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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) (PAGE 176)**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 08.30 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr M)  
 No First Communion Session until 27<sup>th</sup> April  
 10.30 Mass for Safe Delivery of Baby Page (Fr M)  
 Children's Liturgy continues during Lent  
 "SPUC Coffee Morning" after Mass  
 17.30 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr M)

*Today there is a Pastoral Letter on Assisted Dying.*

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April** **Feria of Lent**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** **Feria of Lent**  
 09.00 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)  
 Deanery Meeting here  
 19.00 "We Dare to Hope" Lenten Course  
 20.00 Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** **Feria of Lent**  
**No 9am Mass**  
 11.00 Funeral Mass for Ana Rita De Souza RIP  
 followed by Burial at 1pm at Kemnal Park

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** **Feria of Lent**  
 09.00 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** **Feria of Lent**  
 09.00 Mass for Ignatius Pereira RIP  
 (1 Month's Mind) (Pereira) (Fr M)  
 Adoration until 10.00am  
 Confessions straight after the Blessed  
 Sacrament is exposed

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April** **Feria of Lent**  
 10.00 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)  
 Confessions

**HOLY WEEK**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
 08.30 Mass for Mary McKeown RIP (Cook) (Fr M)  
 Please gather in the Hall from 10.15  
 No First Communion Session until 27<sup>th</sup> April  
 10.30 Service in the Hall and procession with palms  
 to the Church  
 Mass for Joyce William RIP (Carolan) (Fr L)  
 Children's Liturgy  
 Refreshments after Mass  
 17.30 Mass for Canon Michael Cooley RIP (PACT)  
 (Fr M)

*Palms will be blessed at each Mass*

**Retiring collection for Easter Flowers**

**Palm Sunday is celebrated next Sunday:** It is our entrance into Holy Week. We will bless and distribute palms at all the Masses. Parishioners should gather in the hall at 10.15 for the 10.30 Mass. We will proclaim the Gospel of the Entry into Jerusalem and process through the back door of the hall to enter the church gates and so process into church. The little children will greet us with bells and other instruments. At every Mass we will proclaim the Passion according to Saint Luke in three parts. Please take the part of the crowd. We stand for this but please sit down if you get tired.

**Children's Way of the Cross:** On Good Friday at 10.00am there will be "Children's Stations of the Cross". This is an important act during Lent, and parents are encouraged to bring their children to this. If any child would like to be a reader during this, please put your name on the list on the noticeboard. **If you are volunteering, please ensure you are at church by 9.45am.**

**Holy Week/Easter:** Copies of our booklet for services are now available in the porch to take home.

**Pastoral Letter:** Today, a letter from Archbishop John will be read at each Mass on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

**What's on during Lent?**

**19.00 "We Dare to Hope":** Every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Children's Chapel.

**20.00 Stations of the Cross:** Every Tuesday.

**We encourage parishioners:** to sign up for different roles during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Lists are on the noticeboard.

**Altar Servers:**

Practice for Holy Week – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm.

Practice for Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am.

Please add your names to the lists in your room

**Good Friday:** Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.00am. We encourage all children, especially First Holy Communion children and parents to come along and take part.

**Decorating our Church:** Help is needed on Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am to prepare our church in readiness for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Services. Jobs entail removing cloths from statues, changing the backdrops etc. to gold, decorating the pillars and font, to name but a few. Also, if you have a talent for flower arranging, your services would be put to good use too! Do come along and have a cuppa and maybe a hot cross bun. Approximately 1-1/2 hours.

**Collections during Holy Week:**

Retiring collection on Palm Sunday for Easter Flowers

Retiring collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places

Easter Collections are your personal gift to Fr Michael and Fr Luke

**Prayer for the sanctity of all human life, specifically concerning**

**Assisted Suicide:** On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9.00am Mass until 10.00am.

**Book of Remembrance:** At the back of the church by the Offertory Gifts, there is a Remembrance Book for you to add the names of your loved one so that they are remembered this Easter. It is brought up at the Offertory along with the Gifts. Lillies will be included in our Easter flowers.

**Cleaning the church for Easter:** Can you please spare a couple of hours on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am to help spruce St John Vianney Church up for Easter? We have Mass that day at 9.00am followed by Adoration until 10.00am. All parishioners are welcome.

**Congratulations** to Jake Adam Saldanha who was baptised last weekend.

**Offertory Collections for March 2025**

Date	Basket	Gift Aid	Loose	S/Orders	Card	Total
2.3.25	773.63	165	608.63			
9.3.25	623.54	173	450.54			
16.3.25	523.06	190	333.06			
23.3.25	522.1	140.8	381.3			
30.3.25	602.73	149	453.73			
	3,045.06	817.8	2,227.26	1,781.67	841	5,667.73

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

**SAVE THE DATE:** We shall be celebrating our Parish Day on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Masses will be 8.30am, **11.00am** and 5.30pm. We ask parishioners to bring along some food, maybe a native dish, to share with one another. Food will be served after 11.00am Mass. Volunteers are needed to help prepare beforehand and also assist on the day with serving the food and refreshments. Please add your name to the volunteer list on the noticeboard.

**Parish Easter Egg Hunt:** This will take place after 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Thank you to those who have offered to help. We could do with some more volunteers please. Please email the parish office [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk) if you can spare the time. We would also appreciate donations of Easter Eggs too. Please put donations in the porch behind the Mass book trolley. Thank you.

**Mass Offerings:** You may have noticed that we have had quite a few Holy Souls Mass Intentions. This is because we have quite a few vacancies now for Mass Offerings, so are now saying these Masses. It wasn't so long ago we were inundated with Masses, and not able to accommodate all the dates requested. Please remember, the Mass offering goes directly to the Priest saying the Mass and is part of their income. The more Masses we have, the greater their income. Thank you in advance. Cath

**The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M')** is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe [secretary@secularclergy.org.uk](mailto:secretary@secularclergy.org.uk) Closing date 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**Gift Aid:** We still have some 2025/26 boxes which haven't been collected by parishioners in the porch.

**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.

**CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal:** Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also **text EARTHQUAKE to 70450** to donate £10.



**News from SPUC:** Please see the Lives Worth Living flyer at the back of the church. It explains why you should tell your MP to vote against assisted suicide at the third reading. To find out more please visit [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk). There are also petition cards asking the UK government to adhere to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and a card – Yes to our hospices, No to assisted suicide. I will send them off on masse if you just sign. Best wishes Bexley SPUC.

**Coffee Morning:** Sorry for the short notice, but we are holding our SPUC Coffee Morning this Sunday after 10.30 Mass in the hall. Please do come along and show your support and find out more about SPUC. Thank you. Rob Hills.

**Job Vacancies at St Catherine's Catholic Girls' School:** Currently there are vacancies for SENDco, Chaplain and Deputy Head Teacher. Please see job descriptions in the porch or alternatively see their website under "Our School", "Vacancies".

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 12<sup>th</sup> at St George's Cathedral:** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

**St Catherine's and St Columba's** are looking to recruit foundation governors who can assist in ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for our schools, working with other governors to ensure that our schools are outstanding in all areas of our work and provides all our young people with the best possible secondary education. If you are interested in supporting through this vital role please contact the school directly, St Catherine's [info@stccg.co.uk](mailto:info@stccg.co.uk) or 01322 556333 or St Columba's [office@st-columbas.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-columbas.bexley.sch.uk) or 01322 553236. Nicola Thompson and Dave Evans

#### **A Decree from Archbishop John**

#### **The Church of St John Vianney BEXLEYHEATH**

**is designated as a Jubilee Church in this Archdiocese of Southwark for the duration of the Jubilee Year –  
24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Pilgrimage – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at St John Vianney**

On this day, we shall be welcoming other parishes in our Deanery to join us for a prayer service at 1.00pm followed by refreshments in the hall. Please do keep this date in your diary.

Help will be needed in welcoming and serving the refreshments too. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk) As there are 8 parishes in the Deanery so we are expecting quite a few Pilgrims.