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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) (PAGE 154)

Sunday 10th November
Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year
Remembrance Sunday
 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 L)
 17.30 Mass for Gaspar Viegas RIP (Fr M)

Retiring Collection for the Archbishop's Appeal (Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church)

Monday 11th November
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
No Mass

Tuesday 12th November
Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
No Mass
 09.30 Open Morning at St Thomas More Primary School (Sheldon Rd)

Wednesday 13th November
Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Religious
 09.00 Mass for Antao Family Intentions (Fr L)
 17.30 Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person (at home)

Thursday 14th November **Feria**
 09.00 Liturgy of the Word/Eucharistic Service

Friday 15th November
Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 09.00 Mass for Christopher Joyce RIP (Foundation) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is exposed

Saturday 16th November
Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
 10.00 Mass for the Speedy Recovery of Shirley Angerer (Hensman) (Fr M)
 Confessions until 11.00am

Sunday 17th November
Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year
 08.30 Mass for Deceased Family Members (Antao) (Fr L)
 10.30 Mass for Private Intentions (Hensman) (Fr M)
 Children's Liturgy
 17.30 Mass for Leonie Veigas (Fr L)

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



Today is Remembrance Sunday and our Requiem Mass at 10.30am with the usual service of poems and two-minutes silence. **Royal British Legion Poppies** are available to purchase in the porch.

Today we have a retiring collection for the ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL:
 The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2024. Every gift is welcome. For info, or to donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal: Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
 Telephone weekdays 9am – 5pm: 020 7960 2504. Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes on the pews. Thank you for your generosity



Fr Michael writes: This Sunday 10th November I will be speaking at 8.30am and 5.30pm Masses about The New Lectionary. I might repeat this the following Sunday at 10.30am. On the First Sunday of Advent we will listen to a new translation of the Lectionary. Lectionary means the book of readings we use at Mass. Instead of the three volumes now there are four: the first is Sundays, Seasons and Feasts; the second and third contain the weekday readings. There are more of these now as we have new saints and new feasts added since the 1960's when the old Lectionary was produced. The fourth volume contains readings for the sacraments, funerals and votive Masses. The old translation which served us well was from the Jerusalem Bible. Now we will have the ESV (English Standard Version - Catholic edition). The readings have not changed but the translation has. No translation is perfect. The ESV is the fruit of sixty years of biblical scholarship. It is more accurate and with greater clarity. You may not notice much change but our readers will need to prepare the readings carefully as the emphasis and flow may be different. Readers should always prepare. We are expecting the new Parish Mass Books to arrive shortly (they may have come by the time you read this). It would be a good idea if our readers borrow a copy to take home so they can practice. Cath is kindly typing out gospels for me to use since I cannot read the text in the lectionary very easily. Obviously the books (Lectern edition and study edition) are expensive as too are the Parish Mass books so any donations would be gratefully received. There are some Youtube videos which you might find helpful.
 • Bishop Hugh Gilbert (Aberdeen) on "Introducing the English Standard Version" – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VmjpVoxkWG>
 • Fr Paul Denney on "The New Lectionary" – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjCcYGDC5Mk>
 • Fr Adrian Porter SJ on "Proclaim the Word in the Liturgy" – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shuALIEpUGk>

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.

First Holy Communion 2025: Please remember the deadline is 1st December. See Fr Michael or Fr Luke for a registration form.

Donation Figures for October 2024

Date	Basket	Gift Aid	Loose	S/Orders	Card	Total
6.10.24	617.15	173.00	444.15			
13.10.24	478.18	146.00	332.18			
20.10.24	561.20	165.40	395.80			
27.10.24	596.48	194.00	402.48			
	2253.01	678.40	2931.41	1780.67	263.00	5653.48

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Alan and Rene Fisher, 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

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: Apologies, there is a revised rota, new copies of which are in the porch. All readers have been emailed.

Card Machine: Apologies for the card machine being out of action last week. We now have a SIMs contract which will avoid this happening again. Happy donating! Cath

Mass for Deceased Clergy in our Deanery: will be on Tuesday 26th November at 12.00noon at Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen.

Baptism Buddies: Fr Michael has Baptisms taking place on 7th and 14th December at 12.30pm. Is anyone free to be a Baptism Buddy again? If so, please speak to Fr Michael or Fr Luke or email the parish office bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you in advance.

Repository: We have Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Cribs, Decorations and many more items on sale in our Repository. We take cash or payment can be made via the card machine under "Repository". It is usually open at 8.30am and 10.30am Mass. There will also be a stall at the Autumn Fayre.

CAFOD Christmas Gifts: If you're struggling to buy someone a Christmas gift, how about donating something to CAFOD? Their Christmas Catalogue is available in the porch. Please take a copy.

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

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.

******* AUTUMN FAYRE – 23rd NOVEMBER 2024 ***** Midday – 3pm**

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. 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.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S 'BAKE-OFF' CAKE COMPETITION!

For all you budding bakers out there, it's time to get your aprons on as we're having a cake competition at this year's Autumn Fayre on Saturday 23rd November. There is no age restriction, (it's just for fun!).

- To enter the competition we would like you to submit a flavoured sponge cake or a light fruit cake. These will then be judged by Father Luke on presentation, texture and taste.
- Please attach a list of all the ingredients that you have used and label the cake with your name (and contact number if you are not staying for the results).
- There will be a prize for first place and the runner up. The successful winner will be announced at 2:30pm during the Fayre.

For those of you who do not wish to enter the competition, we would still be very grateful for donations for the cake stall. Cakes must be delivered to the Hall on Friday 22nd November from midday until 4pm or from 10:30am. The deadline for the competition is 11:30am, Saturday morning of the Fayre. Many thanks to those who have donated items already.

Rest in Peace: Muriel de Souza of St Thomas More Parish Bostall Park who died in the week at the age of 91. Muriel was involved for many years in organising the Bexley Deanery Retreats to Aylesford, along with her husband Alex. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.