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DONATIONS

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

*This parish is part of the RCAOS registered
Charity Number 1173050*

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

ST. URSULA'S GIRLS CONVENT SCHOOL

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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £60.00
NON-GIFT AID - £202.31

ATTENDANCE
326



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

DECEMBER- DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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SATURDAY 20th December

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

MONDAY 22nd December

FERIA

8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Kathleen Campbell RIP (funeral day)

TUESDAY 23rd December

FERIA

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Chris Le Roy RIP

WEDNESDAY 24th December

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm Family Mass (pg.95) Emilia Clarke well-being in pregnancy
11:00pm Carols and Readings
11:30pm Mass in the Holy Night (pg. 98) Lawrence and Cecilia McEvoy

THURSDAY 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY – NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9.00am Sung Mass (pg. 101) People of the Parish
11.00am Sung mass (pg. 103) Doreen Pettitt

FRIDAY 26th December

SAINT STEPHEN

No Public Mass

(NO FRIDAY ABSTINENCE TODAY)

SATURDAY 27th December

SAINT JOHN the APOSTLE and EVANGELIST

6.00pm Vigil Mass Sean Coogan RIP (10th Ann)

SUNDAY 28th December

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

9.00am Sung mass O'Donoghue family
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 my desire to rescue the holy Advent season from the tyranny of an early Christmas, on this final Sunday, I can ask myself “how has advent gone this year?” How would I judge how well my preparation has gone? I’d set myself some resolutions – and I’ve largely kept them. Do I feel closer to Our Lord? Do I feel my spiritual life to have developed at all?

One way we can see if Advent has ‘worked’ is how much space we have given to Jesus – how much we have cleared away from the clutter of our mind and heart to make room for Him.

We do this at home, moving things around to make space for our decorations, cribs and the other things which fill our homes to mark the season. We do this in the church by creating the crib scene – we reuse space to remember the birth of Jesus. Incidentally, in the crib the placement of Joseph and Mary are very important, too close to where the Lord goes and he might be overwhelmed, too far away and they look distant, the crib setters dilemma.

We can do the same in our hearts, move things around a little, make space, clear out, so Jesus has space there. If I can hold this space open for him, reserve it, then he will surely come to me and dwell there within me.

Christmas Donations

The collections at the Christmas Masses are for the priest of the parish, and is a major source of his income. These offerings can also be made at the DONA points, the gift-aid from these donations is collected by the parish, so do remember to gift-aid any gifts. Thank you for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

The Christmas Crib donations (which can be made at the DONA points) are for the Friends of the Holy Land, which helps maintain the Holy Places in the Holy Land, and supports the local Christian communities in Israel and Palestine.

Blessing the Baby

Please feel free to bring the Baby Jesus from your home crib to be blessed in the church, so you can take that blessing home. Blessings of the Baby will take place after each Christmas mass (24th or 25th).

Our Lady’s Stars – New Children’s Club

We are excited to announce the launch of Our Lady’s Stars, a new children’s group at our Parish. With so many children in our community, we will run monthly gatherings for all primary school children (and younger siblings as well). The aim is to create a welcoming space to build friendships, grow in faith and share what matters most to children.

Our first session will take place on the 11th January, after the 11:00 am Mass. Snacks will be provided for the children and tea or coffee will be available for parents. We also warmly welcome any parents who would like to help with running or supporting these

sessions. If you are interested, please talk to Fr Tom or Justyna John.

We warmly invite all children to join us as we begin this new and joyful chapter in our Parish life.

Mass at the Elizabeth Cottages

Please note that there won’t be a Mass on the 26th December, but the masses will resume as normal on the 2nd January at 11am.

Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the parish coffee morning over the two Sunday masses, particularly our first ever after the 9am – we raised £178 for the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice (a record amount for us).

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

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