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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (YEAR C) (PAGE 111)

Sunday 20th July
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 08.30 Mass for Stephen Stewart RIP (Martin) (Fr M)
 09.30 Meeting with Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 10.30 Mass for Dorothea & Peta Birthday Blessings (Josephine) (Fr L)
 Children's Liturgy (last one until September)
 Refreshments in the hall
 17.30 Mass for Parishioners (Fr M)

Monday 21st July **Feria**
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Tuesday 22nd July
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
 09.00 Mass for Philomena D'Souza RIP (1 Month's Mind) (Antao) (Fr L) followed by The Rosary

Wednesday 23rd July
Feast of Saint Bridget, Patron of Europe
 09.00 Mass for Stephen Stewart RIP (Diane) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 24th July **Feria**
Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
 09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 25th July
Feast of Saint James, Apostle
 09.00 Mass in Thanksgiving (De Souza) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed
 Today our Archbishop John Wilson celebrates his 30th Anniversary of Ordination

Saturday 26th July
Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 10.00 Mass for Sylvia Flynn RIP (A&H White) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
 Confessions
 12.30 Baptism of Arianna Bagumjans (Fr M)

Sunday 27th July
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 08.30 Mass in Thanksgiving for Mrs Antoinette Gomes (De Souza) (Fr L)
 10.30 Mass for Jamie Morris (Smith) (Fr M)
 Refreshments in the hall
 17.30 Mass (Fr L)

JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Maria Goretti Stone: Goretti's Funeral Mass will take place here on Tuesday 29th July at 12.15pm. After Mass there is a reception in the hall. We hope that many of you will attend the Mass and the reception. Her body will be brought to Church on Monday 28th July at 7pm. Cremation will take place privately. Parking will be available on Heathfield Road from 11.00am to 4.00pm **on single yellow lines only**. Vehicles should not park in front of dropped kerbs or within the marked bays.

Congratulations to Grace Elizabeth Heins who baptised last week.

Fr Michael needs a Baptism Buddy for Saturday 26th July at 12.30pm. Can you help please?

Schools break up and we pray that all staff and pupils enjoy a well-deserved rest. Parents, no doubt, will still be busy.

Going on holiday: if you are going on holiday, we ask God to keep you safe and well. Enjoy a relaxing time. Don't forget to go to Mass when you are away. There is no holiday from the spiritual life.

"Holy Dusters" Needed: With the holiday season approaching, we will have reduced cleaners for our church. Are you able to spend one hour every 3 weeks to clean St John Vianney Church between Sunday Masses? Jobs include emptying the bins, sweeping the floor between pews and Hoovering the carpets. If you are free to help, please email me on bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk or call the parish office or speak to me at Mass. Thank you in advance. Cath

We call on our Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to please save this date: Day of Retreat for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – Southeast Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark – Saturday 18th October 2025 at Saint Stephen's Church Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, Kent, DA16 3QL

Catechetical Institute: Every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our school, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which Southwark makes to Lourdes from 22nd to 29th August this year.

For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

There are a range of hotels available, though most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo.

Further information is available from Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk

A life changing opportunity! – Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence on 18th October 2025, and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

The Vigil of the Feast of St James: Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia on Thursday 24th July. See poster in the porch. These days seem quite dark, what with Parliament voting to partly decriminalise abortion and voting to legalise euthanasia. Please invite others to join us in praying and fasting for life, you can do so with this link, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1419157822872567>.

<u>Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers:</u> Tom C, Susan, Adelina Braganza, Bernard Glandfield, Liam Gerety, 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, 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, Little Buster Sprules, David Collison, Christine Edwards, Santana Fernandes, Maria Pereira, Leonie Viegas, Paul Robson, Jack Goodrich, Gloria Slaney, Andy Wansbury, Josephine da Silva and Roy Miller.
<u>Hiring of Hall:</u> Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk
<u>Receiving electronic newsletter:</u> Please email bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk
<u>HOW TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATION:</u> 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
<u>Food Bank Items:</u> We are very grateful for the donations that you have been making to support our local food banks. Items needed are pasta, rice, sauces, tinned meat and fish, long life milk, cereals, toilet rolls, basically, everyday items you put in your shopping trolley. No fresh food items though. Donations can be left in our green box marked "food bank" in the porch. Thank you once again.
<u>Children's Liturgy Group:</u> Today will be our last group until September. Thank you to all of our catechists for helping the little ones grow stronger in their faith and planning great activities. We encourage the children to continue saying their prayers and learning about the life of Jesus whilst they are enjoying the summer holidays. God bless. Cath
<u>Refreshments:</u> Next Sunday will be our last gathering for refreshments after 10.30 Mass. We'd like to thank all those who volunteer providing our tea, coffee and squash, not forgetting the biscuits and sometimes cake!. The number of parishioners attending have grown over the year and we look forward to welcoming new faces in September when we resume. Enjoy the time off!
<u>Tangney Tours Travel Company</u> have many pilgrimages taking place during this year. Please check their website for more information tangney-tours.com or call 01732 886666
<u>Job Vacancy for Senior Housing & Welfare Advice Worker at Manna Centre:</u> (See poster for more details) Closing date is Wednesday 23rd July followed by interviews on Wednesday 30th July.
<u>The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London</u> is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25th August 2025 from 10:30am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria
<u>"Annual Missio Red Box Collection</u> If you have a Missio Red Box, please can you bring it in for emptying. Please hand your box into the Sacristy to Fr Michael or Fr Luke by <u>28th September at the latest</u>. Please ensure your name is clearly marked on the box. <u>Please Do Not leave the boxes in the porch.</u> When the boxes have been emptied, I will leave them on the table in the back of the church to be collected. If you would like to Gift Aid your donations, please contact Missio via telephone on 020 7821 9755 or email at info@missio.org.uk; they can send you a Gift Aid Declaration form to sign. Alternatively, please speak to me. If you no longer want a Red Box, leave a note with your box when you hand it in and I will remove your name from the list. Thank you. God Bless. Abby"
SPARK 2025 DANSON PARK Monday 4th August – Friday 8th August, 1pm – 4.30pm Tuesday 5th August – Thursday 7th August, 7pm-9pm A week-long event in Danson Park; sports, crafts, inflatables, SEN Zone, games and more! All activities free of charge; a gift from local Churches to community. Refreshments sold at low prices. More info: www.sparkinthepark.org.uk Children remain the responsibility of parents or carers at all times.
<u>Marriage Care Volunteers needed:</u> Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation that helps couples form and sustain healthy marriages and provides support in times of relationship difficulty. It has been operating for nearly 80 years and we are keen to try and find more volunteers to help with this important work. There are various ways in which volunteers can become involved, as outlined under the Get Involved section of our website marriagecare.org.uk. We are currently looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Full training is provided for this role, which mostly delivers courses online to couples across the country. There are other ways of supporting our work too, for example by helping with our communications and administration or being on the reception at our centre in Blackheath for one or two evenings a month. For more information please email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk or the local centre co-ordinator: Tony.Lawrence@marriagecare.org.
<u>Vocation Promoters Retreat:</u> There will be 33 days personal retreat beginning from the 13th July leading to 15th August 2025, Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Summaries of the Retreat will be given on Fridays as contained in the poster. After the retreat, we shall gather to celebrate our VOCATIONS DAY together at the feet of Mary! At St Thomas More Catholic Church, Long Lane, Bexleyheath DA7 SJW on Sunday, 17th August 2025. Marian Consecration and Renewal of Consecration will be held during Mass at 11:00am After Mass, there will be refreshments, and other social and spiritually enriching activities in the hall.