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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (YEAR C) (PAGE 117)

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)

Monday 4th August

Saint John Vianney, Priest

No Mass

"Spark 2025" in Danson Park begins today

Tuesday 5th August

Feria

The Dedication of the Basilica of Mary Major

- 09.00 Mass for Cath Bird (Birthday) (Carolan) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 6th August

Feria

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

- 09.00 Mass for De Souza Deceased Grandparents (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 7th August

Saint Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs

- 09.00 Mass for Miriam & George Agiru (Norah) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary

"Spark 2025" in Danson Park ends today

Friday 8th August

Saint Dominic, Priest

- 09.00 Mass for Goretti Stone RIP (Bird) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed
Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 9th August

Feast of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
(Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe

- 10.00 Mass for Carmen Albrecht RIP (Anniv) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary
Confessions
12.30 Baptism of Chioma Genevieve Egeneonu (Fr L)

Sunday 10th August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass for Daria Pionko RIOP (Stewart) (Fr L)
10.30 Mass for Jim & Joan Heffernan RIP (Copus) (Fr M)
17.30 Mass for Clement RIP (Iro) (Fr L)
(Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr)

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

Congratulations to Arianna Bagumjans who was baptised last weekend.

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.

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

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies: The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information.

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"

Cleaners for the church needed: Sadly we've had only 1 response to our request. Please do consider giving up 1 hour every 3 weeks to help maintain the cleanliness of our church. Please email bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk or phone the parish office 020 8303 1957. Thank you. Cath

<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 the newsletter online:</u> In order to reduce paper wastage, if you would like to have our weekly newsletter emailed to you, please contact the parish office bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk and it will be sent to you weekly.
<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. <u>No</u> fresh food items though. Donations can be left in our green box marked "food bank" in the porch. Thank you once again.
<u>Racial Justice Sunday Mass</u> will be taking place on 1st February 2026 at St George's Cathedral.
<u>Is God calling you to become a Permanent Deacon?</u> 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)
<u>Catechetical Institute:</u> 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
<u>A life changing opportunity! – Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?</u> 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
<u>Day with Mary:</u> Saturday 8th August at St Mary's, Croydon. (See post for more information)
<u>Message from Rob Hills our SPUC Representative:</u> 'Clause 2 of the Crime and Policing Bill removing women from criminal law in relation to ending their own pregnancies has been voted on by the Commons and has now passed to the Lords as Clause 191. Please visit www.spuc.org.uk and use the tool to contact a lord. A standard letter will be sent to you which you should personalise. You can then email this or post it (preferred). The address is the same for all Lords – House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW. You can contact as many Lords as you like so keep tapping the button.
<u>Employment Opportunity at SPUC: Join the Pro-Life Mission – SPUC Education Officer (England):</u> 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
<u>MARRIAGE HELP:</u> Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th October. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983
<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.