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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

MARCH - DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
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SATURDAY 14th March

6.00pm Vigil Mass Rose Watts (Wellbeing)

SUNDAY 15th March

4th SUNDAY of LENT - LAETARE

9.00am Sung Mass Tharsila Catherine Fernandes RIP
11.00am Sung mass People of the Parish

MONDAY 16th March

SAINT FRANCES of ROME

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Kelly Day RIP (funeral day)

TUESDAY 17th March

SAINT PATRICK

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass In Thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus

WEDNESDAY 18th March

LENTEN FERIA

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12:30pm Holy Mass Marjory Morrison RIP (5th Anni.)

THURSDAY 19th March

SAINT JOSEPH

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Joan and Richard Smith

FRIDAY 20th March

LENTEN FERIA

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12:30pm Holy Mass To all the Saints

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

SATURDAY 21st March

LENTEN FERIA

6.00pm Vigil Mass Aaron Bennett (Wellbeing)

SUNDAY 22nd March

5th SUNDAY of LENT – of the PASSION

9.00am Sung Mass Elizabeth Knill 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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ST. URSULA'S GIRLS CONVENT SCHOOL

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LAST WEEK COLLECTION

GIFT AID - £31.00

LOOSE – £422.85

ATTENDANCE

349

FEBRUARY CARD MACHINE

£721-Gift Aid £830-NonGift Aid

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

We have, thank God, passed the half-way point in Lent. We are now so much closer to the joy and celebration of Easter, and here in the church preparations are already under way.

This week we celebrate Laetare Sunday – like Gaudete – another day of joyfulness in a penitential season. Another chance to wear the rose vestments, coloured by the meeting purple for lent, and white in joyful anticipation of Easter.

Today we also celebrate Mother's Day. We don't usually celebrate secular holidays in the church (you won't find us handing out chocolate hearts on Valentine's Day, rather remembering the great and holy Roman martyr, beheaded for keeping the Catholic faith). But Mother's Day is not a secular celebration.

This celebration goes back to the Catholic Middle Ages, when devout people would visit the church of their baptism – the church which made them Children of God, their 'mother' church. This was a lovely feast, where servants would be free to reunite with their families, visit their home parishes and rejoice.

It is not by chance that this celebration occurs in the Lenten season. There is an ancient link between the season of lent and the sacrament of baptism. The Lenten season was the time of final preparation for the catechumens (those preparing for baptism) and also the time for the penitents of the church to prepare for absolution.

This is still marked today by our baptism and reception of converts, and fulfilling our Easter Duties (the obligation to confess during lent or easter).

It would be a holy thought, on this day of our Mother Church, to remember where we were baptised, to pray for the people and priests there now. We can extend this also to pray for the priest who baptised us and our godparents and parents. We can, in that moment of prayer, give God thanks for having welcomed us, cleansed us and given Himself to us on that day.

Perhaps also, to make our prayer an action also, we could contact our godparents and parents (if we're still able) and thank them for their prayers and hard work in making us Christian. Perhaps we could also pray for those preparing to be baptised in this church soon. Finally congratulations to all of the mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, step mothers and spiritual mothers in our parish. May God bless you today and throughout the year! May he strengthen you and give you all the graces and help you need in your vocation.

Stations of the Cross

Will be walked in the church on Tuesday after the evening Mass, and on all Sunday afternoons in lent, at 4:30pm.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

The vigil in Brixton will run for 12 hours a day, 8am until 8pm, seven days a week from Ash Wednesday

until Palm Sunday 29th March. If you could spare an hour to come and pray with us, it would be a great help. The vigil takes place at the corner of Brixton Hill and Brixton Water Lane, London, SW2 5BJ. For more details or to book to attend please call Gabriella on 02077231740.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

I warmly invite you to join me on this year's Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 21 to 28 August 2026. Details can be found at tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/ We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026 For more information, please contact Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

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.

Lenten Raffle

After Mass, at the back of the church you'll find Maggie selling raffle tickets for her wonderful Easter hampers. Have a look and see they're worth a few tickets. All proceeds will go to our restoration fund.

Catholic Medical Associate Day Retreat

Our Ladye Star of the Sea is very happy to welcome the members of the Catholic Medical Association for a day retreat on Saturday 21st March. The day will begin with Mass at 12noon in the church, and include talks, discussion and opportunities for confession. Anyone involved in the healthcare professions is most welcome to attend, and perhaps join the association.

Greenwich SVP Conference

Thank you so much to those who were able to join our information meeting of the SVP last Wednesday. We had more than enough new members to found the Our Ladye Star of the Sea SVP Conference. This is the first time the parish has had an SVP since 23rd May 1953! We are, rather wonderfully, following in the footsteps of our predecessors.

If you couldn't make the meeting but are still interested in joining, please see Fr Tom for an application form.

Gift Aid

Thank you to our wonderful gift-aid givers, the government give us an additional 25% on top of what is donated. Your new boxes are available in the sacristy for collection.