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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) (PAGE 135)**

**Sunday 9th February**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

08.30 Mass for Noreen Lambe RIP (Inglis) (Fr L)  
 10.00 First Communion Session  
 10.30 Mass for Noreen Lambe RIP (Bird) (Fr M)  
 Children's Liturgy  
 Refreshments in hall after Mass  
 17.30 Mass for Private Intentions (Jobin) (Fr L)

**Monday 10th February**

**Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

**No** Mass

**Tuesday 11th February**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**World day for the Sick**

09.00 Mass for Joseph De Souza RIP (Fr L)  
 19.00 "Called to Bear Fruit" meeting in hall

**Wednesday 12th February**

**Feria**

09.00 Mass for Josefina Antao RIP (Fr L)

**Thursday 13th February**

**Feria**

09.00 Mass for Mick Keates RIP (Anniv) (Pereira) (Fr L)

**Friday 14th February**

**Saints Cyril, Monk and Meodius (Patrons of Europe)**  
**Saint Valentine, Priest & Martyr**

09.00 Mass in Thanksgiving to St Josephine Bakhita (Cardim) (Fr M)  
 Adoration until 10.00am  
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is exposed  
***Wishing our Parishioners a Happy St Valentine's Day***

**Saturday 15th February**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00 Mass Gerry & Noreen Lambe (Collins) (Fr L)  
 Confessions until 11.00am  
 12.30 Baptisms of Darcie Catherine Daws and Tiaraluwa Leylani Shittu (Fr L)

**Sunday 16th February**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Racial Justice Day**

08.30 Mass for Barnabus John RIP (Kennedy) (Fr M)  
 Half Term - **No** First Communion session or Children's Liturgy  
 10.30 Mass for Catarina Martins RIP (Bird) (Fr L)  
 Refreshments in hall after Mass  
 17.30 Mass for John Pacheco RIP (Anniv) (Pererira) (Fr M)

I am disappointed that no-one has come forward to show any interest in the "Called to Bear Fruit" or to offer to be a leader or anything. Maybe we will get a surprise on Tuesday! If not, I will have to tell the Archbishop that parishioners at St John Vianney are not interested in the future of the parish or diocese. Fr Michael.

**"Called to Bear Fruit":** We are asking parishioners to come together, be it in your homes, maybe over a coffee or even in our hall, to share the knowledge that you have of our parish. How do you feel we are growing in a community? Do we offer all the services you would like to see? The questions are set out in the booklet, we just need your involvement now as the laity. This is your parish, what direction would you like to see it go in? Meeting in our hall this Tuesday at 7.00pm with refreshments. If you require a lift, please contact us or email: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk)

**Help to open the Repository:** We are fortunate to have a shop at St John Vianney where we sell various religious items including Missals, Rosaries, many cards, religious books for children, candles, First Communion and Confirmation gifts too. However, we need people to open the shop at 8.30am and 10.30am Mass on Sundays please. It's very straightforward and gives us a little income. Please speak to either Fr Michael, Fr Luke or Cath or email: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk) if you can help. Thank you in advance.



**Thrifty Threads – Second Look Styles**  
**A social evening for all the ladies**

We are looking for donations of good quality ladies' clothes to recycle and re-sale. There will be a separate collection box in the porch from next weekend. We will be hosting another evening on Saturday 22nd February at 7pm in the Church Hall and invite all the ladies to join us for a lovely social evening, a chance to browse in a relaxed atmosphere, and the opportunity to grab a few bargains. All monies raised goes to charity. On this occasion, we would like to raise money for Age Exchange. Age Exchange, with Community Integrated Care, has a unique mission to bring arts, culture and creative expression into the lives of thousands of people who draw upon social care, live with dementia and face isolation.



**Retiring Collections in February:**

Sick and Retired Clergy on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Offertory Collections for January 2025**

Date	Basket	Gift Aid	Loose	S/Orders	Card	Total
5.1.25	597.99	162.50	435.49			
12.1.25	568.95	157.00	411.95			
19.1.25	545.03	183.31	361.72			
26.1.25	491.47	145.00	346.47	1979.67	187.30	<b>4370.41</b>

**Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers:** Stelian, 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.

**Hiring of Hall:** Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk)

**Receiving electronic newsletter:** Please email [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk)

**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.

**Daniel Francis MP** is producing an e-newsletter at the end of each month which will share details of upcoming events from local churches, schools, community centres, football clubs, places of worship, organisations, businesses, community groups and other. To sign up to receive this, please go to [www.danielfrancis.uk](http://www.danielfrancis.uk) and complete a form. Alternatively, there is a QR code on the poster in our porch.

**Southwark Catholic Youth Service** are offering retreats and events in February and March. This is aimed at 13 - 17-year olds. Do have a look on their website for more information and to get involved. [www.southwarkcatholicyouthservice](http://www.southwarkcatholicyouthservice) or email: [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@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, rice, 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.

**Refreshments are held every Sunday after 10.30 Mass in the hall.** It's lovely to see more and more parishioners coming together over a cup of tea or coffee, or for the children squash and many biscuits! We are appealing to those who do attend, to make sure they give a donation when they buy their cuppa. All donations go to charity. Some parishes when they have refreshments, actually stipulate the costs of purchasing items, but we don't want to do that at St John Vianney. All we ask is that you make a reasonable donation. If you would like to assist with refreshments on a Sunday, please email me at the office: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk). Many thanks. Cath

**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.**

**Building a Better Marriage (BAM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope:** To celebrate Jubilee 2025 one day Building a Better Marriage events will be held during 2025. The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. The day will be open to other deaneries in 2026 who have not experienced the event. To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: [mflknt@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflknt@rcaos.org.uk): 15<sup>th</sup> March – Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen; 12<sup>th</sup> April – St Mary Church, Croydon West; 28<sup>th</sup> June – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames; 5<sup>th</sup> July – St Thomas More, Dulwich; 13<sup>th</sup> September – Southwark Cathedral, London; 4<sup>th</sup> October – Holy Cross, Catford; 1<sup>st</sup> November – St James the Great, Petts Wood.

**Readers' Rota:** Copies of the rota for March-April are in the porch.

**Cleaners' Rota:** Copies of this year's rota are available in the porch.

**Pilgrimage in the Deanery:** As it is a Jubilee Year, "The Year of Hope", our Deanery are organising a Pilgrimage. St John Vianney Church has been chosen as the venue to host this Pilgrimage, whereby clergy and parishioners from each church in the Deanery, will walk to us and meet in our church for a service. This will then be followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. The date chosen is **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. Help will be required for the event, so please email Cath if you would like to offer your services [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk). More details will follow, but please do make a note of this date. Thank you.

**Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 06th April 2025.** £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). (SEE POSTER FOR MORE INFORMATION)

**A Day with Mary** is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1 March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/> (SEE POSTER FOR MORE INFORMATION)

**"Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice"**. A special celebration will be led by Archbishop John Wilson, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am at St George's Cathedral. To mark this occasion in a spirit of unity and cultural diversity, he is encouraging attendees to wear traditional attire and, where possible, bring a flag representing their country of origin. This will be a beautiful expression of the universal nature of our Church and our shared commitment to justice and inclusion. Please contact St George's if you are planning to attend. (SEE POSTER FOR MORE INFORMATION)