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*This parish is part of the RCAOS registered
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Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £23.00
NON-GIFT AID - £516.37

ATTENDANCE
463



OUR LADYE STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

DECEMBER- DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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SATURDAY 13th December

6.00pm Vigil Mass Claire McGeary RIP

SUNDAY 14th December

3RD SUNDAY of ADVENT

9.00am Sung Mass Imelda Gibbs RIP
11.00am Sung mass People of the Parish

MONDAY 15th December

FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass For the agonising suffering in the garden of Gethsemane

TUESDAY 16th December

FERIA

11.00am Funeral Mass of Kathleen Kelly
6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Vocations to the Priesthood

WEDNESDAY 17th December

FERIA

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

THURSDAY 18th December

FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Sr. Augustine Day

FRIDAY 19th December

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

FERIA

9.00am Holy Mass (School Mass)
10.30am Holy Mass (School Mass)

SATURDAY 20th December

FERIA

6.00pm Vigil Mass In Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 21st December

4TH SUNDAY of ADVENT

9.00am Sung mass Roy Hebben RIP
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.

One hour before every weekday mass.

Adoration

Spiritual Thought

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday – Rejoicing Sunday.

Every period of repentance and preparation (Advent and Lent) have a Sunday of respite, a moment when we can relax slightly. On any journey this happens, when the brow of a hill is reached and the sight of the place to which we are travelling fills our hearts with expectation and joy, or when the plane circles the airport and the city of our destination comes into view. We are not there yet, the destination has not yet been reached, but we are given new heart.

In Advent this is Gaudete Sunday, the purple of repentance is replaced by the rose colour of joy. Just as at dawn, the dark night sky meets the first rays of the still hidden sun and creates a rosy hue – so our anticipation of the Sun of Justice meeting the dark of Advent for this Sunday gives us rose vestments.

This rejoicing Sunday can lead us to search for joy in this season. That's an odd thing to say – surely there is joy everywhere around, this is the most joyful season. But, as we know, we can get so distracted, so caught up as the great day approaches, that we might fail to see moments of profound beauty and joy, they might pass us by as we hurry past. But there is so much beauty to be seen at this time of year, so much opportunity for joy.

So perhaps this weekend we can make a resolution to notice the joyful moments which happen, to name them as they happen and to return thanks to God for giving us these moments. In this way, as the season unfolds, we will be more attuned, more sensitive to the beauty around us.

New DONA Machines

I'm sure you've noticed the new donation machines, one in the porch and one by St. Joseph's altar. These will remain in place or masses and for our many visitors.

Mass at the Cottages

Please note that due to the end of term school masses, the Mass at the Elizabeth Cottage Chapel will be offered at 4pm this Friday. There won't be a Mass on the 26th December, but the masses will resume as normal on the 2nd January at 11am.

Refreshments After Mass

We can all meet after the 9am and the 11am Masses this Sunday for tea and coffee and cakes – all the proceeds will be donated to the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.

Thank You

I would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who made my Induction Mass last weekend such a success. It was such a joy to see so many parishioners gathered and celebrating with the faithful of other parishes. I am particularly grateful to those who

brought food and drink, and volunteered with preparing and clearing away. Thank you.

Christmas Hampers – Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the Christmas Hamper Raffle. Please check your tickets to see if you have won.

1st Prize – Orange 22 Julia (collected)

2nd Prize – Yellow 457 E. Davies

3rd Prize – Blue 344 Mandy (collected)

4th prize – Blue 261 Cecilia

Wintertime 2026: Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th

January Cost £139: For aged 11 – 15

For altars servers and those who attend Sunday mass regularly aged 11 -15. See poster for details. Forms will be available, or you can contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, dartford@rcaos.org.uk. It takes place at Westminster Pastoral centre, Pinner. Names need to be known by 15th December, and forms received by Fr. Stephen Boyle by the 20th December. There are limited numbers, so we recommend booking early to book a place. A coach will be put on from St. Anselm's Dartford at a cost of £20 return

A Message from the Manna Centre

We have been given the wonderful opportunity to have our donations doubled up until 29th December – whoopee! The Aviva Community Fund (ACF) will match all donations made (up to a maximum of £250 per donation). Our page can be accessed via the red 'Donate' button on our website

<https://www.mannasociety.org.uk/> Our target is to raise £48,000 - one month's running costs for the Manna Centre. The Manna Centre provides help, housing and meals for the London Homeless at London Bridge.

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. 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.

Christmas Mass Times

Looking forward to the Christmas season:

Christmas Eve – 24th December

5.00pm – Family Mass (children are most welcome to come dressed as Nativity characters)

11:00pm – Carols and readings

11:30pm – Mass in the Holy Night

Christmas Day – 25th December

9.00am – Sung Mass

11.00am – Sung Mass