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# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

MAY – DEDICATED TO MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

## ✠ HOLY MASS FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May

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

### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER

9.00am Sung Mass Karen Mary McManus RIP (11<sup>th</sup> Anni)  
11.00am Sung mass Amanda Bailey (Birthday Intention)

### MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May

#### SAINT JOHN I

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.30pm Holy Mass Pope Leo XIV (Intentions)

### TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May

#### SAINT DUNSTAN

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00pm Holy Mass People of the Parish

### WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May

#### SAINT BERNADINE of SIENA

8:00am Holy Mass (term time only)  
11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.30pm Holy Mass Canon John Sheen RIP

### THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May

#### SAINT CHRISTOPHER MEGALLANES

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.30pm Holy Mass Robert Mann and his Family RIP

### FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May

#### SAINT RITA of CASCIA

10:00am Holy Mass at the Elizabeth College Almshouse  
11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.30pm Holy Mass For the Holy Church

### SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May

#### VIGIL of PENTECOST

6.00pm Vigil Mass Eimear Mallen RIP

### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

9.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish  
11.00am Sung Mass Sr. Augustine Day

#### 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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*Thank you for your kindness and  
generosity.*

#### ST. URSULA'S GIRLS CONVENT SCHOOL

Head Mr O'Shaughnessy  
70 Crooms Hill  
SE10 8HN  
Tel: 020 8858 4613

#### ST. JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head Ms. Long  
Commerell Street  
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#### LAST WEEK

##### CASH COLLECTION

GIFT AID- £33.74

LOOSE - £340.30

##### TERMINAL COLLECTION

£531.00

##### STANDING ORDERS FOR APRIL

£4449

##### ATTENDANCE

347

#### 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

On Thursday we celebrated the feast of the Ascension of the Lord into heaven – and now we wait. We are given this nine day period to pray and to prepare for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lent is a whole period of 40 days preparation for Easter. The Easter season is 40 days as Our Lord prepared his disciples to be without Him. And now, in Ascensiontide another preparation time for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The message perhaps? You can never be too prepared, even in our spiritual life. It is a good spiritual maxim 'to be prepared'. When we think how much preparation went into our First Confession, our First Holy Communion and our confirmation. How much preparation went into our wedding day?

But, as we get used to things, even the most sacred things, our preparation can become lax, be forgotten entirely – we can arrive at the church for Holy Mass without any preparation, with our minds still on the business of the week, and with our hearts elsewhere even approach the altar for Holy Communion. It is sad, but very possible.

We can take this moment to make a resolution to prepare our hearts and mind more fully to encounter the Lord. Preparation, after all, is the foundation of success. The more we prepare spiritually to encounter God the more fruitful that encounter will be, the more our hearts and minds will be drawn into God's heart and mind.

A simple form of preparation – to know where I am coming from, what is on my mind? what is burdening my heart? From these things we can take what we want to bring to Jesus, and leave the rest for another day. Think to ourselves "who it is I am approaching, and what I am actually asking of Him?"

And in silence, create an inner space for Him to come to us.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ej and Catherine, who were married on Saturday in the church. May God give them a long and happy and holy life together. Congratulations also to Hugo, who baptised last Saturday, into God's holy church.

## Wednesday Mass

Holy Mass on Wednesday returns to Midday – thank you for your patience over the last three weeks, I've had a retreat day with the school, a renewal conference and priest's day of recollection, all falling on Wednesdays – we return to normal this week. DV.

## Message from the Good Council Network

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via [goodcounselnetwork.com](http://goodcounselnetwork.com).

## 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](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife). **Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.**

## 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](mailto: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. No one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. Please visit: [marriagecare.org.uk](http://marriagecare.org.uk) or [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk). Closing date is **June 30th**.

## Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning last Sunday. We raised an amazing £98 for the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.

## 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.*