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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID – £75
NON GIFT-AID - £305.77

ATTENDANCE
326



OUR LADYE STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

JANUARY- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME AND
CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SATURDAY 24th January

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Dennis Holdbrook RIP

SUNDAY 25th January

3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass

People of the Parish

11.00am Sung mass

Ann O'Mahoney RIP (1st Anni.)

MONDAY 26th January

SAINTS TIMOTHY and TITUS

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30am Holy Mass

Angela Kinslow

TUESDAY 27th January

SAINT ANGELA MERICI

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Holy Mass

Margaret Dempsey 80th Birthday Int.

WEDNESDAY 28th January

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30am Holy Mass

Srs. Veronica and Florence OP

THURSDAY 29th January

FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30am Holy Mass

Gweneth Mary Lynch RIP

FRIDAY 30th January

FERIA

1:00pm Funeral of David Chukwumah

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

SATURDAY 31st January

SAINT JOHN BOSCO

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Alfredo Sierra RIP

SUNDAY 1st February

4th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass

People of the Parish

11.00am Sung mass

Molly and Felix Magee and Brian Mitchell 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

Every week at the presbytery all those seeking adult confirmation or conversion to Catholicism meet to learn about the Catholic religion, our beliefs and practices. It's a wonderful moment for me as each week I have not merely to present some aspect of the faith – but open that aspect to the questions of others. Last week we were simply going through the order of the Mass (which can be found in the orange books beginning at page 7).

We are taken, at every Mass, on a journey. We are led by the ancient rhythm of the prayers.

Our first act at Mass happens even before the first hymn begins – we come together, at the same time in the same place, as the people of God. Gathering with us are the angels and the saints, and also all those we 'bring to Mass' with our prayers.

We confess our sins, recognising that deliberately or by habit we tend to push God away – but now we want to be close to Him.

And so He comes close – he speaks to us, through the sacred scripture, on the lips of the reader, God is speaking, instructing us, lifting us, reminding us of His works.

Our response to Him? "I believe in one God" – he has spoken and we believe. We are led from this belief, expressed in words to the lived belief in His true presence.

The bread and wine are placed on the altar, and by the words of Jesus, on the lips of the priest, they are changed into His precious body and blood. And are given to the faithful to receive, so we can be united with Him.

How fortunate we are to be taken on this journey each week, at each Mass. We arrive as mere individuals, and are gathered into one in the church – we are taken from disunity into profound unity, from separation to closeness – unity within the church and unity with God Himself. How fortunate we are to know that our worship brings God close, and unites us to Him.

Sad Message from the Dominican Sisters

"It is with deep pain in our hearts that we let you know that we Dominican Sisters have received a communication from our superiors to leave England. Life here was unfolding beautifully and working in the parish has been an inspiration.

We felt the warmth and welcome of the parish which has made a lasting impression.

We plan to leave before lent begins – Sr. Veronica will return to Zimbabwe and Sr. Florence to Zambia. Please keep us in your prayers and may God bless you abundantly."

This is very sad news for our parish, which has so benefitted from the prayerful presence of both sisters. Please do remember to keep them in your prayers. Please note in your diary Sunday 15th February, which will be their last Sunday with us.

Tea and Coffee after Mass

This Sunday, after the 9:00am and the 11:00am Masses we will have refreshments after Mass, a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners. All proceeds go to the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.

After the 11am Mass we will have a special celebration for Maggie's 80th birthday.

Greenwich Young Catholic Adults

Our first meeting of the Greenwich Young Catholic Adults will happen on Tuesday 3rd February. Any Catholic aged 18-35 is most welcome to join. We have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm, Holy Mass at 7pm. Followed by social time.

Second Collection this Weekend

Next Sunday we will have a second collection for St. George's Cathedral. Our archdiocesan cathedral is where many diocesan and national events are held – it is the mother church of the diocese and known and loved by many.

Aside from its weekly parish collections it has no other funding, yet serves all the parishes of the diocese. Please do think of giving generously.

Our Lady's Stars

Our next gathering will be on the 8th of February. Thank you to all the children and families who joined us for the first session of Our Lady's Stars. It was a joyful and encouraging start.

Our next session will take place on the 8th February, again after the 11:00 am Mass. As before, all primary school children are very welcome, along with younger siblings. Snacks will be provided for the children, and tea or coffee will be available for parents.

Our Lady's Stars continues to be a space where children can build friendships, grow in faith and feel at home in our Parish community. We also remain very grateful to any parents who would like to help or support these sessions.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new families as this joyful Parish initiative continues to grow.

Racial Justice Sunday 1st February

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2026, at 10am.

Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride.

If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags.

After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments — a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion.