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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £57.10
NON-GIFT AID - £379.91

ATTENDANCE
338



OUR LADYE STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

OCTOBER- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR 30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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SATURDAY 25th October

SATURDAY of OUR LADY

6.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased Members of the Halloran Family

SUNDAY 26th October

30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung mass People of the Parish
11.00am Sung mass Alachka Beyka RIP 17th Anniversary

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

FERIA

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

TUESDAY 28st October

SAINTs SIMON and JUDE, APOSTLES

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Fr. Tom Jordan RIP

WEDNESDAY 29th October

FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Sister Edward Marie Jordan RIP

THURSDAY 30th October

FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Patrick and Cecilia Jordan RIP

FRIDAY 31st October

FERIA

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Honor Peyton RIP

SATURDAY 1st November

SATURDAY of OUR LADY

6.00pm Vigil Mass Brian Scahill RIP

SUNDAY 2nd November

ALL SAINTS

(TRANSFERRED HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

9.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish
11.00am Sung mass Halloran Family Wellbeing

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

As we enter the final week of October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary we can think about this beautiful and powerful prayer.

The rosary itself, the string of beads, is an emblem of Catholicism. If we see it in a car we know a Catholic is driving, if we see it in a film we know the character is Catholic – it's an identifier.

Other religions have strings of prayer beads, but the rosary is singular, with its crucifix and portions of beads, it is unmistakable.

The prayers of the rosary are the simplest prayers that every Catholic knows. The Our Father, taught us by the Lord himself. The Hail Mary, taught us by the Gospels and the tradition of the church. The Glory Be, praising God for ever.

These prayers have Jesus at the center – literally the center of the Hail Mary is the holy name of Jesus. While many see the rosary as a Marian prayer (centered around Mary) it is really a prayer through Mary to Jesus.

As we pray the rosary we are immersed in the life of Jesus and Mary. The sets of mysteries highlight for us the events from the life of Our Lord, and for those few minutes we are transported to Galilee and Jerusalem. We see with the eyes of faith the event that have saved us. The mysteries take us through all the human emotions, joy, sorrow and exultant happiness. How could it be otherwise, as we reflect on the humanity of Jesus, of course we will encounter all the human emotions.

Many people sadly turn away from the rosary, “it’s repetitive,” “it’s boring,” “it’s old fashioned.” It may well be all of those, it is repetitive, we say the same prayers again and again. But is that bad? Much of our life is repetition and so is our prayer.

The rosary also maybe old fashioned (is that a problem for a Catholic?) By praying the rosary we are joining the long chain of Catholics before us, who have grabbed their beads at difficult times, maintained the faith and gone to heaven. So let's find our beads and join them.

Holy Day of Obligation

When the Bishops restored the Holy Days of Obligation to their correct days, said that Holy Days of Obligation falling on Saturday or Monday should be transferred to the Sunday.

So, we have the strange phenomena next weekend of celebrating All Saints on Sunday the 2nd November, the day normally assigned to the Holy Souls (which will be celebrated on 3rd Nov).

Our Final 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.

Call out for Altar Servers

If you are a young person in our parish and have received your First Holy Communion, why not volunteer to join our wonderful altar serving team. You're welcome to arrive 15 minutes before any of the weekend Masses, to get vested and learn as we go.

Parish Tea and Coffee

Will be served after the 11am Mass next Sunday (2nd Nov) – all are welcome so we can all get to know each other.

First Thursday Convent Club

Everyone is most welcome to join our wonderful Dominican Sisters at their convent in Hyde Vale on Thursday 6th November at 2pm, for prayer, reflection and refreshments. (Formerly over-60s, now open to everyone).

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 mflkent@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.