mass

Rita Waters RIP

SATURDAY 10th January

FERIA CHRISTMAS TIME

6.00pm Vigil Mass

People of the Parish
Mary Edwards RIP

SUNDAY 11th January

BAPTISM of the LORD

9.00am Sung mass

Saturdays at 10.00am – 10.30am and 5pm - 5.30pm. After
weekday Mass – please sit by the confessional.

11.00am Sung mass

One hour before every weekday mass.

Confessions

Adoration

Spiritual Thought

At the feast of Epiphany, which we celebrate in the church on Tuesday (6th Jan) we rejoice in the visit of the Wise Men to the crib at Bethlehem (you may have noticed the figures making their way around the church to arrive at the crib on that day).

This is the celebration of the first time members of the gentile nations encountered and worshipped Jesus. It's an alien notion to us now, but previously gods and religions were national, not universal. Each city and nationality had their own gods and rituals, to live in that city meant worshipping that particular set of gods. Many cities even bore the names of their gods, such as Athens for Athena.

This was most clear with the Jewish people, God had spoken to them, only them, and given them a law which made them distinct from all the other nations. At the Epiphany we read of the Wise Men from the East – these were gentiles, non-Jews, who came to worship. We see then, from the very beginning of his life, Jesus is not just the savior of one people, one group limited by race or geography, not just a teacher for them – or even God-only-for –them. He is for the whole world, he is a universal savior, he is God-made-man for all humanity.

If we really understand this feast day – if we really understand the pilgrimage and the worship of the Magi we would know that Jesus, his Gospel, his sacraments are meant for the whole world. All may come and worship, all may come to be healed and sanctified by Him.

As a little exercise, to help us get this point, we can try this - as we walk through the street, as we travel by train, as we interact with people in our daily life we can acknowledge "Jesus' salvation is for this person too." Each person we see, every person in the whole world – Jesus' salvation is for them, to be received by them. This, after all is what universal means, what "Catholic" means.

Deacon Duncan

Today marks the final Sunday of Deacon Duncan's time with us. While his retirement was accepted in the summer, he very graciously agreed to continue for a few months while I settled in.

I'd like to thank him personally for his support and kindness. And I'd like to thank him on behalf of everyone here at OLSS for his time with us, his support for Fr Kevin and his diaconal witness. May God bless his retirement, and reward him for his service.

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Please remember Tuesday 6th January is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass on this day.

The feast of the Epiphany brings and end to the Jubilee Year, announced by Pope Francis – we can, on this day, thank God for all the graces the church has

received, and count the blessings we have received too.

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.

Christmas Thank You

The first Christmas in a new parish is one of those big milestones, the masses here were very prayerful and joyful, thank you for making my first Christmas in Greenwich so beautiful.

Thank you also for all your many cards, kind greetings and presents, which are very much appreciated. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made the masses so beautiful – all the readers, servers and musicians.

Christmas Donations

The collections at the Christmas Masses are for the priest of the parish, and is a major source of his income. These offerings can also be made at the DONA points, the gift-aid from these donations is collected by the parish, so do remember to gift-aid any gifts. Thank you for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

The Christmas Crib donations (which can be made at the DONA points) are for the Friends of the Holy Land, which helps maintain the Holy Places in the Holy Land, and supports the local Christian communities in Israel and Palestine.

Our Lady's Stars – New Children's Club

We are excited to announce the launch of Our Lady's Stars, a new children's group at our Parish. With so many children in our community, we will run monthly gatherings for all primary school children (and younger siblings as well). The aim is to create a welcoming space to build friendships, grow in faith and share what matters most to children.

Our first session will take place on the 11th January, after the 11:00 am Mass. Snacks will be provided for the children and tea or coffee will be available for parents. We also warmly welcome any parents who would like to help with running or supporting these sessions. If you are interested, please talk to Fr Tom or Justyna John.

We warmly invite all children to join us as we begin this new and joyful chapter in our Parish life.

Christmas Hampers – Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the Christmas Hamper Raffle – all the prize hampers have been collected. Thank you to Maggie for organizing this.