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<p>Sunday 3rd November <u>Thirty-First Sunday of the Year</u> 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 17.30 Mass for Peter Baillie RIP (Anniv) (Fr L)</p> <p>Monday 4th November <u>Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</u> No Mass 19.00 PPC Meeting (hall)</p> <p>Tuesday 5th November Feria No Mass 19.00 Bereavement Group (small hall)</p> <p>Wednesday 6th November Feria 09.00 Mass for Conceicao Antao RIP (Antao) (Fr L)</p> <p>Thursday 7th November <u>Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George</u> 09.00 Liturgy of the Word/Eucharistic Service</p> <p>Friday 8th November <u>Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</u> 09.00 Mass for John Burns RIP (Fr M) Adoration until 10.00am Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is exposed</p> <p>Saturday 9th November <u>Feast of the Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</u> 10.00 Mass for Deceased Family Members (Da Costa) (Fr L) Confessions until 11.00am</p> <p>Sunday 10th November <u>Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year</u> <u>Remembrance Sunday</u> 08.30 Mass for John Edwards RIP (Foundation) (Fr M) 10.30 Requiem Mass for those who died in the two world wars and in subsequent wars / Mass for Stephen Stewart RIP (Atmore) (Fr L) Children's Liturgy Refreshments in the hall 14.30 Blessing of graves at Bexleyheath Cemetery (Fr M) 17.30 Mass for Gaspar Viegas RIP (Fr M)</p> <p>Retiring Collection for the Archbishop's Appeal (Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS</u></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and there will be a Requiem Mass at 10.30 with the usual service of poems and two-minutes silence. Royal British Legion Poppies are available to purchase in the porch.</p> <p>Archbishop's Appeal, Retiring Collection Next Sunday: The Archbishop's Appeal funds three key mission areas: Youth and Evangelization, Our Faith in Action, and Clergy Care and Formation. (gift aid envelopes will be on the pews for you)</p> <p>Funeral of Catarina Martins: Catarina's funeral will take place here on Tuesday 19th November. Her body will be received into the church at 10.30am with viewing until 11.30am, whereupon her Requiem Mass will commence, followed by Eltham Crematorium at 1.00pm. Refreshments will follow in our hall. Parking will be available in Heathfield Road from 09.45am until 12.30pm (on single yellow lines only)</p> <p>Bereavement Group: Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th November at 7.00pm in the small hall. We look forward to seeing you there. Mary & Maura</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***** AUTUMN FAYRE – 23rd NOVEMBER 2024 ***** <u>Midday – 3pm</u></p> <p>You can now leave your donations for this year's Autumn Fayre in the church porch. We are asking for donations for the following stalls - Bric a Brac, Fancy Goods, Toys and Bottle stall. We will be accepting your home-made cakes for the cake stall nearer the date.</p> <p>There will be a meeting in the room at the back of the Hall after 10:30 Mass today should any of you wish to attend.</p> <p>In the meantime, many thanks for your donations, offers of help and please remember to read each week's newsletter for further information with regards to the Fayre. Many thanks.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Signing documents: Please ensure that you have enough time for your child's form 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</p> <p>First Holy Communion 2025: Please see either Fr Michael or Fr Luke to get a form. Closing date for enrolment is Sunday 1st December.</p> <p>Blessing of the Cemeteries: 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</p> <p>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</p>
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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, 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

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.

Readers' Rota: The rota for November & December is available to collect 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

Manna Centre Donations: A huge thank you to everyone who donated food items and clothing for our Harvest Sunday. They were delighted with our offerings when they collected everything last Tuesday.

Food Bank Items: We shall now resume collecting items for our local food banks, Trinity Baptist Church and Devonshire Road.

Job Vacancies at St Catherine's Catholic School: St Catherine's is looking to appoint a SENDCo member of staff and also a Learning Support Assistant. Please see job descriptions on noticeboard in the porch.

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.

Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person: Archbishop John is inviting all parishioners to gather in their homes for a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of the dignity of the human person and culture of life in England and Wales. This comes in response to the assisted suicide legislation currently before the UK Parliament. The Holy Hour will commence at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13th November, uniting us with the Bishops in a powerful moment of prayer, that the intrinsic dignity of every person be respected.

If you or someone you know is pregnant and looking for an empowering antenatal class, parishioner Stephanie Braganza holds local hypnobirthing classes. Hypnobirthing focuses on relaxation during pregnancy, labour and birth but classes focus on all aspects of labour and birth with the aim of making mum and her birth partner feel empowered and excited. All classes have pay-what-you-can slots available, no questions asked. The next classes are on the 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th of November, 10.30-12.30pm at the Danson Children's Centre, Bexleyheath. Find out more at littlegreenleaf.co.uk or by emailing info@littlegreenleaf.co.uk.

Missio Red Box Holders: Thank you for all those who returned your Red boxes. We collected an amazing sum of £209.02! Your boxes have been updated with your name and amount donated. These are ready to collect from the table in the porch at the back of the church.

If you would like to become a Red Box holder, please let me know. Please consider Gift Aid for your donations. If you are a gift aid holder and wish to cancel please let me know. If you prefer to donate directly to Missio by cheque or bank transfer, please see <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>.

Your gifts ensure that together we can help local missionaries overseas, train future Priests and Sisters, and give hope to the world's poorest children. Thank you for your help and generosity as always. Abby

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. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. For full job description see our website www.stlsidcup.org.

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