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#### DONATIONS

Nat West Bank  
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#### ST. URSULA'S GIRLS CONVENT SCHOOL

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#### LAST WEEK COLLECTION

GIFT AID - £53.00  
NON-GIFT AID - £328.92

**ATTENDANCE**  
320

**OCTOBER ONLINE DONATIONS**  
£6441.77



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

NOVEMBER- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SOULS

## ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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### SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> November

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Deceased Family of Kath Pierce

### SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November

#### DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA

9.00am Sung Mass

People of the Parish

11.00am Sung mass

Austin Currie Rip (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

#### SAINT LEO the GREAT

8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

Edward Jordan RIP

### TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November

#### SAINT MARTIN of TOURS

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Holy Mass

Deceased of the World Wars

### WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> November

#### SAINT JOSEPHAT

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

Intentions of Eppie and Mark Blackwell

### THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> November

#### SAINT FRANCES CABRINI

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

Deceased members of the Hamill Family

### FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November

#### FERIA

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

In Thanksgiving

### SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> November

#### SAINT ALBERT the GREAT

6.00pm Vigil Mass

John Farren RIP (Anniversary)

### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> November

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung mass

John, Bridget and Bernadette Murphy RIP (Anni)

11.00am Sung mass

People of the Parish

#### 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**

In many ways November can be a sad month – in the church we remember and pray for the dead, which can bring some mournful feelings to the surface. Around us nature is going to sleep and the trees giving up their leaves, and Christmas can feel a long way away.

But these moments that nature gives us can be very healing. The trees shed their leaves, the sap drops, so that everything can remerge with new life in the spring. We often don't like to shed things. There was craze a few years ago for minimalism (cf. Marie Condo) but we realized that actually we quite like having things, whether they spark joy or not.

Our world is so busy and we are constantly presented with new and exciting things, we are kept on edge by the media in all its forms – there is so little time for quiet, silence and looking within, for letting the sap drop.

One gift that God gives us is to allow us to be quiet. He allows us to be introspective for a time. He encourages us frequently, through the words of scripture and the teaching of the saints, to rest in him – to let go, to be silent.

Perhaps we can learn from God and the lessons he has built into nature, the calmness of the this season. There will be time for energy and business soon – but for now, in this moment, to enter more deeply into our soul, and find God there.

## **Andrew Carmichael**

Many of you will remember Andrew Carmichael, who sadly died in 2024. He was a well known and loved parishioner, particularly at the 6pm and 11am Masses. He was known for his kindness, humility and friendship. We heard this week that Andrew left a significant amount of money in his will to the parish. We received the legacy this week of £200,000.

This is an amazing sum, which completely changes our timescale and ability with the restoration of the church. Please join with me in thanking God for this blessing, and praying for Andrew and his family. These short lines will be supplemented by a more lasting tribute, which we will organize with his family.

## **November Holy Souls Lists**

At the back of the church you will find blank lists for our Holy Souls box, at the front of the church. Please fill these in with the names of your deceased love ones and they will be prayed for at every mass in November. Please do not put money into this box (the church is open throughout the day, so let's not put temptation into anyone's way). If you would like to have a Mass offered for the Holy Souls, or for anyone in particular, please fill in the Mass Envelopes at the back of the church and pop them in the letter box, or presbytery door.

## **Parish Calendars 2026**

Brian and the restoration team have produced a beautiful parish calendar. They are available, at only £5 each, at the back of the church. These might make excellent gifts for friends and family. Any profit will go toward the restoration fund. They can be paid for in cash, at the DONA machine, or by scanning the adjacent QR code.

## **Floor Restoration**

Next Saturday, 11-1pm is our final floor bashing session before Christmas. All are welcome to help remove the cork floor under the benches to reveal the original Victorian tiles.

## **Second Collections**

The second collection today is for the Archbishop's Appeal. This funds three areas of work within the Archdiocese – Youth and Evangelization, Our Faith in Action and Clergy Care and Formation. Please do give generously.

Next weekend the second collection is for the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

## **Thank you**

To everyone who supported our refreshments after mass last Sunday, it raised £76 for the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice. Wonderful.

## **Songs of Praise Concert**

We are all warmly invited to the Catholic Women's Organisation "Songs of Praise" on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 7-9pm at Our Lady of Grace Church, Charlton. Tickets are £5 for a powerful evening of music, prayer and fellowship.

## **Catholic Medical Association**

The Catholic Medical Association is open to all healthcare workers, at any stage in their career, providing events, support and formation.

For more information, particularly regarding their annual conference on 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November, please visit [catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk](http://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk)

## **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.

## **Date for your Diary**

Fr Tom's induction as Parish Priest of Our Ladye Star of the Sea will happen at the 6pm Mass on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please make a note in your diary, all are welcome.

## **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>