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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

MAY – DEDICATED TO MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

✠ HOLY MASS FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SATURDAY 9th May

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

MONDAY 11th May ENGLISH MARTYRS

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Blessings at Eastertime

TUESDAY 12th May EASTER FERIA

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Eimear Malleh RIP

WEDNESDAY 13th May EASTER FERIA

8:00am Holy Mass Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

THURSDAY 14th May ASCENSION of the LORD

9:15am Holy Mass (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
11:30am Holy Mass For Vocations
6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mavis Barrow (Wellbeing)
7:00pm Holy Mass Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy

FRIDAY 15th May EASTER FERIA

10:00am Holy Mass at the Elizabeth College Almshouse (FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)
11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass James and Elizabeth Rutter RIP

SATURDAY 16th May EASTER FERIA

6.00pm Vigil Mass Ilyas Mitha, deceased family members RIP (3rd Anni)

SUNDAY 17th May 7th SUNDAY of EASTER

9.00am Sung Mass Karen Mary McManus RIP (11th Anni)
11.00am Sung Mass Amanda Bailey (Birthday Intention)

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.

DONATIONS

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LAST WEEK

CASH COLLECTION

GIFT AID- £131

LOOSE - £242.05

TERMINAL COLLECTION

£646.09

STANDING ORDERS FOR APRIL

£4449

ATTENDANCE

307

Spiritual Thought

Last week's Gospel left us with the haunting and challenging line "you will do greater things than I do".

In the First Reading this weekend we heard of Philip going to Samaria – the land of the Samaritans. Our Lord went here, he healed a few people, but Philip draws the whole community to know and love Jesus, they too join the company of believers.

This is an amazing work. We remember from the Gospels the intense hatred felt between the Jews and the Samaritans, their racial and religious division ("how do you, a Jew, ask me a Samaritan for a drink?" says the woman at the well).

This is an ancient animosity, dating from the Babylonian exile, a visceral competition with separate laws, places of worship and historical narratives – built up generation after generation.

And suddenly – with Philip preaching the Gospel of the Crucified One – healing is felt, old barriers fall. They are baptised, not into an old religion, but into the New Church, this new sacred community formed in the blood of Jesus.

Philip, in the power of the Holy Spirit, in great love of Jesus, has surpassed His work – "you will do greater things than I do".

It makes us think perhaps, what great work can we accomplish in our own lives.

Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation

Do remember that this Thursday is the feast day of the Ascension of the Lord, which is a holy day of obligation, all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass once on that day. Masses will be offered at 9:15, 11:30 and 7:00pm.

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

This 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.

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

Our next session will take place this Sunday (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.

SVP News

We're pleased to announce the launch of a new Society of Vincent de Paul (SVP) conference in our parish. SVP is an organisation that offers support, companionship, and practical care to those in need within our community. As part of this ministry, we aim to reach those who may benefit from a friendly visit or extra support. If you or anyone you know is unwell, isolated, or could benefit from this, please contact us at this email, or Fr Tom, who will pass the details on to us. All enquiries will be treated in confidence.

Email us at: svpgreenwich@gmail.com

Learn more: <https://svp.org.uk/>

Marriage Care

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us.

Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC, however these costs are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. To find out more please visit: marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk. Closing date for applications is **June 30th**.

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.*