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LAST WEEK COLLECTION

GIFT AID - £53.00
NON-GIFT AID - £328.92
ATTENDANCE
320
OCTOBER ONLINE DONATIONS
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OUR LADYE STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

NOVEMBER- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SOULS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SATURDAY 15th November

6.00pm Vigil Mass John Farren RIP (Anniversary)

SUNDAY 16th November

33RD SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass John, Bridget and Bernadette Murphy RIP (Anni)
11.00am Sung mass People of the Parish

MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

SAINT HILDA and SAINT HUGH of LINCOLN

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Elizabeth Okiche RIP (1st Anniversary)

TUESDAY 18th November

DEDICATION of the BASILICAS of STs PETER and PAUL

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Deceased Members of the Carvana Family

WEDNESDAY 19th November

FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Deceased Family Members

THURSDAY 20th November

FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Pauline Crowe RIP and Holy Souls

FRIDAY 21st November

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

PRESENTATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Paricia Johnson RIP (Birthday)

SATURDAY 22nd November

SAINT CECILIA

6.00pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish

SUNDAY 23rd November

CHRIST the KING

9.00am Sung mass Deceased Members of the Carvana Family
11.00am Sung mass Yudunary Blanchard (RIP)

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Confessions

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

One hour before every weekday mass.

Adoration

Spiritual Thought

On Monday we celebrate two wonderful English saints – Saint Hilda of Whitby and St Hugh of Lincoln. These saints remind us of those ancient times when in our country great saints roamed the land.

St Hilda was born in Northumbria in 614ad – at the age of 13 she was baptized into the church by St Paulinus of York, who himself had arrived a few years before with St. Augustine from Rome. She was great friends with St. Aiden of Lindisfarne, who advised her to found religious houses.

Already we see in this remarkable woman friendliness with the saints and the unity of the church.

Before St Augustine arrived in Ramsgate, there were already pockets of Christians (now known as Celtic), who had distinctive traditions and a beautiful spirituality founded on penance and the glory of nature.

So, baptized by a Roman and befriended and advised by a Celt – St Hilda embodied the union of the church with all Her distinctive traditions.

The differences between the Celtic and newly arrived Roman traditions reached a head and decisions had to be made, particularly concerning the date of Easter and the tonsure (hair cut) of the monks.

In 644ad a synod was called. As a sign of her knowledge, authority and good sense St Hilda's Abbey in Whitby was chosen for the meeting. Many lay people, religious, monks and bishops were involved in the discussions.

Each party consulting St. Hilda, known for her wisdom and holiness. St Bede describes “all who knew her called her Mother, such were her wonderful godliness and grace”.

The synod of Whitby came out in favour of the Roman traditions – and so the church of these Isles conformed with the universal Catholic practice.

What can we learn from St. Hilda separated as we are by 1400?

Firstly through her openness to friendship she knew and loved many great saints. If we are open to others, perhaps we may find some saints amongst our friends. Secondly, her love for the church and desire for its unity. We can have this love too, knowing the church to be God's creation and means of grace, we can desire all to know God and worship him has He has revealed – that one church, around one altar may give glory to the One God, with all the saints.

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.

Food Bank Collection Point

I have approached the Greenwich Food Bank about becoming a collection point (where we collect non-perishable food and toiletries, and take them to the distribution center). If anyone would like to join a rota to take our collections to the distribution center, please speak to me after Mass or send an e-mail. Becoming a collection point is a really great way for our parish to give back to those most in need in our area.

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.

Second Collection

The second collection today is for the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which supports the diocese and parishes in their work with young people.

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 22nd-23rd November, please visit catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

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 6th December. Please make a note in your diary, all are welcome.

If you would be free to help with the reception after the Mass please speak to Fr Tom, all help will be greatly appreciated.

Greenwich Deanery Advent Service

The Greenwich Deanery Pastoral Council has organised an Advent Service, of prayers, readings and opportunities for confession. The service will begin at 3pm on Sunday 30th November at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Charlton. All are welcome.