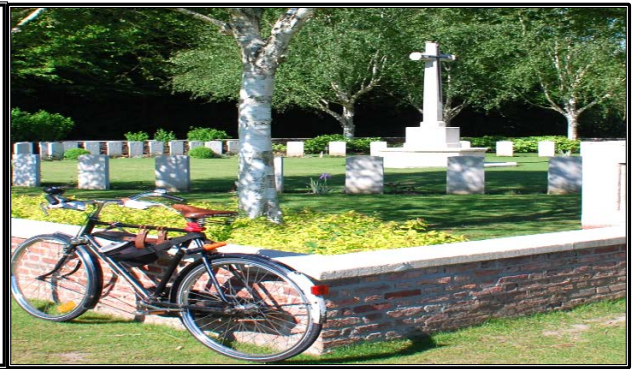


**ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES**  
**Our Ladye Star of the Sea (Crooms Hill)**  
**And St Joseph (Pelton Road)**  
**West & East Greenwich**  
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**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (32<sup>nd</sup> in Ord Time) 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 Orange Book Page 152**

Maeve Paine writes about *Our Own Fallen*;  
**"Their bodies are buried in peace. Ecc 44:14**  
**Theirs names liveth forever more."**



In May this year my husband and I enjoyed a cycling holiday in Ypres. Anyone visiting Belgium cannot miss the immaculately kept military cemeteries and memorials, dedicated to the soldiers of The Great War, that dot the countryside. **Tyne Cot** where 12,000 commonwealth soldiers are buried and nearly 35,000 missing are commemorated and **The Menin Gate**, where 55,000 missing are remembered, stand out because of their size and the enormity of the loss of life they represent.

Some of the smaller graveyards can be equally moving to visit though: We came across **Hedge Row Trench Cemetery**, 4kms south of Ypres on a lovely wooded cycle path that once was the Front Line. Between 1915-1917 the dead were buried here, but because of its location it was shelled repeatedly. In the 1920s when it was laid out properly the original locations of the graves could not be established, so the majority of the 98 headstones were arranged in a circle around a central Cross of Sacrifice. The day we visited was sunny with a slight breeze. We were alone and it was very peaceful. The only sounds were of birds. It was difficult to think of it as a place of blood and slaughter and yet it was, only a hundred years ago. OLSS has her memorial too. In our little Sacred Heart chapel is a marble plaque listing 22 men, **"Who went forth from this parish and laid down their lives for their fellowmen in the Great War"**.

Among that number are 16 soldiers, 2 sailors, 2 medics and 1 civilian. A few I was able to find out about are:



**Michael John O'Leary - Pvt.10th Buffs (E Kent Reg.)** He was just 18yrs old when he died in Sept.1918 of wounds (gas) the son of Michael John & Annie O'Leary of 65 Straightsmouth Street. He is buried in St.Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France.

**Francis Sanders - Ln.Cprl. North'd Fusiliers.** He was 32yrs when he died in Oct 1917 the son of Thomas & Catherine Mary Sanders, of Cliff Cottage, Hyde Vale and husband of Ellen, The Cottage, Crooms Hill. He is commemorated at Tyne Cot, Belgium.

**Albert Sexstone - Sgt.Scottish Rifles.** Born in Deptford he was 28yrs when he died in April 1918, the son of James & Mary Sexstone, of 22 London Street. He is buried in St.Souplet British Cemetery, France.

**Alfred Spencer- Stoker/Petty Officer RN.** Born in Dublin, he was 33yrs when he was killed in action protecting a convoy in the North Sea, on board HMS Mary Rose, in Oct.1917. The son of Henry Spencer, of 1 Royal Place and husband of Alice Maud Spencer (formerly Freeman) of 83 Little Ilford, Manor Park. He is commemorated at Chatham Naval Memorial.

**William Weston - Sailor Mercantile Marine.** Born in Woolich, he was 23yrs old when his ship SS Baron Herries was torpedoed in April 1918. The son of William & Alice Weston and husband of Clara (née Cade) of 1 Burgos Grove. Commemorated at Tower Hill Memorial.

I mention these five men of our parish in particular as Greenwich Council decided in 2016 to honour their memory by naming streets after them. November is the month of the Holy Souls and so...

**We will remember them!**

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### **Entrance Antiphon**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### **Collect**

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity,  
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours...

### **First Reading**

### **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

### **62:2-8**

*For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R)

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R)

### **Second reading**     **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those

who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Mt24:42 44**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.

### **Gospel**

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

### **Prayer Over the Offerings**

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that,

celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion.

**Communion Antiphon**                      **Cf. Ps 22: 1-2**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

**Prayer After Communion**

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered.



constant vigilance of his devoted family. His has been an exceptional life aged 93 hammered out of the traumas of WWII as a Polish man in the UK. A truly Gentle Man. His extraordinary cheerfulness never left him. He has been another exemplary member of

the congregation at OLSS for more than 50 years whom we have been very sad to lose this year. **Funeral Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30**  
**Burial at Shooters Hill. Joe will be received into OLSS church at 4.30 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Please Remember**

*Alice Comer QEH following a fall*

*Dennis Cooper now at home*

*Allan Lloyd now cared for at home.*

*Sheila Pascall cared for at home*

*Helen Evans a young wife who is gravely ill*

**Thank You for Your Offering**

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> OLSS £794 Cafod £10.80

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> St J's £331 Sp/Dn £200

**Anniversaries**

Dr. Michael Brosnan, Sr Rosaria Foley  
Joan Simpson, Harry Devine, Phyllis Feeney,  
Martin Delaney, Francis Osborn, Mary Kelly  
Dennis Stansby, Dermot Byrne, John Farren,  
Barbara Nairac, Dorothy Smeredon  
*May they Rest in Peace*

**Coffee & Cakes Next Week 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**at OLSS 11.00am**

**Fatima Rosary Group**

This group now continues after the 7.00pm Mass on Tuesdays at St Joseph's. You will find the church remains open at this time after Mass.

**November the Month of the Holy Souls**

Cards for collective names may be placed on the altar. If you need a particular Mass please use the envelopes provided in the usual way

**Ursuline School 140 years Celebration**

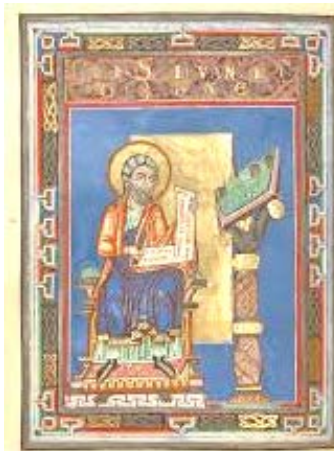
The Ursuline School celebrates 140 years of service to young women and education in Greenwich. There will be a celebration Mass with Archbishop Peter Smith at 2.00pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and further masses on Friday at 11.30 and 2.00pm.

**Jozef Bernard "Joe" Czarnowski RiP**

Joe died on the evening of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at his home in Vanbrugh Fields lovingly cared for in recent weeks by the

**This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday**

We commemorate all those who have fallen in the conflicts of war and especially those who gave their lives for the defence of this realm. We also pray for those who are serving in the British Forces today.



**Mums & Little Ones**

Welcome again at the Convent 66 Hyde Vale this Thursday from 2.30pm.

**The York Gospels**

This exquisite hand crafted manuscript has been in the news this week. It was created sometime before the Norman Conquest 1066. Being written

on calf skin they are now disclosing secrets of British farming and agricultural techniques more than 1000 years ago by their DNA. Each page required one whole calf skin as parchment, so the whole manuscript would have cost a herd of young cattle apart from the labour intensity of the illuminated writings. This is why the scriptures were so precious and safeguarded in pre-reformation times. As we commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Reformation" let us thank God for the diligent work of Catholic/Orthodox Monks & Nuns working in scriptoriums to preserve the word of God for 1500 years before the invention of printing.

## CALENDAR 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017



**This Week**

2 Minutes silence

**Remembrance Sunday**

2<sup>nd</sup> Colln's Abp's Dio' Admin

Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 18.00	Int: Holy Souls
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 9.00	Int: Parish & People
32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday		Mass St J's 10.00	Int: Baptism of Miriam Mathews
Remembrance Sunday		Mass OLSS 11.00	Int: Maurice Leonard (Months Mind)
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass on Monday	
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Welcome at 9.30 today for Eucharistic Service at the Convent</i>	
Fr Kevin Away		Mass St J's 7pm	Int: Parents of FSM Sisters (RiP)
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 9.30	Int: John Farren (RiP)
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 9.30	Int: Nora Allen (Sister of Joan RiP)
Radha Fun'l Putney		Mass St J's 11.00	Int: Parents of Sr Aleyama (RiP)
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 9.30	Int: Patricia McFadden (RiP 10 <sup>th</sup> Ann)
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 18.00	Int: Martin McMahan (RiP)
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 9.00	Int: Harry Devine (RiP)
33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday		Mass St J's 10.00	Int: Parish & People
in Ordinary Time		Mass OLSS 11.00	Int: Mick Delaney (RiP 14 <sup>th</sup> Ann)



### **Several saints occur this week including some lesser known British names:**

*Margaret of Scotland, Gertrude, Edmund of Abingdon (Thurs), Elizabeth of Hungary, Hilda of Whitby, Hugh of Lincoln (Fri).* **Let's take Hilda:** She is a huge personality in the progress of British Christianity during the Anglo Saxon period. (c614–680). Her life is recorded by St Bede. An orphaned child she was raised in the court of the King of Northumbria. Witnessing regional conflicts and tribal battles within the British Islands and across Europe, although of noble birth she resolved to live as a nun. She is associated with religious foundations in East Anglia and Kent but her homeland was the North East in Hartlepool & Whitby where she became an abbess. This was the period of St Augustine's mission. Britain was largely pagan but with widespread remnants of Celtic Christianity surviving in the remoter parts. The King of Northumberland (newly Christian) entrusted Hilda to organise a Synod summoning Celtic Bishops far and wide to meet with Augustine's missionaries and resolve their differences. Monasteries at Jarrow & Wearmouth are also associated with Hilda and became great centres of Christian art & learning supplying precious copies of biblical manuscripts not only for the British Isles but across Europe. (Such as "The York Gospels" mentioned previously see image below). Such was her wisdom she was known wherever she travelled as "Mother".

### **TIMES OF MASS AND OTHER SERVICES**

**Saturday Vigil** (1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

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