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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

MARCH - DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR PALM SUNDAY

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SATURDAY 28th March

6.00pm Vigil Mass Elaine Marshall (Wellbeing)

SUNDAY 29th March PALM SUNDAY

9.00am Sung Mass For Our Priests
11.00am Sung mass People of the Parish

MONDAY 30th MARCH HOLY WEEK

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass Elaine Marshall (Wellbeing)

TUESDAY 31st March HOLY WEEK

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass In Thanksgiving for being received into the faith

WEDNESDAY 1st April SPY WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Mary Agatha Clotilda Edmunds RIP (1st Anni)

THURSDAY 2nd April MAUNDY THURSDAY

8:00pm Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper Canon Michael O'Halloran RIP

FRIDAY 3rd April GOOD FRIDAY

(FASTING AND ABSTINENCE)

12noon Children's Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00pm Stations of the Cross, with veneration of the Cross

SATURDAY 4th April HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Canon Charles Huggett RIP

SUNDAY 5th April EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am Sung Mass Maria Cousins RIP
11.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish

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

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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £123.00
LOOSE - £312.17.0

ATTENDANCE
375

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 enter into Holy Week – the Great week as it is known in the ancient churches. Within this week the great mysteries of our salvation are remembered, enacted and entered into that we may derive great graces and benefits from Our Saviour.

Please do see the times of the services and attend as much as you can.

There was a nun, in the 4th Century called Egeria – she travelled from Spain to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, and wrote the most wonderful descriptive letters of the ceremonies of the Jerusalem church. (You can find these on-line if you are interested).

What is wonderful is how similar the 4th century liturgies of Holy Week are to our own. These ancient practices, into which we will immerse ourselves, take us back to the very foundations of the church.

During these holy days, let us rejoice in the beauty of our worship, and allow God “ever ancient and ever new” to enter our hearts more deeply with his life.

Stations of the Cross

Will be walked in the church on Tuesday after the evening Mass, and on Good Friday evening – with the veneration of the Holy Cross.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

I warmly invite you to join me on this year's Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 21 to 28 August 2026. Details can be found at tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/ For more information, please contact Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

Lenten Raffle

After Mass, at the back of the church you'll find Maggie selling raffle tickets for her wonderful Easter hampers. Have a look and see they're worth a few tickets. All proceeds will go to our restoration fund.

Greenwich SVP Conference

Thank you so much to those who were able to join our information meeting of the SVP last Wednesday. We had more than enough new members to found the Our Ladye Star of the Sea SVP Conference. This is the first time the parish has had an SVP since 23rd May 1953! We are, rather wonderfully, following in the footsteps of our predecessors.

If you couldn't make the meeting but are still interested in joining, please see Fr Tom for an application form.

Gift Aid

Thank you to our wonderful gift-aid givers, the government give us an additional 25% on top of what is donated. Your new boxes are available in the sacristy for collection – please remember to take your own numbered box.

Easter Egg Decoration - Pysanky

We will be decorating egg shells for Easter on Thursday the 2nd April at 10am in the parish room. Please bring your own eggs, real or artificial (please 'blow' any real eggs before you come). Some craft material will be provided, but please bring sequins or anything else you'd like to decorate your eggs with. This is a beautiful tradition and is open to all adults and children of all ages (children must be supervised please).

Ecumenical Service of Witness

We are all invited to the (Greenwich and) Blackheath Good Friday Service of Witness on the 3rd April at 10.30 at Whitfield Mount on Blackheath. This is a service, following the Stations of the Cross, with participants from all the local Christian congregations. We will leave from OLSS at 10am, if anyone would like to walk together.

Children's Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday at 12noon we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross for children. If any children would like to be involved, reading or acting, please come to our rehearsal after the 11am Mass on Sunday 29th March.

Collections Over Easter

Please do remember the various offertory collections over Easter. These can be made during the collection, or at the on-line terminals in the church.

On Good Friday the collection is for the Holy Places, to keep open and support the places in the Holy Land where Our Lord taught, lived, died and rose again, On the Easter Saturday and Sunday Masses the collection is for the Parish Priest, this is a significant portion of his income.

Thank you for your generosity.

Exam Invigilators at St. Ursula's

We are looking to recruit Exam Invigilators to work on a supply / bank basis during the school's examination periods, which take place in November, March, May and June. Previous experience is not necessary as full training will be given. This role offers flexible working arrangements.

Support staff application forms can be found on the school website stursulas.com Please send your application to recruitment@stursulas.com

Sad News

We received the news this week that one of our long-standing parishioners, Janus Kuruz died on Monday afternoon, on the 23rd March. He had just turned 90 years old. His funeral will be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace, Charlton, where he has family connections. Time and date to be confirmed. Please remember to pray for the repose of his soul, and his family's comfort.