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### LAST WEEK

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

**ATTENDANCE**  
243



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

JANUARY- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME AND  
CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN CHRISTMASTIME

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### SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> January

6.00pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish

### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRIDTMAS TIME

9.00am Sung Mass For Peace  
11.00am Sung mass Bishop Elect Father Gerard Bradley

### MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January

#### FERIA CHIRSTMAS TIME

8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.30am Holy Mass Fr Paddy Cannon RIP

### TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
7.00pm Holy Mass Fr. Terrance McClean-Wilson RIP

### WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January

#### SAINT RAYMOND of PENYAFORT

8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.30am Holy Mass Fr. Bernard Heaphy RIP

### THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> January

#### FERIA CHRISTMAS TIME

11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12noon Holy Mass Canon Leo Mooney RIP

### FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> January

#### FERIA CHRISTMAS TIME

8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.30am Holy Mass Fr Martin O'Connor RIP

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

### SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> January

#### FERIA CHRISTMAS TIME

6.00pm Vigil Mass Rita Waters RIP

### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> January

#### BAPTISM of the LORD

9.00am Sung mass People of the Parish  
11.00am Sung mass Mary Edwards RIP

### 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**

At the feast of Epiphany, which we celebrate in the church on Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.