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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) (PAGE 141)

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass for Sean McCann RIP (Burke) (Fr L)
- 10.00 First Communion Session
- 10.30 Mass for Mark White RIP (Keates) (Fr M)  
Children's Liturgy
- 17.30 Mass for Terrine John RIP (Kennedy) (Fr L)

***Retiring collection for the Clergy Support Fund***

***Today we celebrate Birthdays, Anniversaries  
and any Celebrations at every Mass***

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** **Feria**  
**No** Mass

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
Saint Ethelbert, King  
 09.00 Mass for Owen McGailey (RIP) (Burke) (Fr L)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** **Feria**  
 09.00 Mass for Linda Wilson RIP (Burke) (Fr L)

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** **Feria**  
 09.00 Mass for Private Intentions (Seema & Jobin)  
 (Fr L)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** **Feria**  
 09.00 Mass for Eileen Ryall RIP (Carter) (Fr M)  
 Adoration until 10.00am  
 Confessions straight after the Blessed  
 Sacrament is exposed

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
Feast of Saint David, Patron of Wales  
 09.45 Day with Mary at Westminster Cathedral  
 10.00 Mass for Josiah Barnett RIP (Antao) (Fr L)  
 Confessions until 11.00am  
 12.30 Baptism of Elyna Hope Yimga Woppiwo &  
 Yona Simda Woppiwo

***Wishing all our Welsh Parishioners a Happy  
St David's Day***

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Day for the Unemployed  
 08.30 Mass for Thomas & Delia O'Connor RIP  
 (Parnell) (Fr M)  
 10.00 First Communion Session  
 10.30 Mass for David Smith RIP (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv) (Fr L)  
 Children's Liturgy  
 Refreshments in hall  
 17.30 Mass for Kuba RIP (Coroi) (Fr M)

**Today there is a retiring collection Clergy Support**

**Fund Second:** The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan QR code.



You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

**The Season of Lent** begins with Ash Wednesday on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Masses that day will be at 10am and 7pm. It is not a holyday of obligation but a great opportunity to start Lent in the right way. It is also a Day of fasting and abstinence. During Lent we celebrate The Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays at 8pm. The liturgical colour changes to purple. It is a season of penitence where we do not sing the Alleluia or the Gloria (except on Feast Days).

**Rest in Peace:** Gina Petrozzi of Frances Avenue, whose funeral was last week. Also, Linda Wilson of Albion Road, whose funeral service will take place at St John Vianney on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am followed by committal at 12.30pm at Eltham Crematorium. Our sympathies go out to their families. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Congratulations** to Darcie Catherine Daws and Tiaraoluwa Leylani Shittu who were baptised last weekend.

**Can you spare some time please? Welcomers:** We need welcomers at 8.30, 10.30am and 5.30pm Mass on Sundays. This involves arriving early to handout missals and hymn books to parishioners. Organising people to take the collection (usually 4 is required) and bring up the Offertory gifts. After Mass, one person to put Offertory money into the safe whilst others retrieve books as parishioners leave. Turn out lights and lock church.

**Repository:** Our shop is usually open at 8.30am and 10.30am Mass on Sundays. We need help in opening the shop before Mass (usually 20 minutes beforehand) and manning the shop after Mass as parishioners leave. All items are priced.

With Lent around the corner, now is the time to consider offering some support. If you feel you can help with either of these roles, please let us know as soon as possible, either by speaking to Fr Michael, Fr Luke or myself, or emailing [bexlevheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexlevheath@rcaos.org.uk). With grateful thanks, Cath.

**Registering at St John Vianney:** If you have started coming to St John Vianney over the past year or so, we really need you to complete a census form so that we have your contact details and members in your family. It also gives us an idea of the area we are covering. Forms are available in the porch for you to complete and return to either Fr Michael or Fr Luke, or just put in the Offertory as it comes round. It will be given to the office. Many thanks. Cath

**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.

<p><b><u>"A Day of Reflection with David Wells" – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am – 3.00pm at St Stephen's Church, Welling:</u></b> Our Communion prayer reminds us to wait in joyful Hope. What is hope, what difference does it make and why are we called by Pope Francis to be <i>Pilgrims of Hope</i>? Refreshments available from 9.45am. Please bring a packed lunch</p>
<p><b><u>Hiring of Hall:</u></b> Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email: <a href="mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk">bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b><u>Receiving electronic newsletter:</u></b> Please email <a href="mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk">bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b><u>HOW TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATION:</u></b> 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.</p> <p>Please remember to Gift Aid if you are tax payer. Forms are situated in the porch on the lefthand side as you enter.</p> <p><b>Payment online: Account No:</b> 21089620 <b>Sort Code:</b> 51-70-14 <b>Account Name:</b> RCAS Bexleyheath</p> <p><b><u>GIFT AID:</u></b> 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.</p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:bexleyheathgac@rcaos.org.uk">bexleyheathgac@rcaos.org.uk</a>. Thank you.</p>
<p><b><u>Food Bank Items:</u></b> 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 &amp; 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.</p>
<p><b><u>Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock &amp; Co Mayo, 06th April 2025.</u></b> £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com">knockpilgrimages@gmail.com</a>. (SEE POSTER FOR MORE INFORMATION)</p>
<p><b><u>Marriage Help:</u></b> <i>Retrouvaille</i> is a program dedicated to healing and renewing marriages which offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. If your marriage needs a fresh start, please reach out to us. Help is available. If you and your spouse are committed to making your marriage work and are prepared to give it your best effort, we invite you to give this programme a try. Places available for end of February &amp; beginning of March. Go to <a href="http://www.Retrouvaille.org.uk">www.Retrouvaille.org.uk</a> for info &amp; to book or tel. 07887 296983.</p>
<p><b><u>Building a Better Marriage (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope:</u></b> 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: <a href="mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk">mflkent@rcaos.org.uk</a>: 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.</p>
<p><b><u>Youth Festival Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2025:</u></b> 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 led by Fr. Innocent Ezeonyeasi. The full cost of the pilgrimage is £770 including flights from Gatwick, half board accommodation coach transfers with a local guide. A deposit of £150 needs to be paid immediately to secure your place. Please feel free to share this information with friends &amp; family, who may benefit from this. Please contact Noeleen for payment on 0203 808 5156 or contact the group leader Adamma Oguh (07957 211056 or <a href="mailto:adanmaoguh@gmail.com">adanmaoguh@gmail.com</a>) for more information or book online using this link <a href="https://marian-uk.com/onlineBooking1.asp?id=Medjugorje&amp;tour=7028">https://marian-uk.com/onlineBooking1.asp?id=Medjugorje&amp;tour=7028</a></p>
<p><b><u>Job Vacancies at St Catherine's Catholic School:</u></b> St Catherine's is currently looking for a Teacher of English, Teacher of Computer Science, Teacher of Drama and Teacher of Spanish. All job vacancies are on the noticeboard in our porch if you are interested.</p>
<p><b><u>Southwark Catholic Youth Service</u></b> 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. <a href="http://www.southwarkcatholicyouthservice">www.southwarkcatholicyouthservice</a> or email: <a href="mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk">youth@rcaos.org.uk</a></p>