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# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

FEBRUARY- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY

## ✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MISSAL:**

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### SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February

6.00pm Vigil Mass In Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> February

#### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish  
11.00am Sung mass Rachel Renouf RIP (14<sup>th</sup> Anni.)

### MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### FERIA

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9:30am Holy Mass Brenda Woods RIP

### TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February

#### SAINT SCHOLASTICA

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm Holy Mass Madonna House Community RHB

### WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February

#### OUR LADY of LOURDES

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9:30am Holy Mass The Sick of the Parish

### THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February

#### FERIA

No Public Mass today

### FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February

#### FERIA

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

No adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9:30am Holy Mass Markey and Emilie (new parents)

### SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February

#### SAINT CYRIL and METHODIUS

6.00pm Vigil Mass Peggy McGeary RIP (Anni.)

### SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> February

#### 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish  
11.00am Sung Mass Michael Beyka RIP (35<sup>th</sup> Anni.)

### DONATIONS

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### LAST WEEK

**COLLECTION**  
WILL BE COUNTED FOR NEXT  
WEEK

**ATTENDANCE**  
391

**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 often say that the faith is caught, not taught. Obviously we have to know the faith through catechesis, or our own reading, but really we learn from the examples of others. How many of us have had our faith expanded by teaching, but truly given to us by our parents, our grandparents, our friends. The faith then is personal, passed on person to person. This week Sr. Veronica and I were invited to the school to talk about our vocations, and a question that kept coming was “who has inspired you?” – and really I was inspired by my own parish priests – someone learns to be a priest by the great witness of other priests.

This is what St. Paul is talking about in the second reading at today’s mass. He came to the church in Corinth, in his weakness. He highlights particularly his way of speaking, not with great speeches but simply showing his spiritual children the power of Jesus. I often forget, and need to remind myself, that St. Paul had personally founded many of the churches he writes to. He taught first by living and working with the people – they caught the faith from him. They were drawn by his love and his own devotion shown in his daily life. Only when he has gone elsewhere does he write. Catholicism for him is not a correspondence course, or distance learning – it is a personal communion with God and within the church.

Now, to ourselves. First, we can call to mind in gratitude those many people from whom we have caught the faith. Without them where would I be? I am grateful to God for having given them to me, and grateful to them for living faithfully enough for me to see and follow.

But next we can ask ourselves – do I live in a way which shines the light of the Gospel? Who is looking at me, and what am I passing on to them? A tough question!

Perhaps we can ask St. Paul, now in heaven praying for the church, to pray for me, and for those who look to me – that in spite of my defects, something of the beauty and glory of God can be passed on.

## **Sad Message from the Dominican Sisters**

“It is with deep pain in our hearts that we let you know that we Dominican Sisters have received a communication from our superiors to leave England. Life here was unfolding beautifully and working in the parish has been an inspiration.

We felt the warmth and welcome of the parish which has made a lasting impression.

We plan to leave before lent begins – Sr. Veronica will return to Zimbabwe and Sr. Florence to Zambia.

Please keep us in your prayers and may God bless you abundantly.”

## **Easter Choir**

We would like to start a choir for the Easter ceremonies, led by our wonderful organist Laurence.

We will meet on each Friday in Lent at 7pm to learn the hymns and solemn chants. All are welcome.

## **Weekday Mass Times**

I am planning to move the weekday mass time from 9:30am to 12:30pm during lent. If this will impact your life, for better or worse, please let me know. This won’t affect the Tuesday evening Mass.

## **Our Lady’s Stars**

Our next gathering will be on the 8th of February. Thank you to all the children and families who joined us for the first session of Our Lady’s Stars. It was a joyful and encouraging start.

Our next session will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, again after the 11:00 am Mass. As before, all primary school children are very welcome, along with younger siblings. Snacks will be provided for the children, and tea or coffee will be available for parents.

Our Lady’s Stars continues to be a space where children can build friendships, grow in faith and feel at home in our Parish community. We also remain very grateful to any parents who would like to help or support these sessions.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new families as this joyful Parish initiative continues to grow.

## **Old Palms**

Please bring your old palms to the church over the next few weeks. Fr Tom will burn them to make the Ash Wednesday ash. Remember to check behind your holy pictures.

## **Next Sunday**

Next Sunday we have a special tea and coffee after Mass to say goodbye to our wonderful sisters. A collection will also be taken for the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.

We also have a second collection next Sunday for the sick and retired priests of the diocese. These priests have served us throughout their lives, and it is good to remember them generously, particularly as they enter the winter of their lives.

## **Floor Work**

Next Saturday (14<sup>th</sup> Feb) we have the floor work continuing. All are welcome to join us at 12noon in the church.

We would also love people to help clean the church afterwards, from 2:30pm.

## **Lenten Book Group**

The parish Lenten book group will meet on all the Sunday’s in Lent at 3pm in the Presbytery. In this group we will share on the spiritual book. If you would like to join please buy a copy of St. Augustine’s Confessions (preferably the translation by Benignus O’Rourke, but any will do). If you have any questions please speak to Fr Tom.