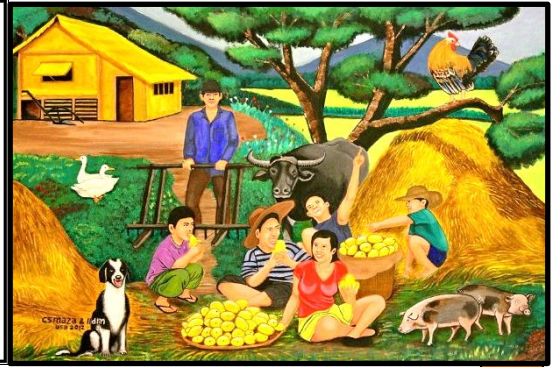


ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES
 Our Ladye Star of the Sea (Crooms Hill)
 And St Joseph (Pelton Road)
 West & East Greenwich

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Harvest
 Time



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Maeve Paine has been trawling for old sailors in dark places and has dredged up a Victorian sea dog called John Crangle! Here, in a letter to the Tablet dated in 1847, is a Catholic Seaman who fought at Trafalgar on the *Royal Sovereign* and was latterly *cared for* at Greenwich. After a swashbuckling broadside introduction full of “old blarney” he gets down to his real subject: “I read a sight of new churches in last Sunday’s paper and was greatly proud to fall in with our own *Star of the Sea* in the convoy. I go aloft up the hill every morning when there’s a fair wind to see that church a-building. I think it does my old constitution good and keeps off the asthma, like a glass of grog. Ah! Mr Tablet Sir, I was reckoned a good sailor in my time: no lubberly waister, (not that I’d say against any man that did his duty as well as he knowed how and was capable) but a prime topman. I was captain of the maintop when I lost one of the best legs in the service, besides splinters and other damages. But I’m altered now; I’m only a shadow of the man I was; and with all my joy ageing up that hill, I shake every timber of me, like an old wicker basket. Oh I hope so my old planks will hold together till the launch! But our Reverend gentleman (Fr North) tells us he fears that’s a long day. I see’d him a short time back, a-poring over the hard stones as if he were looking for that one which can make goold out of iron, and I axed him when the launch would be? He heaved a long sigh, like a chain pump that’s choked for want of a drink – “Ah John that’s a long day” says he “but we must pray that providence may change into hearts of flesh those which in too many instances I fear resemble those hard stones” and he looked mournfully at the stones as if they



was hearts. But I trust the “Dons” (Naval Authorities) at least have hearts, and good and kind and benevolent ones, but the majority I fear have not, else John they would not allow you, wounded and disabled in your country’s cause and theirs, to make so many fruitless journeys up this hill looking for the launch” Oh how I wished then for his sake my young days could come again, and I could fall in with some Spanish ships when they was worth having, and not full of waste paper. (He goes on in some considerable and inappropriate detail to describe how he would turn to piracy if it could help to raise the funds for the church)... So I’ll finish with this petition; that you tell the “Dons”... how hard we fought for them and that we expect they’ll do their duty as we have done ours. Tell them that these hands are stiff with webbing, fired off guns, not for a holiday (but) when Maximilian, Diocletian (ships) and other three decks runned ashore; There follows a respectful reference to “enemies as brave as ourselves” such as certain innocent Chinese seamen whom they once raided for cargo. He suggests that when other “Catholic gentry come to Greenwich to eat fancy fish and rinse their throats with Champagne, if they remember to say Grace (which is apparently unlikely) they should put in at Crooms Hill and leave something for the Church!

Ah these were the days when men were men and broadsheets were broadswords! One wonders how much of this prosaic eloquence betrays the hand of the maverick Fr North?

Nevertheless I hope that John Crangle was still alive and had a front seat with the aristocracy when OLSS was finally consecrated in 1851! God Bless Fr K

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart...

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm 102:1-4,9-12

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R)

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who
crowns you with love and compassion. (R)

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R)

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R)

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Prayer Over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications,
O Lord, and in your kindness accept these,
your servants' offerings, that what each
has offered to the honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.

Communion Antiphon **Cf. Ps 35: 8**

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter
in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer After Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift,
O Lord, we pray, take possession of our
minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not
our own desires, may always prevail in us.

Please Remember

Joe Czarnowski now home again.
Paddy Curran QEH Chest Infection
Alice Comer QEH following a Fall
Brendan Durrant recent surgery
Adrian Freeney following surgery in Mexico
Helen Evans a young wife who is gravely ill
Larry very poorly and grieving at home

Anniversaries

Daniel Francis & Ivy Elizabeth Simpson,
Hugh McDeed, Elizabeth Carrol
Sr Maria Garetti, John Ludwig
May they Rest in Peace

Thank You for Your Offering Sept. 10th

OLSS £638 Cafod £9.00
St J's £294

The Greenwich Ursuline Alumni (GUA)

Annual Reunion Saturday, 23rd Sept.

All past pupils are welcome to attend.
Email GuogAssociation@gmail.com for
details and/or to register your attendance.

Parish Quiz Night!

An evening of fun, trivia and prizes for ages 10
to 110! Friday, 13th October @ 7.15pm in St
Ursula's school dining hall. Ideally teams of 6-
8, enter as a team (or as an individual or a
couple and we'll join you with others to make
up a team) Only £5 per person. All proceeds to
parish funds. Limited number of tickets
available!! (must be purchased in advance - on
sale after weekend Masses).

Alternatively, reserve your tickets by email to
GreenwichParishSocials@hotmail.com

Alice Holloway RiP

Alice's funeral is arranged for Tuesday 26th
at OLSS 1.15 (Cremation at Falcon Wood

Fr John Lavery RiP Memorial Mass **Wednesday 25th October at 8.00pm**

At last we can confirm a date to welcome
Archbishop Peter Smith who will celebrate a
Requiem Mass as a Memorial for Fr John.
Please notify all friends and neighbours who
will want to be present for this special event.
Further arrangements to follow.

Diocesan Day for Catechists

Saturday 23rd September

The day runs from 11.00 until 4.00pm
concluding with a Mass celebrated by Bp
Patrick. The fees are covered from parish funds.
You will need a packed lunch. Please speak to
Tina at OLSS or Sr Mary at St Joseph's. OK
who is going from OLSS St Josephs have 9!

Are you in the Gift Aid Scheme?

If you are a UK Taxpayer the church benefits
from a 25% Tax Refund on your donation at no
cost to yourself, but only if you are a member
of "The Gift Aid Scheme". If you are not
already a member please complete a form or
email (OLSS) Tomás Mannion
tomas.greenwich@gmail.com or speak to Sr
Mary at St Joseph. You will find forms
available at the back of both churches and these
can be safely returned via the letterboxes that
you will also see near the entrance at both
churches..

Carmelite Friars Aylesford

The Carmelite Friars welcome Pilgrims
especially for the feast of St Jude during the
weekend of October 28&29th See posters -
www.stjudeshrine.org.uk

Pope Francis on Love and Joy

A meeting for the laity to explore and discuss
the Pope's views on love in the family will be
held in our area. This event is suitable for all
adult parishioners, and will include suggestions
about how to put the Pope's message into
practice. SE London: Saturday 7th October,
Forest Hill Time: 2.30 - 5.30pm Booking is
essential: email: marriagese@tiscali.co.uk
or phone 07505305297

CALENDAR 16th – 24th SEPTEMBER 2017


Saturday 16th Mass OLSS 6.00 Int: Parish & People
Sunday 17th Mass OLSS 9.00 Int: Grace (RIP) & Larry (WB)
24th Sunday Mass St J's 10.00 Int: Maria Brindley (RiP 3rd Ann.)
in Ordinary Time Mass OLSS 11.00 Int: Catherine Curran (Mtr & GMr RiP)

Coffee and Cakes available after 11.00am Mass at OLSS today in the Parish Room.

Monday 18th No Mass on Monday
Tuesday 19th Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: Irene Robinson (92nd BD)
Mass St J's 7pm Int: Lawrence Ibeme (RiP 19th Ann)
Wednesday 20th Eucharistic Service welcome at the Ursuline Convent 9.30
Thursday 21st Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: Stella Donegan (RiP)
St. Matthew Mass St J's 11.00 Int:

Mums (& Dads) and Babies and young Children etc.

Welcome again this Thursday at The Ursuline Convent 66 Crooms Hill from 2.30

Friday 22nd Mass OLSS 9.30 Int:
Saturday 23rd **Holy Baptism OLSS 12.30** Emilia, Andres & Daniel, Tobi, Tosin, Adanri
Mass OLSS 6.00 Int:
Sunday 24th Mass OLSS 9.00 Int: Maggie Dempsey (WB/Thg)
25th Sunday Mass St J's 10.00 Int: Pierre Dominyu
in Ordinary Time Mass OLSS 11.00 Int: Srt Elizabeth Campbell OSU  (Diamond Jb)

OLSS First Confession and First Holy Communion Programme 2017-2018

If you have a child or young person who has not yet completed preparation for First Holy Communion, The programme will start (at OLSS) on Saturday, the 4th of November. Children should be at least 7 years old (or in Year 3) at the start of the programme. At OLSS we break the programme into two manageable periods before and after Christmas preparing separately for First Confession and FHC. Registration forms are now available in the Church. Please return to Maggie or Tina or place in the secure letter box that you will see at the front of the church. (The course at St Joseph will commence in the New Year)

Special Minister and Readers. Bp Patrick invites *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers* to a day of reflection on Saturday 11th November. Full details and Information will be forwarded by email.

Fr Kevin is away from Tuesday until Friday this week. I shall be in North Wales to conduct the funeral of my old friends mother Mrs Betty Jones RiP, near to Harlech on Thursday 21st.

"Home Mission Sunday"

2nd Collections after all
Masses for the Bishop's
National Evangelisation fund



TIMES OF MASS AND OTHER 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

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MARRIAGE ALL Enquiries for either church after the 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday Evening at St Joseph's.

BAPTISM Preparation evenings usually run on the 2nd Wednesday at OLSS 7.00pm check this newsletter

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Dominican Convent: Hyde Vale Tel: 020 8692 3382

St Joseph's House: Email: fsmsistersatstjoseph@gmail.com

Franciscan Sisters Tel: 020 8858 1845

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

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Ursula's Girls Convent School Tel: 020 8858 4613

