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NINETEENTH SUNDAY (YEAR C) (PAGE 121)

Sunday 10th August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 11th August

Saint Clare, Virgin

No Mass

Tuesday 12th August

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

- 09.00 Mass for Mary Keane RIP (15th Anniv) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 13th August

Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest

- 09.00 Mass for Goretti Stone RIP (Stewart) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Thursday 14th August

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

- 09.00 Mass for Kathleen Elvidge RIP (Garcia) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Friday 15th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

- 10.00 Mass for Peter Henderson RIP (Stewart) (Fr M)
 19.00 Mass (Fr L)

Saturday 16th August

Saint Stephen of Hungary

Relics arrive at church

- 10.00 Mass for De Souza Deceased Family & Friends (Fr L)
 Confessions
 12.30 Baptism of Betsy Frances McCumiskey (Fr M)

Sunday 17th August

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass for Stephen Stewart RIP (Martin) (Fr M)
 10.30 Mass for John Mascarenhas RIP (De Costa) (Fr L)
 17.30 Mass for Pat Nicholls (Tracey & John) (Fr M)
Relics leave church

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Rest in Peace: Bernard Glandfield who died on Monday 4th August. Bernard and his wife Liz have been members of our parish for 32 years. They regularly attended Mass and took an interest in parish life, especially recently with our "Called to Bear Fruit" groups. Our condolences go to Liz and their two sons Canon Philip and Andrew and also their grandchildren Sophie and Jim. May He rest in peace and rise in glory. Bernard's funeral will be a St John Vianney on Tuesday 19th August at 1.30pm followed by a reception in the church hall.

Holy Day of Obligation: This Friday is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be at 10.00am (Fr M) and 7.00pm (Fr L)

Baptism Buddies: Fr Michael now needs two Baptism Buddies. One for 16th August and one for 23rd August. Both at 12.30pm. Please let him or the office know, if you're able to help. bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk Thank you in advance.

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).

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: Thank you to the 3 parishioners who have come forward to help. We could still do with more cleaners. Please email bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk or phone the parish office 020 8303 1957 if you can spare some time to help. Thank you. Cath

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Baby Teddy, Tom C, Susan, Adelina Braganza, 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/The Diaconate or contact Ian Black@rcaos.org.uk (see poster, leaflets and prayer cards in porch)
<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>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.