

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

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*Dear Friends,*

The more observant among you will have realised that OLSS is (*half*) covered in scaffolding around the tower. If you are wondering why please come to the meeting this

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Church.**

We really need everybody there. Whatever your background or passing interest in the Star of the Sea might be. Whether you are a long-standing member who has come to this church for most of your life, an interested neighbour who may not even be Catholic or just an occasional visitor who has a passing interest. OLSS is a primary feature of the landscape of Greenwich. I do not need to repeat the well-known story of this building except to say that it stands as testimony to such important moments of Victorian Catholic History! It is a primary witness to the story of the reconstruction of the Catholic faith in England after the time of King Henry VIII following the Acts of 1534. It is part of the blueprint of Gothic Revivalism. It coincides with the traumatic memory of the terrible potato famine of 1845. This brought so many desperate Irish people searching for work to England and London. OLSS continues to stand here today largely thanks to the generosity of Irish people who, while remaining poor, contributed throughout those years.

At the same time, with the prosperity of the British Empire, OLSS saw the arrival of international sea farers (mainly Catholic) from all parts of the world via the shipping trade in Greenwich. We share two great founding architects of international renown; *William Wardell* who emigrated to Australia in 1858 and is commemorated as the principle



Victorian architect in that land (especially with his cathedrals in Sydney & Melbourne) and *AWN Pugin* who, is responsible for the Houses of Parliament. If you consider the enormous cost of the repairs to *Big Ben* and the "*Palace of Westminster*" you will realise the enormity of the task with which we are faced. The Star of the Sea is gradually dissolving. During the eight years that I have been in Greenwich I have explored so many avenues and contacts to find a way to get this project off the ground. The prestigious nature of this building and the complexity of what is required puts this well beyond the resources of an ordinary parish and community alone. Before any repairs can be made internally there are complex repairs to be made externally. The stone has become so soft. In the summer it is baked and dries out and with the onset of winter the stones are permeated again by water, increase in weight and become unstable. In the first place the scaffolding is erected as a safety measure to protect people using the front door. Please God it is not a permanent feature but a working platform for urgent stone repairs soon to be carried out. By next Thursday it will reach the top of the tower. On that night Mr Chris Millington who has responsibility for all properties throughout the

Archdiocese, and Mr Gary Stanesby who is an architect working in close proximity with Chris will make a presentation.

Please come to the meeting on Thursday. Bring your neighbours, bring your friends and bring anybody who has the remotest interest in this lovely place.

**7.30 this Thursday.**

***God Bless Fr Kevin***

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Within your will, O Lord,  
all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven  
and the earth, and all that is held within  
the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those  
who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon  
us to pardon what conscience dreads and  
to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

### **First Reading**

### **Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4**

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while  
you will not listen; to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your  
ear and you will not save? Why do you set  
injustice before me, why do you look on where  
there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all  
I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
Then the Lord answered and said,  
‘Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to  
be easily read, since this vision is for its own  
time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does  
not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it  
will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose  
soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live  
by his faithfulness.’

### **Responsorial Psalm**

### **94:1-2,6-9**

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
‘Harden not your hearts.’*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R)

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R)

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert when  
your fathers put me to the test; when they  
tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R)

### **Second reading**

### **2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14**

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift  
that God gave you when I laid my hands on you.  
God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the  
Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So  
you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the  
Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner;  
but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of  
the Good News, relying on the power of God.  
Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you  
have heard from me, in the faith and love that  
are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to  
look after something precious; guard it with the  
help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

### **Gospel**

### **Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our  
faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the  
size of a mustard seed you could say to this  
mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the  
sea,” and it would obey you. Which of you, with  
a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would  
say to him when he returned from the fields,  
“Come and have your meal immediately”?  
Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my  
supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me  
while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink  
yourself afterwards”? Must he be grateful to the  
servant for doing what he was told? So with you:  
when you have done all you have been told to  
do, say, “We are merely servants: we have done  
no more than our duty.”’

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the sacrifices instituted by your commands  
and, through the sacred mysteries,  
which we celebrate with dutiful service,  
graciously complete the sanctifying work  
by which you are pleased to redeem us.

### **Communion Antiphon**

### **Lam 3: 25**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be  
refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament  
which we have received, so as to be  
transformed into what we consume.

## Cafod Family Harvest Fast Day

Last Friday was the annual Cafod “*Harvest Fast Day*”. You may have received a Cafod Envelope. There will be visiting Cafod Speakers at OLSS this weekend and with thanks also to Mick Shepherd for speaking at St Joseph’s. The special appeal is best if you complete the envelopes provided which should be returned this weekend. (More available)

### Anniversaries

James Skudder, Jacqueline Mary Wyai  
Peter Kenny, Nellie McCarthy, James  
Oliver Leonardo Hickson, Lillie Mills,  
Joseph John McDonnell, William Demprey  
Alexander O’Gorman, Anita Glauda  
J C Boylan, K O’ Carroll, Stavley Howey

*May they Rest in Peace*

English  
Catholic



### Thank You for your Offering

OLSS £495 Aug DD’s £2779 Sept £2874  
St Joseph £283 Toilets £54 SpDn £100

### Parish Fundraising Quiz Night!

#### Last chance to get your Quiz Night tickets!

This weekend is your last chance to get tickets for the Parish Fundraising Quiz Night on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October (It's fun - don't miss out!) Some tickets are currently still available and are only £5 each. Tickets will NOT be available on the night. All those who have bought tickets will be sent an email shortly advising of the arrangements / timings for the evening. The remaining tickets can be purchased after all Masses at OLSS this weekend or via email (until Monday evening) to: GreenwichParishSocials@hotmail.com

### St Ursula’s Convent School

Teacher of Science- Required January 2020  
Or sooner if available.

Also Head of Science - required Jan 2020  
to lead and further develop this highly  
successful department.

Break time Supervisors required – as soon  
as possible - Part time - Term time only +  
INSET days - Monday to Friday. See  
school website: [www.stursulas.com/vacancies](http://www.stursulas.com/vacancies)

### Among the Sick:

Please remember Jean & Bill Male.  
Jean recently fell at home and is in Lew Hsp  
John Westcott & Len Robinson

## Monica McGhee - Stand Up To Cancer



Wonderful feature in the national news this week featuring our own Monica giving it large!

Glasgow station looks dazzling.

Google or search YouTube:

“*Monica McGhee - Stand Up To Cancer*”

### Sheepfolds for Strayed Sheep – Catholic Missions in 19<sup>th</sup>C Inner London

There will be a talk by local historian and author Jean Maynard at St Monica’s Catholic Church, Hoxton N1 6NT (Old Street tube) on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30, “Catholic Missions in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Inner London” at 2:30pm. Cost £5 (payable at the door) includes tea and tour of this historic church. English Catholic History Association – [echa.org.uk](http://echa.org.uk)

### A Day of Recollection for Special Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Bishop Patrick Lynch invites all Eucharistic Ministers & Readers to the Annual Reflection at Bishop Thomas Grant School SW16 2HY The day begins at 11.00am and concludes with Mass at 3.00 (Forms in Church)

### Baptism Preparation

If you are seeking the Baptism of a Child either at OLSS or St Joseph please come to the preparation evening this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the parish basement room at OLSS. Times and dates are considered after that meeting.

### Meanwhile deep in the bowels of St Joseph’s

Two new boilers are being installed which will hopefully fire up for the first time this weekend! If you have heating and boiler problems call Simon 07379 075492. This expenditure has emptied the current account at St Joseph’s and leaves us in a difficult situation. We are grateful for special donations that have been received.

## MASS CALENDAR FOR 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019

Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 6.00pm Int: Fr Kevin St Aubyn (WB)
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 9.00 Int: Marian Saunders (W/B)
27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass St J's 10.00 Int: Ekta D'Souza (THG-BVM)
Ordinary Time		Mass OLSS 11.00 Int: John Westcott (W/B)
Welcome Fr Malcolm		<b>Coffee &amp; Cakes OLSS after 11.00am Mass Today</b>
A sincere Welcome to Jane & Colin Carter visiting from Melbourne. Their son Richard sadly died here unexpectedly preparing for the 2012 Olympics.		
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass on Monday
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: "Nona" Lavinia Jones (RiP) Mass St J's 7.00 Int: In Thanksgiving (Anon)
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: Richard Carter (RiP)
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: Warren Theo Lee & fm (WB)
<b>Mums &amp; Tots etc Welcome at the Ursuline Convent 66 Crooms Hill 10.30</b>		

Mass St J's 11.00 Int:  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> A Special Mass for Malaysian Visitors OLSS 8.00am  
Mass OLSS 9.30 Int: Jean Male (WB/GW) & Bill

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Mass OLSS 6.00pm Int: Elizabeth Roche (WB advanced illness)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Mass OLSS 9.00 Int: Parish & People

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass St J's 10.00 Int: "Reshma" (RiP)

Ordinary Time Mass OLSS 11.00 Int: Mick Murphy (RiP) 6.00pm "**Autumn Prelude**" Next Sunday

**Children's FHC** Preparation at OLSS will begin on Saturday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a parent's meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Registration forms are available and should be returned by 13<sup>th</sup>. Children should be school yr 3 or 7 years old & above. We will use a new course this year called "I want to make my home in you". The course is for children who belong to families who actively worship each week at OLSS.

A group will commence at St Joseph's from the New Year.

**An "Autumn Prelude"** Petra Hajduchova is planning another evening of music and reflection (*Harpsichord & Viola Da Gamba*) with her friend Isabel Esain Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. These events are always moments of exquisite beauty. Make a note to join us at 6.00pm on that evening.

### 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

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 evenings usually run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at OLSS 7.00pm check this newsletter

**Ursuline Cony:** 66 Crooms Hill SE10 8HG Tel: 020 8858 0779

**Dominican Cony:** 38 Hyde Vale SE108QH Tel: 020 8692 3382

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

**Franciscan Srs** 103 Pelton Road SE108QH Tel: 020 8858 1845

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

Commerell Street SE10 9AN Headteacher:

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

Crooms Hill, SE10 8HN Headteacher: Catrina Hammilton

## Autumn Prelude

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Crooms Hill, Greenwich

Sunday 13th October at 6pm



Finalist of Juventudes Musicales de Espana  
Isabel Esain - viola da gamba  
Petra Hajduchova - harpsichord

Free entry

