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### **DONATIONS**

Nat West Bank  
Sort code: 60-09-16  
Account number: 25240674  
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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### **ST. JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **LAST WEEK**

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

**ATTENDANCE**  
326



# **OUR LADYE STAR OF THE SEA**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH**

DECEMBER- DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### **✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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### **SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> December**

6.00pm Vigil Mass In Thanksgiving

### **SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> December**

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT**

9.00am Sung Mass Roy Hebben RIP  
11.00am Sung mass People of the Parish

### **MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

#### **FERIA**

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.30am Holy Mass Kathleen Campbell RIP (funeral day)

### **TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

#### **FERIA**

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

### **WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **SAINT STEPHEN**

No Public Mass

*(NO FRIDAY ABSTINENCE TODAY)*

### **SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **SAINT JOHN the APOSTLE and EVANGELIST**

6.00pm Vigil Mass Sean Coogan RIP (10<sup>th</sup> Ann)

### **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> 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 (24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>).

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> December, but the masses will resume as normal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Orange 22 Julia (collected)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Yellow 457 E. Davies**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Blue 344 Mandy (collected)**

**4<sup>th</sup> prize – Blue 261 Cecilia**

## **A Message from the Manna Centre**

We have been given the wonderful opportunity to have our donations doubled up until 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2022**

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 – 24<sup>th</sup> 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 – 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.00am – Sung Mass**

**11.00am – Sung Mass**