

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

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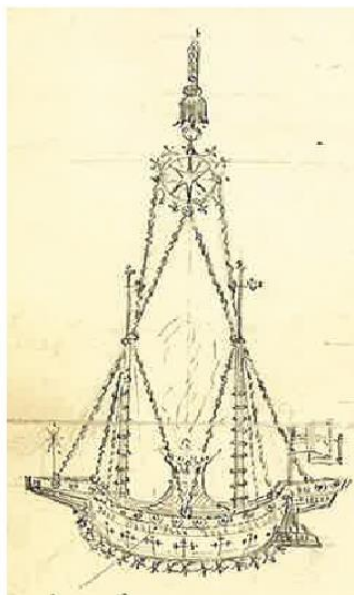


Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th JULY 2018

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Sir Thomas Knill paid us a visit recently. He is the Great, Great, (Great?) Grandson of John & Elizabeth Knill, who were the principle benefactors of this church in 1845/1851. According to the Burial Register John & Elizabeth are buried somewhere inside the church. The actual register remains a mystery. Printed in 1855 it concludes abruptly in 1926 but with 2/3rds of the pages still blank. The same *copper plate* hand continues through the years to 1922 but there are spaces and missing entries. It is as if a later writer was working from a random set of burial papers intending at some time to complete his work, but the task remained unfinished. Nevertheless, the first entry clearly records the burial of John Knill in January 1854 *below ground* in The Church of Our Ladye Star of the Sea. 8 years later in January 1862 we read of the burial of Elizabeth also *below ground* in the church. There is no crypt beneath OLSS except for the sanctuary vault. John & Elizabeth are presumably there with the two priest brothers Richard & Joseph North but there is no public memorial. Sir Thomas has been looking through some family papers. He has discovered a little drawing plan of the "Neff". The votive light that has hung for more than 160 years before the shrine of Our Lady. It is part of a small letter written by John H Powell. Powell was the son-in-law to AWN Pugin who continued the designs of Mr Pugin after his death. There is a personal note from Powell to the Knills but on the envelope is written. "*Design of the ship lamp offered to Our Lady, that the Lady*



Knill might obtain a son 1855" then another line... "*Our Son born 4th Sept 1856*" The Lady Knill must have been the young wife of Sir Stuart Knill who later advanced to be the first *Catholic* Lord Mayor of London. The Son that was conceived would have been John Knill who in his turn followed his father as an Alderman and also a Mayor of London at the turn of the century. The little Neff is a precious thing, all the more so because it is a loving emblem of Catholic faithfulness and prayer, petitioning the mother of Jesus for a child. But it has more meanings than that. The little vessel emphasises the historical connection between this Catholic Church and the sailors and seamen arriving in Greenwich at the time of the Industrial revolution. With the expansion of trade and the British Empire, Catholic seamen were arriving here from all parts of the world. Sadly they were also dying at the hospital, as the register shows so many burials nearby at the Royal Naval Cemetery *. Yet there is another meaning too: In older times, in a "*well to do house*" it was a privilege to display a little silver boat on your dining table. It was a sign of favour with the King and the Royal family and probably indicated that the king had stayed at your house. Our little "Neff" is symbolic that we enjoy the favour of Mary as "*Queen of Heaven*" and she welcomes us at this house with the title "*Star of the Sea*"

God Bless Fr Kevin

* The cemetery was largely exhumed to make way for the railway tunnel in 1875. The remains & tombs were removed to the Pleasance Park adjacent to Chevening Rd, SE10 0LB

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold
your face; I shall be filled with
the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christian the grace
to reject whatever is contrary
to the name of Christ and to
strive after all that does it honour...

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos,
'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah;
earn your bread there, do your prophesying
there. We want no more prophesying in
Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national
temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I
belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,'
Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd,
and looked after sycamores: but it was the
Lord who took me from herding the flock, and
the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my
people Israel."'

Responsorial Psalm

84:9-14

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his
people. His help is near for those who fear
him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R)

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R)

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth
shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march
before him and peace shall follow his steps.
(R)

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ who has blessed us with all the spiritual
blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world
was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to
be holy and spotless, and to live through love

in his presence, determining we should
become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes, to make us praise
the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the
Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain
our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such
is the richness of the grace which he has
showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He
has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the
hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from
the beginning to act upon when the times had
run their course to the end: that he would bring
everything together under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and everything on
earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as
God's own, chosen from the beginning, under
the predetermined plan of the one who guides
all things as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people
who would put their hopes in Christ before he
came. Now you too, in him, have heard the
message of the truth and the good news of
your salvation, and have believed it; and you
too have been stamped with the seal of the
Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our
inheritance which brings freedom for those
whom God has taken for his own, to make his
glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are
life; you have the message of eternal life.

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send
them out in pairs giving them authority over
the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to
take nothing for the journey except a staff – no
bread, no haversack, no coppers for their
purses. They were to wear sandals but, he
added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said
to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay
there until you leave the district. And if any
place does not welcome you and people refuse
to listen to you, as you walk away shake off
the dust from under your feet as a sign to
them.' So they set off to preach repentance;
and they cast out many devils, and anointed
many sick people with oil and cured them.

News of The World

Among other items that Sir Thomas has found is a cutting from April 23rd 1859 featuring the Shrine of Our Lady at Crooms Hill in no less a publication than the “*News of the World*”. There is no surviving article to explain why the image was featured so we must send our intrepid researcher Maeve Paine to visit the archives and discover the story. No doubt Maeve already has a few old cuttings from that illustrious paper herself...

Perhaps John & Elizabeth were buried as a temporary arrangement, in the sanctuary and remained therefore without a memorial? A separate burial chapel for the Knill family was planned at OLSS in 1855 but this never came into being. The Sacred Heart Chapel was added much later in 1898 and probably erected from that original plan though without a burial chamber. Sir Stuart and his descendants were laid to rest in a new chapel at Brockley cemetery, though today you will search in vain for the splendid tomb as it was destroyed by enemy action during WW2.



Mgr Matthew Dickens will visit St Joseph's on behalf of the Archdiocese on Sunday July 22nd

He will celebrate Mass and meet the people of St Joseph's.

Summer Party & Raffle

A huge thank you to all who supported the summer raffle which raised £1,000.

Prize winners as below:

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*Fan museum & afternoon tea: **Blue** ticket 103. *Lena Farren* - claimed

*Planetarium show: White ticket 755. *Laura O'Donoghue* - claimed

*Meal at Greenwich Tavern: **Pink** ticket 655. *Maria Tanner* (St J's) - unclaimed

*Meal at Bill's Restaurant: **Pink** ticket 123. *Moira Wailing* - claimed

*Luxury summer hamper: White ticket 641. *Liza Taylor* - unclaimed

*Café Rouge afternoon tea: **Blue** ticket 829. *Sr Petra* - claimed

*Cinema voucher: **Blue** ticket 865. No name – **unclaimed**

For unclaimed prizes please email GreenwichParishSocials@hotmail.com or phone Pat on 07889 222668.

Thanks to everybody who supported and helped to organise the summer party. Final proceeds TBC.

Please remember among the sick:

May McArthy (LewHs)

Margaret Lawless (Lew Hs)

Jenny Brown (S.Thom Hs)

Anthony Burrows (Guys Hs)

And Peter Riley (QEh)

Myra Sherwood (Farnb' Hs)

Anniversary's

Sr Columba OSU, Michael Dolan

Anne Waters, John Fitzgerald

Charles Gosling Bridget Lawless,

Mary Regan, Michael Canning

Mgr John Farrell (1977)

Irene Davis,

Mary & Patrick O'Keeffe,

Sarah Walsh, Charles Chanter

May they Rest in Peace

MASS CALENDAR FOR 14th – 22nd JULY 2018

Saturday	14 th	Holy Baptism 12.30 Poppy, Gabriel, Isla & Faith <u>Wedding Rite Katy Thompson & Adam Darby 3.00pm</u> Mass OLSS 6.00 _{pm} Int: Paul Keating (RiP)
Sunday	15 th	Mass OLSS 9.00 Int: John Joe Barret
15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass St J's 10.00 Int: Parish & People Mass OLSS 11.00 Int: Fr John Lavery (RiP)
Monday	16 th	No Mass on Monday
Tuesday	17 th	Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: Paul Keating (RiP) Mass St J's 7.00 Int: Eileen Abbott (WB in SA)
Wednesday	18 th	Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: Peter Nolan (RiP) With Urs School Mass OLSS 12.00 Noon Ursuline School Mass St J's 6.00pm St Joseph's School Leavers
Thursday	19 th	Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: Blessings for 60+ group Mass St J's 11.00 Int: Sr Mary & Fmy (WB in India)
Friday	20 th	Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: Dan Bennet (RiP)
Saturday	21 st	<u>Wedding Rite OLSS Thuy Nguyen & Steven Mac 12.30</u> Mass OLSS 6.00 _{pm} Int: Peter Dayer (RiP)
(Inc Bptm of Oscar)		
Sunday	22 nd	Mass OLSS 9.00 Int: Elizabeth Paula (21st An RiP)
16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass St J's 10.00 Int: Jose Da Rosa Mass OLSS 11.00 Int: Annie Murphy (RiP)



Mary Magdalene's Day falls next Sunday so she sadly slips from the calendar this year. I have always felt that she should be commemorated with an obligation day alongside the principle saints of the Gospel. Of all the characters who form the travelling companions of The Lord none have been the subject of so much speculation as Mary Magdalene. Not to be confused with Mary the Mother of Jesus she is just one of a number of women in the Gospels all named Mary. Mary Magdalene's Day reminds me that this is my parents 68th Wedding Anniversary (22nd July: Irene & Len Robinson).

TIMES OF MASS AND OTHER SERVICES

Saturday Vigil (1st Mass of Sunday) 6.00pm 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, use the envelopes provided in church, enclose your offering and all details and place in the secure letterbox that you will see at the entrance. Alternatively email or post to 68 Crooms Hill Please allow alternative dates 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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