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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/PEACE SUNDAY (YEAR C) (PAGE 127)**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Peace Sunday/  
White Flower Sunday**

- 08.30 Mass for Patrick, Sheila and Alan Ward RIP (Turner) (Fr M)  
10.00 First Communion Session  
10.30 Mass for Breeda & Davey O'Neill RIP (Fr L)  
Children's Liturgy  
Refreshments in hall  
17.30 Mass in Thanksgiving (Coroi) (Fr M)

***Retiring Collection for the Society for the Protection of unborn Children (SPUC)***

There is a Pastoral Letter today

- 18.00 Church Unity Service at Trinity Baptist Church

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

**Saint Sebastian**

**No** Mass

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

**St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

- 09.00 Mr J Trenaman RIP (Fr L)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** **Feria**

- 09.00 Mass for Ron & Kate Mannouch RIP (Fr L)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** **Feria**

- 09.00 Mass for Noreen Lambe RIP (Paul) (Fr L)  
16.00 Reception of Noreen Lambe RIP

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

- 10.00 Funeral Mass for Noreen Lambe RIP followed by cremation at Eltham at 11.45am. Parking available in Heathfield Road on **single yellow lines only** between 9.30 – 11.30am

**No** Adoration

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle**

- 10.00 Mass for Fr Michael (Cardim) (Fr L)  
Confessions until 11.00am

End of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/  
Sunday of the Word of God**

- 08.30 Mass in Honour and Thanksgiving of Our Lady of Lourdes (Guilbert) (Fr L)  
10.00 First Communion Session  
10.30 Mass for James Oliver McKernan RIP (Aindow) (Fr M)  
Children's Liturgy/Refreshments  
17.30 Mass for Sylvia Pereira RIP (Fr L)  
Bethlehem Nativity Group will be here (Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops) will be here after every Mass in the hall

***Readers are invited to renew their commitment at each Mass***

***Today we celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries at every Mass.***

**Today we have the White Flower Appeal 2025:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC). SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

**Sunday Today is also Peace Sunday:** The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, Pax Christi work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice". **Envelopes are available in the porch for your donations.**

**Rest in Peace:** Sheila Farmer, the mother of Janet Smith, who sadly died during the week. Janet is a member of our choir as well as Gift Aid Organiser. Our sympathy to her and all her family on their loss. May she rest in Peace and rise in glory.

**Called to Bear Fruit:** Today we will listen to a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John on the subject of 'Called to Bear Fruit'. Do listen carefully. There will be some copies available to take home. This process was begun a couple of years ago and priests have been consulted about what is happening in the parish. Archbishop John wants to involve you, the lay people, of our Archdiocese. We all want our parishes to be places where faith and witness grow. This Sunday we are giving out a booklet: Called to Bear Fruit. Please take one per family from those giving it out at Mass. Please take it home and read it!! You are invited to join small discussion groups in the parish that you can form yourselves (4-7 people). You can meet at home or in the church or hall (when available). There are six or seven areas to discuss and results can be sent on. The booklet explains the agenda for each meeting. I know this is new to our parish as we do not have regular discussion groups in our parish. So for now read the booklet and decide whether you would like to be part of the Big Discussion. I hope some of you will, because many of you have great gifts which we need to hear about. If you would like to join a group and if you feel able to lead a group, please email Cath: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk).

**Tonight** at 6.00pm there is the Church Unity Service at Trinity Baptist Church. All are welcome to attend.

**The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG, A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land,** will be visiting us next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January and talking about the Holy Land and selling religious items made out of Olive Wood after each Mass. This helps to support the poor Christian Families. Any help you can give to them will be greatly appreciated. They will be in the hall after each Mass.

**Fr Michael needs a Baptism Buddy** for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 12.30pm. If you can help, please speak to either Fr Michael or Fr Luke or email the office: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk) Thank you in advance.

**Archbishop John Wilson** has written a new book entitled **The Romero Rosary**. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the **NEW Romero Mysteries** (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) – all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at [www.paulineuk.org](http://www.paulineuk.org). The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on **Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm** at **Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.**

**Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers:** Claire Wansbury, Mary McGinty, Alan and Rene Fisher, Baby Jemima Rita James, Fr Jeff, Shirley Angerer, Josephine Treloar, Jacqueline Downey, 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.

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**HOW TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATION:** Donations for the Offertory Collection can be made in the usual way via the basket. Alternatively, you can donate via BACs to our bank account (details below). Payments can be made for Masses this way too. You can also make payments via our card machine, located in the porch. You can also pay for Repository items, Second Collections and Candles via this method too.

Please remember to Gift Aid if you are tax payer. Forms are situated in the porch on the lefthand side as you enter.

**Payment online: Account No:** 21089620 **Sort Code:** 51-70-14 **Account Name:** RCAS Bexleyheath

**GIFT AID:** If you are a tax payer, please consider gift aiding your donation. It's a simple process and means that we can obtain an additional donation of 25p per £1 from the tax man.

From the figures recently printed you can see that a small proportion of our donations are gift aided. All information is confidential between yourself and our Gift Aid Co-ordinator Janet Smith. If you have any questions, please email her on:

[bexleyheathgac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheathgac@rcaos.org.uk). Thank you.

**Re-Gifting:** This Christmas did you receive a gift that you don't feel you need, or which just not quite for you?

We're encouraging anyone with gifts that can't be returned, doesn't fit or quite hit the mark or maybe you've received a duplicate, to please consider donate to the Parish. We would really love them to help us raise funds for our Church and towards one of the many charities that we support. We have box in the porch marked "Re-Gifting Donations".

So please, rather than let them gather dust at the back of a cupboard, let us put them to good use on your behalf.

With much thanks, the Social Committee.

**Children's Liturgy:** Our classes are held at 10.30 Mass. Our classes are held every Sunday for children under the age of 7, or for those who haven't made their First Holy Communion yet.

We teach the children how to make the sign of the cross and pray and read simple scripture readings to them. An activity is usually carried out too, if we have time. If you feel you would like to assist with this, please let one of our catechists know (the ladies who take the children out) or email Cath: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk). A DBS form will need to be completed and passed prior to helping. Thank you in advance. Cath

**Crib Offerings:** We only have a couple more weeks of our Crib being on display and a chance for you to donate to the Catholic Children's Society. As mentioned previously, this charity helps local families in crisis who are struggling to put food on the table, keep warm and provide a safe home for their children. Every penny donated will be given to them. Gift Aid envelopes are available by the Crib. Alternatively, you can pay via the CCS website: [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib)

**A FULFILLING AND ENJOYABLE DAY:** This is guaranteed for all married couples who attend a day hosted by the Marriage and Family Life Team called 'Building a Better Marriage'. To celebrate this Jubilee year of 2025, a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be on 25<sup>th</sup> January at St Stephen Church, Welling. These are very popular and fill up quickly so please, without delay, book your place on such a wonderful opportunity and explore more how blessed you are in your marriage. Not to mention how blessed the Church is with your dedicated love to one another. To join one of these day's please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

**Food Bank Items:** It would greatly be appreciated if you could donate any food items to support our local food banks at Trinity Place and Devonshire Road. Usual items are needed, tinned meat & fish, pasta and pasta sauces, long life milk, rice, etc. If you can spare some nice treats too, that would be amazing. Please leave items in food bank box in porch. Thank you.

**Men's Spiritual Exercises, 31 March – 5 April 2025:** A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men and of engaging them through a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

**Message from Cath on Bexley Winter Shelter:** As mentioned a few weeks ago, I'm looking for donations of warm men's clothing, coats, joggers, jumpers, hoodies etc. including new boxer shorts, sizes S/M and M/L. In addition to this, the usual toiletries: men's/ladies deodorant, small tins of Vaseline, toothbrushes/toothpaste. We do occasionally have women homeless, so sanitary items would be great too. Please contact me if you have any questions you'd like to ask. Cath 07989 15611 or [caththebird@gmail.com](mailto:caththebird@gmail.com)  
Donation box is **Bexley Winter Shelter Donations** (in the porch). With grateful thanks as always. Cath.

**Mass Intentions:** Please remember if you wish to have a Mass said, that you allow enough time before the date required. Recently we've had Mass requests that are giving us a week's notice, and although I try and accommodate, it's not always possible and I don't want to disappoint parishioners. I'm aware that with a bereavement, this can be unexpected, and it's important that Masses are said, so we do try to say these as soon as possible. Don't forget you can request for Masses via the parish email [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk) and pay for them via BACs. Just record that it is a Mass intention when making the payment. Many thanks. Cath