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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (YEAR C) (PAGE 133)

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

08.30 Mass for Santaninha Da Costa RIP (Antao))
(Fr L)

10.30 Mass for Peggy Sullivan RIP (Raymond) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy resumes today
Refreshments resume in the hall after Mass

17.30 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)

## Monday 8th September

#### Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.00 Mass In Thanksgiving to Our Lady (Antao) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

## Tuesday 9th September

#### Saint Peter Claver, Priest

09.00 Mass for Stephen Stewart RIP (Martin) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

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09.00 Mass for Bernard Glandfield RIP (Turner) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

14.30 Burial of Maria Goretti Stone's ashes at The Sun Dial Garden, Hill View Cemetery.

## Thursday 11th September

## Saint Ambrose Barlow, Priest & Martyr

09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

# Friday 12th September

# **The Most Holy Name of Mary**

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

# Saturday 13th September

## Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

10.00 Miriam McKernan RIP (Birthday) (Fr L)
Confessions

#### Sunday 14th September

## Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross/ Education Sunday

08.30 Mass for Fr Brian McWilliams RIP (Heaney) (Fr M)

10.30 Mass for Fr Sam Abela RIP (Foundation) (Fr L) Children's Liturgy Refreshments after Mass

17.30 Mass for Parishioners (Fr M)

#### Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service

#### SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

# Tomorrow is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Fr Luke will say Mass at 9.00am followed by the Rosary

Rest in Peace: Fr John Ryan MBE who died at Adelaide Nursing Home last Sunday. Fr John came as Parish Priest of Dover to be Parish Priest of Crayford in 2004 at the same time as Fr Michael came here. He had been a Catholic naval chaplain and served during the Falklands War. He retired some time ago to a house not far from the station. When his health got worse, he moved to Adelaide Care Home in our parish where he was well looked after. Ken Atmore visited him every week and they often talked about Dover where Ken also came from. Fr John was a caring, kind and prayerful priest who belonged to our Deanery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rest in Peace: Ann Pichon from Freta Road who died last week. Ann had been in our parish since 2006, and you would often see her walking her little dog. She was a very friendly lady who came to Mass here every Sunday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

<u>Congratulations</u> to Mandy Saunders who was Baptised, Confirmed and made her First Holy Communion last week. She had been receiving instruction from Fr Michael for several months and her daughter made First Communion here in June.

Burial of Maria Goretti Stone's ashes: This will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm at Hill View Cemetery, 168 Wickham Street, Welling. Her ashes will be interred in The Sun Dial Garden, close to the cemetery car park. Martin, her husband, invites you to attend.

<u>Welcome back:</u> Today at 10.30am Mass we welcome back our choir, children's liturgy catechists and our refreshment hosts. We hope you have had a restful summer and return fully refreshed.

<u>Schools restarting:</u> Please keep in your prayers all the children who are returning to their primary and secondary schools and those starting for the first time. We also pray for our young adults who are beginning sixth form or moving away to experience life at university. We also remember all the staff who make this possible in each of these venues, from the caretakers to the headteachers.

We especially pray for St Thomas More Primary School as they commence their new academic year and look forward to welcoming pupils throughout this time.

# World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi):

This day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical Laudato Si', which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. A prayer: "Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit to so nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory."

Harvest Sunday – 28<sup>th</sup> September: All donations will be going to the Manna Centre, Melior Street, SE1. Items needed are tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, corned beef, tinned luncheon meats, tea, coffee, squash, soup, breakfast cereals, to name but a few. Please look at the noticeboard for the full list of items. Men's clothing is also needed too, plus some miscellaneous items too. Parishioners have until the end of October to bring the items in. Please leave donations in the porch by the foodbank box. With grateful thanks for your support.

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

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 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

The Catholic Education Service (CES) – Second Collection: This will take place on Sunday 14th September. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matter affecting all aspect of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

<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.

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

<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 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; 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

<u>CAFOD:</u> Response in <u>Gaza:</u> Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.

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

<u>Free Yoga for Unpaid Carers:</u> Counselling Matters Bexley is hosting free yoga classes for unpaid carers in Bexley, every Wednesday evening. 7.15pm- 8.15pm in our church hall. Suitable for all abilities. Please contact Marie Roast (marier.cmb@gmail.com) if you would like to join the class. (See poster for more information).

Building a Better Marriage (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope: To celebrate Jubilee 2025 one day Building a Better Marriage events are being held during 2025. The opportunity for married couples starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. Participants have noted in their evaluations: It was so great being welcomed by the team! We really enjoyed the course and learnt so much to help our marriage. To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk;13th September – Southwark Cathedral, London, 4th October – Holy Cross, Catford and 1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood

<u>Free Sycamore course on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September:</u> (4 X 1 hour sessions over 4 weeks) at 8pm. The Growing in Faith Together for married and engaged couples is an ONLINE course about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang, developed in collaboration with the Marriage and Family Life team and the Agency for Evangelisation.

It is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to enrich their friendship and love and for engaged couples who want to start or continue exploring their faith together.

For further information and to book a place, please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

FAQ: The course is for couples - Can I attend on my own or do both of us have to attend?

ANS: If you're attending as part of your marriage preparation, then both of you should attend. If you're already married, you can attend alone or as a couple – your choice!

<u>Free walking tour of the City of London</u>, on Sunday 21st September starting at 10.30am. This is not suitable for children. Please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

<u>Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025, 21<sup>st</sup>- 25th October Cost £399:</u> A pilgrimage trip with a number of places left. Costs include return flights from Stansted half board accommodation, transfer from/to Lourdes. £70 single supplement. Children under 16 go for £199. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01322 220075. Fr. Heny Mukasa will also be leading the pilgrimage.

Collections for July:							Collections for August:						
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6.7.25	606.64	143	463.64				3.8.25	685.36	175	510.36			
13.7.25	440.62	105.2	335.42				10.8.25	443.22	158	285.22			
20.7.25	528.35	171	357.35				17.8.25	525.5	166	359.5			
27.7.25	520.52	197.1	323.42				24.8.24	516.25	176	340.25			
	2,096.13	616.3	1,479.83	1,761.67	446.00	4303.8	31.8.25	596.77	169	427.77			
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