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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (YEAR C) (PAGE 114)

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)
Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday 28th July **Feria**
No Mass
 19.00 Reception of Goretti Stone into Church

Tuesday 29th July
Saints Mary, Martha & Lazarus
No 9am Mass
 12.15 Funeral Mass for Goretti Stone followed by Refreshments in the hall.

Wednesday 30th July **Feria**
Saint Peter Chrysologues,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 09.00 Mass for Henin Victor Aman RIP (Birthday) (Rufina) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 31st July
Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
 09.00 Mass for Goretti Stone RIP (Atmore) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 1st August
Saint Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 09.00 Mass for Miriam & George Agiru (Norah) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 2nd August **Feria**
The Blessed Virgin Mary
 10.00 Mass for Liam Kellegher RIP (Carroll) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
 Confessions

Sunday 3rd August
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 08.30 Mass for George Elvidge RIP (Anniv) (Garcia) (Fr M)
 10.30 Mass for Mr & Mrs JJ Treacy RIP (Paul) (Fr L)
 No refreshments after 10.30 Mass
 17.30 Mass for Parishioners (Fr M)

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.

This Sunday is the last Sunday for music at 10.30am: Many thanks to our musicians Alec, Keith and Martin and to Rosemarie and our choir for their great music ministry. Today is the last Sunday for music at 10.30am Mass until September. We will miss them but everyone deserves and needs a break. Thank you so much! Fr Michael

Refreshments: Today is our last gathering for refreshments after 10.30am 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!

Baptism Buddies: Fr Michael needs a Baptism Buddy Saturday 16th August at 12.30pm.

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.

Thank you: We would like to thank our First Holy Communion Parents for their very kind gifts following our recent services. Please encourage your child to become involved at Mass, either by reading, helping with the collection/offertory of becoming an altar server. Have a good summer and see you soon. St JV Catechists. ☺

Relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret of Scotland: This year the Knights have been helping bring these sacred relics to locations across the country, inviting pilgrims to partake in their spiritual legacy. The relics have been on a tour of England Scotland and Wales and there will be an opportunity for Southwark Diocese to participate in this veneration in the second half of August. As St John Vianney is the Deanery Church for this year, the Year of the Pilgrim it would be an ideal opportunity to have the veneration of the Relics in St John Vianney Church. The plan is the relics would arrive at St John Vianney Church on Saturday morning, the 16th August and remain in the Church till after the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 17th August. There would be an opportunity for parishioners to pray and venerate the relics after the four Masses, one on Saturday and the three Masses on Sunday. There will be a number of Knights from Council 380 to ensure that all goes smoothly. (Please see noticeboard for the history of these Saints).

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

"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

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

Hiring of Hall: Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

Receiving electronic newsletter: Please email 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

Food Bank Items: 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.

Is God calling you to become a Permanent Deacon? From the earliest of day of the Church men have been called to serve as ministers of the Word, of the Altar, and of Charity. To be a Deacon is to serve your community, could this be you? Talk to your family and talk to your Parish Priest, there is more information the diocesan website: rcaos.org.uk/TheDiaconate or contact Ian Black@rcaos.org.uk (see poster, leaflets and prayer cards in porch)

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>

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>

Employment Opportunity at SPUC: Join the Pro-Life Mission – SPUC Education Officer (England): SPUC is hiring a full-time Education Officer, based in London with travel across England. Help bring the pro-life message to schools and communities through engaging talks and outreach. A passion for life and youth engagement essential. To apply or find out more, visit: spuc.org.uk/joinourteam

Annual Missio Red Box Collection

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 28th September at the latest. Please ensure your name is clearly marked on the box.

Please Do Not leave the boxes in the porch.

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.

Marriage Care Volunteers needed: 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.

Vocation Promoters Retreat: 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.

First Holy Communion Photos: Dear Parents, please don't forget to go online to view and purchase your child's First Holy Communion photos taken by Celine. Order deadline is **1st September 2025**. www.celinebarsley.co.uk password John.