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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £72.00
NON GIFT-AID - £262.21

ATTENDANCE
295



OUR LADYE STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

**JANUARY- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME AND
CHILDHOOD OF JESUS**

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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SATURDAY 10th January

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Rita Waters RIP

SUNDAY 11th January **BAPTISM of the LORD**

9.00am Sung Mass
11.00am Sung mass

People of the Parish
Mary Edwards RIP

MONDAY 12th January **SAINT AELRED of RIEVAULX**

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass

Eileen Callaghan RIP

TUESDAY 13th January **SAINT HILARY**

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

Fr. Vincent Convey RIP

WEDNESDAY 14th January **FERIA**

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass

Canon Gerard Flynn RIP

THURSDAY 15th January **FERIA**

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

Fr. Ray Blake RIP

FRIDAY 16th January **FERIA**

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass

Jill Bacon RIP

SATURDAY 17th January **SAINT ANTHONY the GREAT**

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Fr John Ryan RIP

SUNDAY 18th January **2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am Sung mass
11.00am Sung mass

Fr John Horn RIP
People of the Parish

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

Today we conclude the Christmas season – not with reference to Jesus' birth, but with the new beginning of his ministry, his work for the people of God. For 30 years the Lord lived in Nazareth, indistinguishable from those around him. It wasn't manifested that he was the only begotten Son of God, nothing extraordinary happened – this period is called his "hidden life" – when his glory and his message was hidden from the world and from those around him. Even this hidden life, however, is for our salvation. We say in the Creed "...for us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven..." – from the moment of his incarnation, his birth, his worship by the wise men, his hidden life – all is for our salvation. His obedience to his parents, his growing in human wisdom and understanding, his labour to earn money – all this is also for our salvation.

This is a beautiful mystery. It shows us that Jesus truly became one of us, just as he didn't hold onto his heavenly glory, so he didn't hold himself aloof from any human activity. He entered into friendships, worked, cooked, shared a family life – just as we do. And these things led him to experience personally our joys and our sorrows – because human emotion is wrapped up in our daily lives, in our daily relationships.

We say, because it is true, Jesus is true God and true man. True God we see in his miracles and teaching, and true Man we see in his living and loving with others.

Perhaps we like the idea that God is above us, far away from us. Perhaps there is comfort in that distance – that he can't really see us clearly from so far away. No so! He has come very close, intimately close. He sees us and knows us, and understands us, because he has lived like us.

Reflecting on this mystery can be humbling, if the Lord of Glory has shared in the humblest of experiences, if he worked with his hands, served others, became vulnerable in family life and friendship can I do live like that? Can I serve others face to face, in a practical way? Can I become vulnerable to others, even vulnerable to God?

If so then we are one step to becoming more like Jesus, more like God.

Congratulations

Welcome into God's church Lucia Maria Bull, baptised on Saturday (vigil of the Lord's Baptism).

Blessing of Animals

It is traditional to bless animals on the feast of St. Anthony – he is their patron because of all the animals and creatures he encountered in the Egyptian desert. Please feel free to bring your pets to the church on Saturday 17th January at 2pm to be blessed. If you have any larger animals, which can't easily be transported to the church, I'm happy to visit your farm by appointment.

House Blessings in Epiphany Time

There is an ancient practice of having our houses blessed at Epiphany and after Easter. If you'd like Fr Tom to visit and bless your house over the coming weeks please email him at frtomlynch85@gmail.com – with some suggested times and days of the week (and your address) and he'll get back to you.

Our Lady's Stars – New Children's Club

We are excited to announce the launch of Our Lady's Stars, a new children's group at our Parish. With so many children in our community, we will run monthly gatherings for all primary school children (and younger siblings as well). The aim is to create a welcoming space to build friendships, grow in faith and share what matters most to children.

Our first session will take place on the 11th January, after the 11:00 am Mass. Snacks will be provided for the children and tea or coffee will be available for parents. We also warmly welcome any parents who would like to help with running or supporting these sessions. If you are interested, please talk to Fr Tom or Justyna John.

We warmly invite all children to join us as we begin this new and joyful chapter in our Parish life.

Christmas Donations

This weekend is our final opportunity to donate to the Crib Collection (which can be made at the DONA points) are for the Friends of the Holy Land, which helps maintain the Holy Places in the Holy Land, and supports the local Christian communities in Israel and Palestine.

Ursuline Message

The Ursuline Sisters announce the death of Sister Zela Procter on the 23rd December 2025, aged 91. Her funeral mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead on Friday 30th January 2026 at 11am. She will be buried in Lancaster on Monday 2nd February 2026, 12:15pm Lancaster Cathedral.

Message from Deacon Duncan

Kindly allow me to pass on my grateful thanks and blessings to the Parish at Our Ladye Star of the Sea. As each Mass ended last weekend, I grew even more sad that I was leaving the parish and my Ministry would be elsewhere, which seemed unthinkable! My thoughts and prayers for the parish will remain with me and I will always remember with great affection all the parishioners who have been so kind to me and for someone who came unannounced, and somewhat as an intruder; I received the most gracious and warm welcome which will remain with me for the rest of my life. The last prayer of my day, as some may recall, is: 'Be still and know that I am God' and with that prayer I will pray for the parish, and for you Fr Tom, and also Maggie, who despite all her troubles, made me feel very special.