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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)  **THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) (PAGE 149)** | |
| **“Did you remember to put your  clocks back last night?”**  **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)  **Monday 28th October**  **Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**  **No** Mass  **Tuesday 29th October Feria**  **No** Mass  Manna Centre collecting Harvest Sunday donations  **Wednesday 30th October Feria**  09.00 Mass for Pamela Pereira RIP (Rosy/Francis) (Fr L)  **Thursday 31st October Feria**  09.00 Liturgy of the Word/Eucharistic Service  **Friday 1st November**  **All Saints**  **Holyday of Obligation**  09.00 Mass for Steven McCreight RIP (Fr M) Adoration until 10.15am  Confessions straight after the  Blessed Sacrament is exposed  14.00 Liturgy Meeting (hall)  20.00 Canon Michael Cooley RIP (PACT) (Fr L)  **Saturday 2nd November**  **All Souls’ Day**  10.00 Mass for John Burns RIP (Fr L)  Confessions until 11.00am  **Sunday 3rd November**  **Thirty-First Sunday of the Year**  08.30 Mass for Narciso, Ann & Louise Faria RIP (Gomes) (Fr L)  10.30 Mass for Deceased Members of the Price Family (Foundation)/  Baby Jemima Rita James (Fr M)  Children’s Liturgy  Refreshments in the hall  ***Autumn Fayre Meeting in small hall after Mass***  17.30 Mass for Peter Baillie RIP (Anniv) (Fr L)  **Readers’ Rota:** The rota for November & December is available to collect in the porch. | **Rest in Peace:** Catarina Martins who died last Sunday after a long battle with cancer. Catarina and her husband Jose regularly attended 10.30 Mass and were married here last November. Our condolences go out to Jose and their daughters Beatrice and Alice. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Funeral arrangements will follow next week. |
| **Please pray for** Baby Jemima Rita James who was born last Monday at 23 weeks to Hannah and Craig and is now in NICU at Medway Maritime Hospital. Please pray that she continues to thrive and remains strong. Fr Michael |
| **This Friday is the Solemnity of All Saints** and is a **Holyday of Obligation.** Masses are 9.00am and 8.00pm. Adoration will take place immediately after 9.00am Mass until 10.15am. |
| A close-up of a red flower  Description automatically generated**Royal British Legion Poppies** are available to purchase in the porch. |
| **Church Cleaners:** Can you spare 1 hour every 3 weeks to help keep our church clean and tidy please? We are preparing for Advent and Christmas and really need more cleaners to help with the work. If you can spare the time, please contact Cath: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk) |
| **Signing documents:** Please ensure that you have enough time for your child’s form or any other document to be signed and are not turning up before Mass asking Fr Michael to sign it urgently. Fr Michael is preparing for Mass and should not be disturbed. Forms should be left in the Sacristy and will be available to collect the following Sunday. Cath |
| **Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries:** As you know we celebrate birthdays on Sundays at the 10.30am Mass. I really cannot remember whether I inherited this or started it. So much for memory! Recently I had a chat with Fr Luke and he suggested that we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries (Wedding and Ordination) once a month at all the Masses. This would mean that people would not miss the celebration if they were away that Sunday. So I suggest that on the last Sunday of the month we call up people at each Mass who have celebrated a Birthday or Anniversary in the past month. There might be quite a few. We can sing Happy Birthday or something else. We can also say a prayer and give the people a blessing. Let us know what you think and if you have further suggestions. We could start at the end of November. Fr Michael |
| **\*\*\*\*\*\* AUTUMN FAYRE – 23rd NOVEMBER 2024 \*\*\*\*\*\* Midday – 3pm**  From Sunday 3rd November you can leave any donations for this year's Autumn Fayre in the foyer of the Church. We are asking for items for the bric a brac, fancy goods and toy stalls as well as donations for the bottle stall.  We are also asking for homemade cakes for the cakes stall, which can be dropped off on the day before the Fayre. Raffle tickets for the food hamper and other prizes will be on sale at the Fayre and from Sunday 1st December they will be attached to the newsletter for you to complete at your leisure.  The raffle draw will take place on 15th December.  There will also be a meeting for those of you, who have kindly volunteered to help, in the room at the back of the hall after 10:30 Mass on 3rd November. Please read the newsletter each week for any updates re the Fayre. Thank you very much for your support. Please remember that all proceeds go to Church funds. |
| **November is the month of the Holy Souls** when we pray especially for those of our loved ones who have died. Envelopes are available in the porch for you to place inside the names of your loved ones you would like us to pray for. Please place these in the basket at the foot of the altar. There is no need to enclose any money but if you do, it will be used for Masses for the Holy Souls. If you want a Mass intention for a particular member of your family, then please use the usual Mass Intention envelopes. |
| **Mass Intentions:** Please remember to give as much notice as possible for your Mass request to avoid disappointment. |
| **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 Jemima Rita 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, 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. | |
| **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 | |
| **Bexley SPUC** would like to thank Fr Michael, Fr Luke, Cath, the tea servers (Alina, Radu, Anna and George) and the parishioners of St John Vianney for another great coffee morning. We're really grateful for the £40 we made and for the interest shown. Rob | |
| **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: 12th November, 19th November, 3rd December and 14th January 2025. All open mornings commence at 9.30am. | |
| **Polite Reminder:** Please remember to switch your phone off or put it on silent when you’re at Mass. Thank you. | |
| **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. | |
| **Blessing of the Cemeteries: St Paulinus Cemetery** Sun. 3rd Nov. @ 12:30pm; **Kemnal Park Cemetery** Sun. 3rd Nov. @ 2:00pm; **Hillview Cemetery** Sat. 9th Nov. @ 12noon to 3:00pm; **Sidcup Cemetery** Sun. 10th November @1pm; **Watling St Cemetery** (Dartford) Sun. 10th Nov. @ 1:30pm; **Bexleyheath Cemetery** Sun. 10th Nov. @ 2:30pm; **Brook Street Cemetery** Sun. 10th Nov. @ 3.00pm | |
| **Food Bank Items:** We are now resuming to collect donations for our local foodbanks, Trinity Baptist Church and MIND Devonshire Road. | |
| **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/). | |
| **Catholic Chaplaincy:** 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). | |
| **Parish Pastoral Council:** Our next meeting will be on Monday 4th November at 7.00pm in the hall. This is your opportunity to raise any questions, concerns or suggestions.. Please either email Cath: [caththebird@gmail.com](mailto:caththebird@gmail.com) or put a note in our PPC box in the porch. | |