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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

MAY – DEDICATED TO MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

✠ HOLY MASS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SATURDAY 2nd May

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 Raymond O'Shea (Well Being)

MONDAY 4th May ENGLISH MARTYRS

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

TUESDAY 5th May EASTER FERIA

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass John, Bridget and Bernadette Murphy RIP

WEDNESDAY 6th May EASTER FERIA

8:00am Holy Mass Florence, Mary and Patrick O'Connor RIP

THURSDAY 7th May EASTER FERIA

9:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00am Holy Mass Kathryn Murray RIP

FRIDAY 8th May EASTER FERIA

10:00am Holy Mass at the Elizabeth College Almshouse
11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Laurence McEvoy's Intentions and Wellbeing

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

SATURDAY 9th May EASTER FERIA

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mary O'Dea RIP (8th Anni)

SUNDAY 10th May 6th SUNDAY of EASTER

9.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish
11.00am Sung Mass Louise Reola Chung Ming Kan RIP

DONATIONS

Nat West Bank
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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
NOT COUNTED THIS WEEK

ATTENDANCE
259

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

Tomorrow (Monday 4th) is the feast of the English Martyrs' – those men and women who gave up their lives to retain their Catholic faith during the English Reformation. Some are very well known, others are less well known.

I have been reading about Blessed John Forest, who was an Observant Franciscan in Greenwich. He was Guardian (the Franciscan term for their superior) at the Friary in Greenwich, which was attached to the Royal Palace which stood by the river. Here he may well have celebrated the private marriage of Henry and Catherine of Aragon in 1509. He was certainly Catherine's confessor, and perhaps because of him she became a Third Order Franciscan.

The Observant Friar preached boldly against Henry's divorce and his usurpation of ecclesial rights. Blessed John Forest preached at St. Paul's outside pulpit and was arrested in 1533 and condemned to death.

But the sentence was not carried out – there is some conjecture that Forest had recanted, or been forgotten. But he was placed under house arrest in a Northern friary.

He was relocated to Newgate Prison, where he was free to celebrate Holy Mass, write to others (including Queen Catherine) and even wrote a tract defending the Catholic position and denouncing Henry's.

For this he was finally condemned and was burnt at the stake at Smithfield (the only Catholic martyr to die in this way).

May the prayers of Blessed John Forest strengthen us in our faith and love of God, and bless this area where he served the God, the Great King.

Congratulations

Congratulations to James and Pauline, who were married in the church on Saturday, may God give them a long and holy life together.

Safeguarding Sunday 2026

Sunday 3 May is Safeguarding Sunday. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday

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

Tea and Coffee After Masses

Next Sunday (10th May) there will be tea and coffee and cakes, served after the Sunday morning Masses. Donations are for the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice. Our last coffee morning raised £56 for the hospice.

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.

Our Lady's Stars – Next Gathering on 10th May

Our next session will take place on 10th May, after the 11:00 am Mass. All primary school children are very welcome, along with their younger siblings. Snacks will be provided for the children, and tea or coffee will be available for parents.

We encourage more families to join us as we create a space for children to build friendships and feel at home in our parish community. We would love to see more young children joining us, so please come along for some Bible based children's lessons, prayers and music.

Greenwich Young Catholic Adults

Our Young Catholic Adults Group will meet again this Tuesdays. All Catholic adults aged 18-35 are welcome to join for faith and fraternity. We begin at 6pm with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm. Then a short spiritual talk and dinner. Join for as much or as little as you can.

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.*