



19th Ord Sunday of the Year

7th August 2022

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The *Peregrine Falcons* that were nesting recently on the upper balcony of the tower at OLSS continue to provoke widespread interest, as the adult peregrines teach their young to hunt and handle prey in flight. Although they have fledged successfully & left the nest, they continue as a family of five, still using the Spire Cross & adjoining pinnacles for their favourite perches.



Meanwhile they can be heard & are seen all over *Greenwich* especially across the park & even towards *Deptford* & the river. Early in the morning and as the evening approaches, their defiant screech is unmistakable.



It was good to meet *Terence Baker* last Sunday. He is a very keen photographer who had travelled over to Greenwich especially in the hope of spotting the birds. We welcomed him to the garden for some better views. He has



forwarded several pictures of his own but had first read about them on twitter. Another keen bird watcher, displaying pictures of "*Our Peregrines*" as the main feature! Check out twitter.com/rudraksh9/ There are lots of images over the last few weeks taken from Greenwich Park. Apparently, these comical creatures are known for looking at each other upside down! I know nothing about birds. While entertaining, these are ferocious "*birds of prey*". The days of those invading Parakeets displacing so many

Sparrows & familiar indigenous species must be coming to an end! *The Peregrines* feed on pigeons & parakeets swooping down on them even in mid-flight, as some clever photographers have caught on camera. The notorious Parakeets must wonder what has hit them! The gullies around the upper tower are littered with bird carcasses. All will need to be removed &

cleaned before the weather changes & winter sets in or OLSS will become a spectacular water cascade. Nevertheless, we anticipate & hope that these once endangered species will become a permanent feature at OLSS.

Meanwhile *Jane Lawson* has followed the "*Peregrines' Progress*" on the church twitter page at: Maris@MarisCrooms. Drop in on Jane's very engaging page which has a mixture of challenging ecclesiastical & political material as well as

humorous stuff for a different take on life. Ahh well summer is unfolding. A little rain would be welcome. Greenwich park is like a scorched earth scene and has featured as an example of "Climate Change" in many national newspapers. Next week brings the *Feast of the Assumption*. Stay safe & well if you are travelling away but if you are staying home bring your friends & guests especially next week and not just to see the birds! And remember:

NO PLASTIC!

God Bless Fr Kevin

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whom,
taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption
as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the
inheritance which you have promised...

First Reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

32:1,12,18-20,22

*Happy are the people the Lord
has chosen as his own.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. (R)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R)

Second reading

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that

our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Alleluia Alleluia: Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing
the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Gospel

Luke 12:35-40

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord,
to accept the offerings of your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to
be offered and by your power you transform
them into the mystery of our salvation...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 6: 51

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth.

Congratulations to Tony & Marie McManus

After various virus-related setbacks, **Tony & Marie** (Nee Murphy) were finally married last week at Marie's parental home

Corpus Christi Church

Boscombe nr Bournemouth.

A very good time was had by all (even at 2.30am). Tony says that the extraordinary facility of Marie's additional 3rd arm is very useful for domestic chores like washing up! They will be with us again at 9.00am from September.

Sir Michael Pike RiP

Local people, especially at OLSS will be very sad to hear of the passing of Sir Michael at Lewisham Hosp' last Monday Evening. A long-standing Greenwich resident and an exemplary

Catholic Man his funeral is planned for

Friday 2nd September 11.00am at OLSS

(Burial at Woolwich New Cemetery) TBC

Our thoughts & affectionate prayers are with

Catherine, Victoria, Rebecca & Antony

Apprenticeship at Archdiocese of Southwark

The Archdiocese are seeking an apprentice to work within the **Fundraising & Gift Aid** team in their central offices (Lambeth North). If you, or someone you know, would like to earn a **level 3 Business Administrator Standard** whilst

working within a hardworking & passionate team, supporting the work of the Catholic Church in S. London & Kent, please see:

www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship

Congratulations

Amaka OKANI

Daughter of proud parents **Buchi & Obi** at St J's. **Amaka** has gained a 2/1 in Psychology from Cambridge seen here at her graduation ceremony last week!



OLSS Gift Aid:

Direct Debit & Standing Orders

A big thank you to all parishioners who make payment by standing order or direct debit, it is

now the principle contribution to parish finances. Thankyou especially to those who have joined recently or because they have seen details on the Newsletter. We are shortly anticipating a financial audit. The details even of long-standing Gift Aided Direct Debits can sometimes change. To ensure our records are up to date please **could everyone who pays this way please email Tomas at**

greenwichgac@rcaos.org.uk

with your name (as the donor)

and the exact name on the bank account from which payment comes (sometimes accounts are joint accounts or in a maiden name and we have difficulty matching). If you need any information about Gift Aid please email or speak to one of us.

Tomas, Francisco and Andrew

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

A weekend for those who are in mourning. Emotions out of control feeling at a loss, this weekend is a time for you. A space for you.

Aylesford Priory 7-9th October. For enquiries please telephone Aylesford Priory 01622 717272

Ursuline School Job Vacancies

There are a number of Admin & IT. Jobs advertised at the present moment at the Ursuline School. For all details please visit the school website: www.stursulas.com

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Among the sick: *Maggie Dempsey, Annie Landy, Neil Carmichael, Sr Petra Felden O.P. Paul Holmes, Sarah Walsh, Christopher & Aisling Burnand, Mick Shepherd, Phil Harris, Cristina Clementi*

Calendar for the Week 7th – 14th August

Satdy 6 th	6.00pm OLSS	Int: Margaret Sangster Djurisc (RiP)
Sunday 7 th	9.00am OLSS	Int: Parish & People
	10.00am St Js	Int: Benvenido Belacse RiP
	11.00am OLSS	Int:
Tuesday 9 th	9.30am OLSS	Int: Tracey Anderson (W/B)
	7.00pm St J's	Int: Kit Thomas
Wedsy 10 th	9.30am OLSS	Int: Lawrence David Nairac (RiP)
Thurs 11 th	9.30am OLSS	Int:
	11.00am St J's	Int: Michael Vince (W/B)
Friday 12 th	9.30am OLSS	Int: A "Family with Terminally Ill Son"
Satdy 13 th	6.00pm OLSS	Int: Michael Pike (RiP)
Sunday 14 th	9.00am OLSS	Int:
	10.00am St Js	Int:
	11.00am OLSS	Int:



Next Sunday - Assumption of the BVM Falling on 15th (Monday) this year the feast transfers to Sunday – This is the great summer festival of the church lets make it a real celebration.

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Baptism Preparation There will be no meeting in August. The next Preparation evening will be on Wednesday 14th September. If you are seeking the Baptism of a Child at either church please attend at OLSS at 7.00pm on that night.

Saints Days: Monday *St Dominic*; Tuesday *Edith Stein*; Wednesday *St Lawrence*; Thursday *St Claire*;

This Newsletter We are awaiting delivery of a new printer and are having to produce the newsletter mostly in B&W at the present time. Hopefully up and running again soon in Full Colour.

TIMES OF MASS AND OTHER SERVICES

Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm at The Star of the Sea (For Livestreams cf: Facebook: Our Ladye 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, please complete an envelope and place your offering in the secure letterbox available inside the two churches. **Twitter:** Stella Maris@MarisCrooms benchandpew@yahoo.com
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Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30 am (Nb Open again on Tuesdays)

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: kevinrobinson@rcaos.org.uk

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

BAPTISM Preparation & Arrangement evenings have resumed on the 2nd Wednesday at OLSS 7.00pm

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