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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY (YEAR C) (PAGE 124)**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Kay Duggen (Fr M)  
**Relics leave church**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August** **Feria**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**  
Saint John Eudes, Priest  
 09.00 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)  
 followed by the Rosary  
 1.30 Funeral Mass for Bernard Glandfield followed by a Reception in the Church Hall (parking is available in Heathfield Road from 12.30pm-5.30pm **on single yellow lines only**)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church  
 09.00 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)  
 followed by the Rosary

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**  
Saint Pius X, Pope  
 09.00 Mass for Goretti Stone RIP (Stewart) (Fr L)  
 followed by the Rosary

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 09.00 Mass for Robert Sidney Guiver RIP & Lee Hawkins RIP (Alaminos) (Fr M)  
 Adoration until 10.00am  
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**  
Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin  
 10.00 Mass for Stephen Stewart RIP (Diane) (Fr L)  
 Confessions  
 12.30 Baptism of Orlaith Rose Crotty (Fr M)

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 08.30 Mass for De Souza Siblings and their Families (Fr L)  
 10.30 Mass for Peter Hammond 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Carolan) (Fr M)  
 17.30 Mass for Eloise Gordon's Birthday (Fr L)  
**(Saint Bartholomew, Apostle)**

**AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

**Relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret of Scotland:** There is an opportunity for parishioners to pray and venerate the relics after each Mass today. The relics will leave after today's 5.30pm Mass. The Knights from Council 380 will be on hand to ensure all runs smoothly.

**Congratulations to** Chioma Genevieve Egeneonu who was baptised last weekend.

**Baptism Buddy:** Fr Michael still needs a baptism buddy for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 12.30pm. Please email [bexlevheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexlevheath@rcaos.org.uk) if you can help, or speak to either Fr Michael or Fr Luke at Mass.

**Grief in Loss Weekend – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at The Friars, Aylesford:** See poster in porch for more information/bookings or email: [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk) or telephone 01622 717272.

**Free Yoga for Unpaid Carers:** Counselling Matters Bexley is hosting free yoga classes for unpaid carers in Bexley, every Wednesday evening. 7.30pm – 8.30pm in our church hall. Suitable for all abilities. Please contact Marie Roast ([marier.cmb@gmail.com](mailto:marier.cmb@gmail.com)) if you would like to join the class. (See poster for more 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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"

**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 **1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**. [www.celinebarsley.co.uk](http://www.celinebarsley.co.uk) Password: John

**Footprints of Hope at Saint Jude's Shrine:** At the Shrine of Saint Jude in Faversham, Kent we have a new path called the 'Footprints of Hope' project. As part of the 'Footprints of Hope' project, we would like to offer one more opportunity to have a name engraved on a brick at this special shrine of hope. Make your mark and remember your friends and loves ones in this special place of hope and peace – you can add a name for just £30 per brick. There is no limited to how many bricks are ordered. **All bricks need to be ordered by 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.** Donate your footprint, here: [www.stjueshrine.org.uk/footprints](http://www.stjueshrine.org.uk/footprints) or call **01795 539214** (see poster and information in porch).

**Readers' Rota** for September-October 2025 is now ready to collect. Copies are in the porch.

**Racial Justice Sunday Mass** will be taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 at St George's Cathedral.

**Cleaners for the church needed:** Thank you to the parishioners who have come forward to help. We could still do with more cleaners. Please email [bexlevheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexlevheath@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:** Meta James, Tracey James, Baby Teddy, Tom C, Susan, Adelina Braganza, Liam Gerety, 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](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk)

**Receiving the newsletter online:** 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](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk) and it will be sent to you weekly.

**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/The Diaconate](http://rcaos.org.uk/TheDiaconate) or contact Ian Black@[rcaos.org.uk](mailto:rcaos.org.uk) (see poster, leaflets and prayer cards in porch)

**Message from Rob Hills our SPUC Representative:** '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](http://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.

**Stop assisted suicide – action needed!** The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.

Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide – it takes just 30 seconds!

**Marriage help:** Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 0788 7296983

**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](http://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](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) or the local centre co-ordinator: [Tony.Lawrence@marriagecare.org](mailto:Tony.Lawrence@marriagecare.org).

**Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteers – is this for you?** The chaplaincy at Queen Elizabeth Hospital is currently looking to recruit more volunteers to visit patients on the wards. If you are interested in knowing more, please email Rev Emmanuel at [ekormi@nhs.net](mailto:ekormi@nhs.net), or call the Chaplaincy on 020 8836 6831. Gwen Chiosso from St Stephen's parish in Welling has written an article about her experience which can be found here: <http://www.saintstephens.co.uk/blog/hospital-chaplaincy-volunteering/#more-1395>