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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME/WORLD DAY OF THE POOR (B) (PAGE 157)

Sunday 17th November
**Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year/
World Day of The Poor**
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)

Monday 18th November **Feria**
No Mass
10.00 STM Pupils Rehearsal

Tuesday 19th November **Feria**
09.30 Open Morning at St Thomas More Primary School (Sheldon Rd)
10.30 Reception of Catarina Martins' body into the church
11.30 Funeral Mass for Catarina followed by Cremation at Eltham at 1pm followed by Refreshments in St John Vianney's Church Hall (please note: parking on the single yellow lines in Heathfield Road is permitted from 9.45am until 12.30pm)

Wednesday 20th November **Feria**
09.00 Mass for Kay Hanrahan RIP (Anniv) (Parnell) (Fr L)

Thursday 21st November
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09.00 Liturgy of the Word/Eucharistic Service
10.00 STM Pupils Rehearsal

Friday 22nd November
Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Musicians
09.00 Mass for Ernest Mattos RIP (Viegas) (Fr M) Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is exposed

Saturday 23rd November
Saint Columban, Abbot
10.00 Mass for John Gomes RIP (De Souza) (Fr L) Confessions until 11.00am
12.00 – 3.00pm Autumn Fayre (Church Hall)

Sunday 24th November
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe/National Youth Sunday
(This the last Sunday of the Church's Year)
08.30 Mass for O'Connor Family (RIP) (Parnell) (Fr M)
10.30 Mass for George De Silva RIP (Fr L) Children's Liturgy
17.30 Mass for Pauline Viegas (Fr M)

Retiring Collection for Catholic Youth Services
Today we will celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries at every Mass.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Next Sunday there is a retiring collection for National Youth Sunday. This supports youth work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

Fr Michael writes: Today I will be speaking at 10.30am Masses about the New Lectionary. 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. The new Parish Mass Books have arrived. It would be a good idea 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.

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 a Baptism taking place on 14th December at **1.00pm**. Thank you for the parishioner who offered to help on 7th December. If so, please speak to Fr Michael or Fr Luke or email the parish office bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you in advance.

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

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

Repository: We have Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Cribbs, 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.

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

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.

Polite Reminder: Please remember to switch your phone off or put it on silent when you're at Mass. Thank you.

Stand Against Domestic Abuse: Zoom Meeting, Monday 18th November: Catholic parishes are among the best placed to identify and support individuals who may be victims of domestic abuse. Parish priests, deacons, secretaries and safeguarding teams are at the frontlines of community and as such it is important that they are all equipped to spot the signs, know what support is available and to effectively signpost individuals. We encourage you to attend our webinar to learn more and respond to the Pope's call to action, to help those stuck in an abusive and dangerous situation to escape and seek the support they need.

This summer, the National Police Chiefs' Council published their findings, estimating that 2 million women are victims of violence perpetrated by men each year across the UK.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, together with **Safe in Faith**, hosts the **Domestic Abuse Alliance**, and we invite you to join us online to discuss this national emergency and launch our call-to-action across the Catholic community in response to the Pope's call to 'act immediately, at all levels'. Kindly share the invite with your parishioners and help us to raise awareness across the Catholic community. You can view the agenda below for details and register for the webinar at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkdegtriguGtQo6idxRsMow3EuDE4jI72m#/registration>

A Day with Mary is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 14th December (10.15am to 5.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark Diocese, John Wilson. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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: 19th November, 3rd December and 14th January 2025. All open mornings commence at 9.30am.

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.

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.

Assisted Suicide: A bill has been introduced to Parliament by Kim Leadbeater MP to legalise assisted suicide. This will be voted on by MPs on 29th 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 to vote against the bill. Please urgently contact your MP and ask him/her to vote against the bill. You can contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk or write to him/her at: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

We also received on Thursday, petition cards from Lord Alton of Liverpool, asking parishioners to vote against this bill. Petition cards are in the porch.

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**

Thank you to everyone who has donated some amazing items for our Fayre..., please do keep them coming, the more the better! As you are aware, the Fayre is fast approaching. There will be lots of goodies on sale at fantastic prices, but please remember that **this is a cash only event**.

Come and grab yourself a bargain, have a fab lunch, and meet fellow parishioners – and all under one roof! If you cannot come to support us on the day, perhaps you could help us set up the stalls on Friday 22nd? We will be in the Hall between 12pm-4pm. Even if it is just an hour it would be a huge help and it's fun! Or perhaps for an hour after the Fayre has finished on the Saturday? We will be taking last minute donations on the Friday, including any cakes for the cake stall if you are unable to deliver them on Saturday. Any support you can give helps build our Parish community. We look forward to seeing you.

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.