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LAST WEEK

COLLECTION
GIFT AID - £51.00
NON-GIFT AID - £342.24

ATTENDANCE
319



OUR LADYE STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

NOVEMBER- DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SOULS

❖ HOLY MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

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SATURDAY 1st November

6.00pm Vigil Mass Brian Scahill RIP

SUNDAY 2nd November **ALL SAINTS**

(TRANSFERRED HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

9.00am Sung Mass People of the Parish
11.00am Sung mass Halloran Family Wellbeing

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER **ALL SOULS**

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Souls
9.30am Holy Mass Gweneth Mary Lynch
12noon Holy Mass The deceased priest of OLSS
7pm Holy Mass

TUESDAY 4th November **SAINT CHARLES BORROME**

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass Patricia Mc Fadden and Bill McFadden RIP

WEDNESDAY 5th November **FERIA**

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Hugh and Ann Colgan RIP

THURSDAY 6th November **FERIA**

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

FRIDAY 7th November **DEDICATION of the CATHEDRAL CHURCH**

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)
8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Holy Mass Faith Bennett (for her birthday)

SATURDAY 8th November **SAINT WILLIBORD**

6.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased Family of Kath Pierce

SUNDAY 9th November **DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA**

9.00am Sung mass People of the Parish

Confessions

Saturdays at 10.00am – 10.30am and 5pm - 5.30pm. After weekday Mass – please sit by the confessional.

One hour before every weekday mass.

Adoration

Spiritual Thought

As the Roman Empire's cruel persecutions of the church ended, and the church was free to meet, stories from across the empire began emerging of the great saints who had suffered martyrdom and persecution under the Romans. Whole churches, whole groups of Catholics had suffered and died in the most heroic ways.

As these stories were told there was a desire to honour these brothers and sisters – the most famous were already honoured, and still are to this day – but what of those who might be forgotten, or were lost in the crowds of those who suffered.

This is salient for us, we know from our own life many holy people who have shown us the love of God, the spirit of repentance and the example of holiness – but who will never be canonized or “raised to the altars”, whose relics aren't honoured and whose names may be forgotten in a few generations, but whose goodness is seen and rewarded by God.

So began the celebration of All Saints, which we celebrate today. In this celebration we call to mind all the saints, those famous saints we know and those known only to God.

A similar movement happened a thousand years later – after the Black Death so many in Europe had died it was impossible to perform the individual rites and prayers for each (indeed, so many had died, who would perform these duties in dead villages and empty streets?) So began the commemoration of All the Faithful departed, and the month of November dedicated to praying for them.

We are used to praying for those friends and relations who have died, we have a personal attachment to them, and our prayers are a sign of our continued love – but those we don't know, those we would never have met, and perhaps have no one to pray for them, these we commemorate under the collective title the “Holy Souls”.

It is, as the Bible tells us “It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.” (2 Macc 12:45-46)

So let us celebrate the glorious saints, and pray for all the deceased, and perhaps we shall know them all in heaven.

Holy Day of Obligation

When the Bishops restored the Holy Days of Obligation to their correct days, they said that Holy Days of Obligation falling on Saturday or Monday should be transferred to the Sunday.

So, we have the strange phenomena this weekend of celebrating All Saints on Sunday the 2nd November, the day normally assigned to the Holy Souls (which will be celebrated on 3rd Nov).

November Holy Souls Lists

At the back of the church you will find blank lists for our Holy Souls box, at the front of the church. Please fill these in with the names of your deceased love ones and they will be prayed for at every mass in November.

Please do not put money into this box (the church is open throughout the day, so let's not put temptation into anyone's way). If you would like to have a Mass offered for the Holy Souls, or for anyone in particular,

please fill in the Mass Envelopes at the back of the church and pop them in the letter box, or presbytery door.

Parish Calendars 2026

Brian and the restoration team have produced a beautiful parish calendar. They are available, at only £5 each, at the back of the church. These might make excellent gifts for friends and family. Any profit will go toward the restoration fund. They can be paid for in cash, at the DONA machine, or by scanning the adjacent QR code.

Call out for Altar Servers

If you are a young person in our parish and have received your First Holy Communion, why not volunteer to join our wonderful altar serving team. You're welcome to arrive 15 minutes before any of the weekend Masses, to get vested and learn as we go.

Date for your Diary

Fr Tom's induction as Parish Priest of Our Ladye Star of the Sea will happen at the 6pm Mass on the 6th December. Please make a note in your diary, all are welcome.

Parish Tea and Coffee

Will be served after the 11am Mass this Sunday (2nd Nov) – all are welcome so we can all get to know each other.

First Thursday Convent Club

Everyone is most welcome to join our wonderful Dominican Sisters at their convent in Hyde Vale on Thursday 6th November at 2pm, for prayer, reflection and refreshments. (Formerly over-60s, now open to everyone).

Job Vacancy

St Catherine's Catholic Girls School have the following vacancies: Teacher of Science, Teacher of Psychology (and Sociology) (Maternity Leave), Teacher of Geography (Fixed term), Teacher of Science (Maternity Leave). For full job descriptions and person specifications please visit www.stccg.co.uk/vacancies. Thank you.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Mens' retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

Room to Rent

A Catholic student is looking for a room to rent in Greenwich. If you, or someone you know, would be able to help, please contact Fr Tom for details.