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| **The Roman Catholic Parish of St. John Vianney, 21 Heathfield Road, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 8NP**  **Clergy: Fr Michael Jones (Parish Priest) (**[**michaeljones@rcaos.org.uk**](mailto:michaeljones@rcaos.org.uk)**); Fr Luke Malunze (Assistant Priest) (**[**lukemalunze@rcaos.org.uk**](mailto:lukemalunze@rcaos.org.uk)**) Website: www.StJohnVianney-Bexleyheath.org T: 020 8303 1957  Email:** [**bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk**](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk)  **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) (PAGE 146)** | |
| **Sunday 20th October**  **Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time/ World Mission Sunday/Day of Prayer for the Evangelisation of the World**  08.30 Mass for Lionel Roberts RIP (Guilbert) (Fr L)  10.30 Mass for Pamela Pereira RIP (De Souza) (Fr M)  Children’s Liturgy  Refreshments after Mass  SPUC Coffee Morning in the hall  17.30 Mass for the Health of Keith Gard (Keeney) (Fr L)  ***Retiring Collection for Missio***  **Monday 21st October**  **Saint Margaret Clitherow, Martyr**  **No** Mass  **Tuesday 22nd October**  **Saint John Paul II, Pope**  **No** Mass  **Wednesday 23rd October Feria**  09.00 Mass for Francis Kelly RIP (Anniv) (Fr L)  **Thursday 24th October**  **Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**  09.00 Liturgy of the Word/Eucharistic Service  **Friday 25th October Feria**  09.00 Mass for Eremita De Souza RIP (Fr M)  Adoration until 10.00am  Confessions straight after the  Blessed Sacrament is exposed  **Saturday 26th October**  **Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops**  10.00 Mass for Health of Mum, Meia James (Fr L)  Confessions until 11.00am  **Sunday 27th October**  **Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  08.30 Mass for Christopher Antao RIP (Anniv) (Fr M)  10.30 Mass for Joseph De Souza RIP (Fr L)  **No** Children’s Liturgy (half term)  Refreshments after Mass  17.30 Mass for Deceased Family Members (James) (Fr M) | **October the month of the Rosary:** We encourage families to continue to pray the rosary at home and teach the children the meaning of the beads. |
| **Today is world Mission Sunday:** Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope’s charity for world mission, we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to “go and invite everyone to the banquet” for the joy of Christ’s Resurrection. It is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God’s compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the **Missio envelope,** call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit **mission.org.uk** to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible. |
| **NATIONAL ANNUAL MASS COUNT 2024**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Date of Mass Count | Total:   8.30    10.30    5.30pm | | 21st/22nd Sept | 245      65        125      55 | | 28th/29th Sept | 267      76        128      63 | | 5th/6th Oct | 248      67        123      58 | | 12th/13th Oct | 269      83        126      60 | | Average Mass Attendance 2024 | 257 | | Average Mass Attendance 2023 | 286 | |
| **The Annual Mass Count:** The numbers at Mass were disappointing.  The average attendance was 257 which is 30 down from last year (286).  In pre- Covid days it was 330! I have noticed that fewer people are coming regularly and fewer children too. I know that these days many have sport on Sunday morning but we have a Sunday evening Mass as well as an earlier 8.30am Mass. I think some who came here have returned to their home parishes. It is still the teaching of the Church that we have the obligation  to attend Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening where it is on offer).  We have 3 Masses for 256 people! We are a welcoming and friendly church and we do our best to celebrate Mass reverently. Fr Luke and I do not preach at great length. We offer Children’s Liturgy at 10.30am Mass. With numbers falling it is more difficult to find volunteers to help. It is your parish so please come back. Fr Michael |
| **SPUC Coffee Morning:** This Sunday, Rob Hills and his colleagues will be hosting our refreshments after 10.30 Mass. Please do go along and show your support and have some nice cake! 😊 |
| **Mass Intentions:** With Fr Luke now joining us, it is wonderful that we are able to have more Masses. If you would like to request a Mass Intention, please ensure to request it in plenty of time to avoid disappointment of the date already being booked. A donation of £10.00 per Mass is usual. |
| **Food for Manna Centre:** thank you for the donations that we received. There is still time to bring in food and clothing items. There is urgent need for sugar, tinned vegetables, pasta, rice, sauces, dilutable drinks, deodorants, disposable razors, toilet rolls, toothpaste etc. See the poster in the porch for men’s clothing items needed. The Manna Centre will collect the items on Tuesday 29th October. |
| **Catechists:** Thank you to the parishioners who have come forward to help with the First Holy Communion Programme. It would be great if we had a few more, especially to help with Children’s Liturgy too. A DBS will need to be applied for via the Diocese, but our Safeguarding Team will be in touch regarding this. Cath |
| **First Holy Communion 2025:** Please see either Fr Michael or Fr Luke to get a form. Closing date for enrolment is Sunday 1st December. |
| **Please pray** **for the sick and those in special need of your prayers**: Baby Girl James, Fr Jeff, Shirley Angerer, Josephine Treloar, Jacqueline Downey, Noreen Lambe, Steve Smith, Annie and Gerry McDonagh Snr, Gerry McDonagh Jnr and Martin McDonagh, Keith Smith, Samantha Butler, Carole, Catarina, Dean McClumpha, Mrs Chris Lynch, Ashleigh, Fr Michael, Kathy Blakemore, Kirsty, Robin Robinson, Alice, John Moore, Pauline Viegas, Deirdre Collins, Susan Dassanyake, Nuala Pawley, Helena Riley, Richard Whiteside, Sally Pain, Florrie Pereira, Fr John Ryan (former Parish Priest of Crayford), Jo O’Donnell, Matthew Butler, Nadia Sheehy, Steve Pitt, Goretti Stone, Little Buster Sprules, David Collison, Christine Edwards, Santana Fernandes, Maria Pereira, Leonie Viegas, Paul Robson, Jack Goodrich, Gloria Slaney, Andy Wansbury and Roy Miller | |
| **SAFEGUARDING AT ST JOHN VIANNEY:** Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Cath Bird (07444 060578)  and Lena Pett (07444 060577). Please see our Safeguarding Noticeboard for further information. | |
| **Hiring of Hall:** Please contact Sarah Tremain: 020 8301 2103. | |
| **Receiving electronic newsletter:** Please email [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk) | |
| **HOW TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATION:**  Offertory Basket / Card Machine in the porch.  **Payment online: Account No:** 21089620 **Sort Code:** 51-70-14 Account **Name:** RCAS Bexleyheath  Please do consider Gift Aiding your donation if you are a taxpayer. Forms are available in the porch beside the booklet rack.  Going forward, we will display figures at the end of each month advising: Basket Collection, Card Machine Collection and Standing Orders received. | |
| **St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Sheldon Road, Bexleyheath:** is holding Open Mornings for prospective parents looking for a place in September Reception 2025-2026 on the following dates: 1st October, 15th October, 12th November, 19th November, 3rd December and 14th January 2025. All open mornings commence at 9.30am. | |
| **SAVE THE DATE:** Autumn Fayre at St John Vianney, Saturday 23rd November. | |
| **Polite Reminder:** Please remember to switch your phone off or put it on silent when you’re at Mass. Thank you. | |
| **Pray the Psalms**: Archbishop John has launched a campaign encouraging people to make praying the Psalms a part of their daily lives. He said **“it is in the psalms that you will find the Lord Jesus.”** Prayer videos of the Psalms will be released across the Archdiocese’s social media channels regularly in the coming weeks and months. | |
| **School Reference Forms:** We are in the season for signing reference forms for admission to Catholic schools. Every year I am presented with forms from people I hardly know and who do not come to Mass very often but attend during this form signing. Please leave the forms with me for signing and stamping – either at Mass or through my letterbox. Please make sure you have filled in your section fully and especially, if required, how often you consider that you come to Mass. I may agree with your assessment or not. Please be honest. Fr Michael. | |
| **Children’s Liturgy:** Thank you to the couple of volunteers who have come forward to help, but we could still do with more help. If you'd like to join us please Contact Cath: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk). Thank you. | |
| **Vacancy – Parish Secretary:** St Lawrence of Canterbury Church, Sidcup is a busy, friendly parish with a large number of lay people assisting in various ministries, sacramental preparation and organisations that make up our parish family. We currently have an exciting opportunity for a Parish Secretary (Part-Time) to provide administrative support to the Parish office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures. To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to Fr Regis Rubaya on [regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk). Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. For full job description see our website [www.stlsidcup.org](http://www.stlsidcup.org/). | |
| **Foodbank Donations:** All donations for the next few weeks will be going to the Manna Centre for our Harvest Sunday. | |
| If you would like to know more about Catholic Chaplaincy volunteering at Belmarsh prison please contact Martin Stewart on 07779 768735 email [solicitor@hollssolicitor.co.uk](mailto:solicitor@hollssolicitor.co.uk) | |
| **Assisted Suicide Bill:** Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29 November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk | |
| **An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati:** Archbishop John invites young adults (18-40) to join him at St George’s Cathedral for “An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati” on Thursday 31st October at 6:30pm. The evening will include praise and worship led by One Hope Project, a talk by Archbishop John, and a social afterwards. No tickets necessary, just turn up. For further details, visit [www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve](https://rcsouthwark.us22.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ce4fc5887527e3c0a17cd0367&id=d0999900bb&e=4510e2954e). | |