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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

APRIL – DEDICATED TO
THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

✠ HOLY MASS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SATURDAY 25th April

6.00pm Vigil Mass Caroline Archer (wellbeing)

SUNDAY 26th April 3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

9.00am Sung Mass Peter Aquilina RIP (3rd Anni.)
11.00am Sung mass Violet D'Souza RIP

MONDAY 27th April EASTER FERIA

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass People of the Parish

TUESDAY 28th April SAINT LOUIS de MONTFORT

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

WEDNESDAY 29th April SAINT CATHERINE of SIENNA

8:00am Holy Mass Catherine Parker RIP

THURSDAY 30th April SAINT PIUS V

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass James and Mary Malone RIP

FRIDAY 1st May SAINT JOSEPH the WORKER

10:00am Holy Mass at the Elizabeth College Almshouse
11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Mary Peters and her Deceased Relatives RIP

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

SATURDAY 2nd May SAINT ATHANASIUS

6.00pm Vigil Mass Julie Benson RIP

SUNDAY 3rd May 5th SUNDAY of EASTER

9.00am Sung Mass David White RIP
11.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish

DONATIONS

Nat West Bank
Sort code: 60-09-16
Account number: 25240676
Account Name: RCAS Greenwich

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

ST. URSULA'S GIRLS CONVENT SCHOOL

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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £68.00
LOOSE - £220.32

ATTENDANCE
409

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

This year we have the highest number of seminarians (guys training for the priesthood) since 2013. (Which was, incidentally, when I was ordained in a batch of 5) When someone feels the call of God to join the priesthood it can come as a bolt from the blue, or it can be a gradual realization, like noticing the stars in the sky form a constellation – “oh, of course!” They say to themselves “it’s so obvious what God wants from me”.

Gradually he will feel confident enough to approach his parish priest and ask for more information, perhaps he feels sure enough to go to seminary. Our training takes 7 years, including much prayer, pastoral work, work on himself and his human virtues, and studying theology, philosophy, the Bible (and it’s languages) and many others things. Forming the mind, heart and actions to be close to Jesus. Eventually (it feels like an eternity), the man will have his final interviews to be ordained and deacon and then a priest. And then the real work begins.

Nothing can prepare a man to live as a priest – the study helps, the prayers bear fruit, but nothing is like being a priest. The joys and sorrows we are privileged to share with the people of God. The extraordinary moments of grace we witness in someone else’s soul. Fulfilling the divine command of hearing confessions and giving absolution. And the leading the people in the greatest mystery of our faith, offering the sacrifice of the Mass.

I kneel often and thank God for having called me to the priesthood, to this beautiful life, where even the difficulties are rich in grace.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday please pray for me and for all priests ministering in the church. Please pray that many young men may feel the call of the Lord.

We are fortunate in our parish to be home to two of our seminarians – Makir and Marlon, who stay at the presbytery during the seminary holidays. Please do remember to pray for them, and for all our seminarians and discerners.

Let us pray very simply: Jesus give us priest, Jesus give us holy priests, Jesus give us many holy priests.

Second Collection Today

Good Shepherd Sunday – Support Our Future Priests. This weekend we have a second collection for the Priest’s Training Fund. The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible. Donate online: rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF or call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am–5pm)

Rosary For Life

Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife.
Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino June 8th-14th 2026

From Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com or eddiegilmore.org

House of Lords

Very fortunately the End of Life bill, which would have legalised euthanasia has not passed the House of Lords. This is wonderful news. For now, at least, our elderly, ill and vulnerable people are protected and can be cared for, for which we should thank God..

Pilgrimages with A Day with Mary

Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026

Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026

Further information is available at adaywithmary.org

Job Vacancy at St. Catherine’s

St Catherine’s Catholic School for Girls wishes to thank you for your ongoing interest and support. We are seeking to appoint a highly effective and innovative Head of Music (Maternity Leave) to lead and develop the work and success of the Music department. The Music department is well established, resourced and produces positive outcomes for our students. We wish to appoint a leader with the ability to inspire, engage and motivate students, taking the curriculum forward to the next stage. Please visit <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Teaching-Vacancies/> for the full job description and person specification. Thank you.

Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia;
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia.*