



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES
 Our Ladye Star of the Sea (Crooms Hill)
 And St Joseph (Pelton Road)
 West & East Greenwich

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

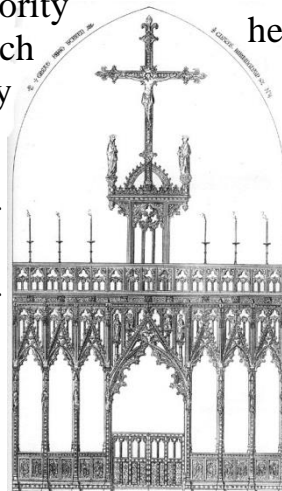
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What are the *features* required for a Catholic Church building? Let us consult an expert:

“A Catholic Church not only requires pillars, arches, windows, screens, and niches, but it requires them to be disposed according to a certain traditional form; it demands a chancel, set apart for sacrifice, and screened off from the people; it requires a stone altar, a sacrarium sedilia for the officiating priests, and an elevated roodloft from whence the Holy Gospel may be chanted to the assembled faithful. It requires chapels for penance and prayer, a sacristy to contain the sacred vessels, a font for the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, a southern porch for penitents and catechumens, a stoup for hallowed water, and a tower of bells; - and unless a building destined for a church possesses all these requisites, however correctly it’s details may be copied from ancient authorities, it is a mere modern conventicle and cannot be accounted a revival of Catholic Art”.

So that’s cleared that up! Would you believe it? At OLSS we have every single one of these features. What a coincidence, or perhaps not! This is the closing paragraph of a book called simply; “Contrasts”. Published in 1836 it launched the name A.W.N. Pugin on the international stage as the primary authority for pre-reformation *“Gothic”* church architecture. In the book he carefully compares all forms of church building both Protestant & Catholic since the Council of Trent with the remains of what once adorned the entire landscape of Europe for the praise of Almighty God. Pugin despairs equally of the Baroque style of classical architecture now predominating in both Catholic & Protestant traditions.



He yearned for, and resolved to recreate the forms of *pointed* architecture that should direct the senses of the faithful towards heaven, even as the Sacred Host is elevated at the altar. Pugin stood as the fierce opponent of those heavy forms of Baroque architecture which he believed were rooted in paganism. Think (*respectfully*) of our neighboring CofE church St Alphege, built in 1712. The muscular external columns, the heavy square symmetry, the low angled roof line, all reminiscent of those Old Temples like The Parthenon found in Greece and devoted to “pagan gods”. Pugin was equally critical of St Peter’s in Rome. Is it any wonder that when the new Westminster Cathedral was commissioned in 1895, to avoid this insoluble conflict, the adopted design was neither Gothic nor Baroque but Byzantine i.e. something more akin to Orthodox Churches with dark recesses and great domes waiting to be adorned with iconographic mosaics.

Now you may say this is all academic and quite useless for the needs of the flesh and blood stones that make up the living church in every generation, and you would be right. Except that we have a very precious jewel entrusted to us at OLSS. It needs to be understood and put to use within the integrity of what it is intended to be. Pugin believed that

he was proclaiming theology in stonework. After the Council of Trent, *rood screens* were frequently removed. The older *Sarum Rite* in England presumed that the Gospel should be read below the great crucifix (Anglo-Saxon *Rood*) or even standing in the loft. At OLSS, where uniquely we retain such a screen, it would make sense for that to be the custom. Food for thought...

God Bless Fr Kevin

Entrance Antiphon.

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose, grant
your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found...

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

116:1-2

*Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News.*

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R)

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R)

Second reading

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? *My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons.* Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is

most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So *hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread;* then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. ‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!” ‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people
by adoption through the one sacrifice
offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your
work, O Lord; you bring forth bread
from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.

Mums & Babies etc This Thursday

25th and alternate weeks from 2.30
66 Crooms Hill Ursuline Convent
Sr Antonia 07932 645750

Calling past pupils of St Ursula's School in Greenwich

All past pupils of St Ursula's school are invited
to join the GREENWICH URSULINE
ALUMNI (previously known as Greenwich
Ursuline Old Girls' Association).

You will receive an annual newsletter and an
invitation to any social events and the annual
reunion, which this year will be held on 24th
September. A good opportunity to catch up
with old friends and for general networking -
plus membership is free!

If you would like to join please email:

GuogAssociation@gmail.com

If you have a relative or friend who
attended St Ursula's please pass
this information to them!

Prayer Book at OLSS

There is a prayer book that remains open in the
BVM Chapel at OLSS where anybody is
welcome to request prayer. I noticed this week
a nice message from a *Mrs Madelene Beech*
(Nee Donovan) "*Thankyou all the teachers and
for the wonderful opportunities given to me at
St Ursula's 1947-1952 Sorry for the delay!
Love Mrs Beech 14 Aug 2016*"

Baptism Preparation – 14th September

It is a requirement for all families requesting
the baptism of a child to attend a
Preparation Evening. This usually runs on the
2nd Wednesday of each month at the
Parish Room at OLSS. The next evening will
be Wednesday 14th September.

The preparation looks at the meaning and
responsibility of Christian Baptism for infants.
Subject to that, we discuss times and dates
in conjunction with the TWO parish diaries.



Who does this little fellow belong to?

Patiently waiting with Our Lady of
Walsingham for the return of
His Master's Voice. Some little
soul but be missing him!

Anniversaries

Philomena Hunter,
Betty Gaze, Hubert Joseph
Thomas Keane,
Gladys Mari Hyde
May They Rest in Peace

Statue of St Joseph

If you have been missing the image of St
Joseph to welcome you at the front entrance at
that church, he hasn't gone missing but he has
gone to be professionally restored. Probably as
old as the church, after 140 years he now looks
a bit more cheerful and is waiting to come
home from Liverpool. This is a gift from
Simon & Teresa Rozario who worshipped at St
Joseph's for many years but have recently
moved to live in West London. I reckon St
Joseph should be good to welcome people at
this church for another 100 years long after he
has welcomed the rest of us into heaven!

Meanwhile we say God Bless and Thankyou
to Simon and Teresa in their new home.

Seeing as St Joseph's Church is now served by
Franciscan Sisters of Mary we are also

looking for a large statue of
St Francis that we can put
in the garden. If anybody
happens to hear of one...?



Our Prayers have been asked for:

Dennis Cooper preparing for surgery. *Kelly
Walwyn* (Mother of Nya) difficult pregnancy.
Jackie Udal-Andrews spine problem KCH.
John Collins & Angela Potten Hospice Care.
Rosemond Nairac Recovering from surgery.
Grace Melack currently in St Thomas
Hospital. *Alice Holloway* at home but recently
at St Thomas Hsp. *Stephen Dowling* (husband of
Teresa) currently in CCU Guys Hsp.

Thank You for Your Offertory 14th August

OLSS £754 Cafod £104
St J's £185 SpDn £235 2nd Col £44

20th St. Bernard Mass 18.00 OLSS Int: Tracey Anderson (WB)
 21st Sunday Mass 9.00 OLSS Int: Bill O'Halloran (RIP)
 Mass 10.00 St.J's Int: Andrew Mitchell (WB)
 Mass 11.00 OLSS Int: Parish & People
 22nd Our Lady, Mother & Queen No Mass on Monday
 23rd Tuesday Mass 9.30 OLSS Int: Emma McNally (RIP)
 Mass 7.00pm St J's Int:
 24th St. Bartholomew Mass 9.30 OLSS Int: Mrs Bastow (RIP)
 25th Thursday Mass 9.30 OLSS Int: Pat Kelly (RIP)
 Mass 11.00 St J's Int: James & Sarah Byrne (RIP)
 26th Friday Mass 9.30 OLSS Int: Dennis Cooper (WB/GW)
 27th St. Monica **Holy Baptism 12.30 Carlos Zarra, Keon Clarke, Brithany Cristell & Apolline Amend**
 Mass 18.00 OLSS Int: Anja & Nicholas Funston-Pawlick (2nd WeddingAn)
 28th 22nd Sunday Mass 9.00 OLSS Int: Carlo Bogiani (21st An RIP)
 in Ordinary Time Mass 10.00 St.J's Int: Parish & People
 Mass 11.00 OLSS Int: Paul Murphy (RIP)



Saint Monica 331 -387

Mother of Augustine of Hippo

Deanery Pilgrimage to The Holy Door at Southwark Cathedral:

During the Year of Mercy A plan is organised across the Greenwich Deanery for a pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St Georges' Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 10th September. Full details may be seen on a large poster at both churches where you can sign your name. In short you should meet at the forecourt of Imperial War Museum at 10.45 (53 Bus to the Cathedral & Museum or train to Waterloo) or the Cathedral entrance for 11.00 Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments provided. Sign up on a list in the porch at either church so that we can ascertain numbers. As there is a wedding at OLSS that Day Fr Roy will lead our group. The event will conclude at 2.30



MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday Vigil (1st Mass of Sunday) 6.00 pm at The Star of the Sea

Sunday Masses at 9.00 am at the Star of the Sea - 10.00am at St Joseph's - & - 11.00am at the Star of the Sea

If you would like a Mass intention, put your offering in an envelope with the Name, Purpose, Preferred Dates and Church clearly marked. Please allow alternative dates and give plenty of notice especially at the time of festivals when there may be conflicting requests. **Twitter:** Stella Maris@MarisCrooms benchandpew@yahoo.com

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30 am

Star of the Sea Except for Mondays, unless otherwise indicated, the Church is open from 8.30 for: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Rosary at 9.10 and Mass at 9.30

St Joseph's Tuesday Exposition at 6.15 & Mass at 7.00 pm also Thursday Mass at 11.00am

Confessions: Saturday at 10.00am at Star of the Sea & Tuesday 6.30 pm St Joseph

To insert an item in this parish newsletter, to receive the letter electronically or to remove your name from the mailing list please message: olssgreenwichuk@gmail.com

The Presbytery 68 Crooms Hill London SE10 8HG Tel: 020 8858 0662

ALL Enquiries for Marriage for either church after the 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday Evening at St Joseph's, or phone to make an appointment. Baptism preparation evenings usually run on the 2nd Wednesday at OLSS 7.00pm check this newsletter

Ursuline Convent: Crooms Hill Tel: 020 8858 0779

Dominican Convent: Hyde Vale Tel: 020 8692 3382

St Joseph's House: Email: fsm Sisters at stjoseph@gmail.com

Franciscan Sisters Tel: 020 8858 1845

St Joseph's RC primary school va, Tel: 020 8858 4182

Commerell Street London SE10 9AN Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Green

St Ursula's Girls Convent School Tel: 020 8858 4613

Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8HN Headteacher: Katrina Hammlton

