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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

Monday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows

No Mass

Tuesday 16th September

Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

- 09.00 Mass for Effie & Linda Antao RIP (Antao) and Maria & David Griffith Crowe (30th Wedding Anniversary) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 17th September

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 09.00 Mass (Fr L)

Thursday 18th September

Saint Edith of Kemsing

- 09.00 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 19th September

Saint Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

- 09.00 Mass for Sylvia Pereira RIP (Anniv) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 20th September

Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and

Paul Chong Ha-Sang and companions, Martyrs

- 10.00 Mass (Fr L)
 Confessions
 12.30 Baptism of Oliver Alvarado Giardinieri

Sunday 21st September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday)

- 08.30 Mass for Douglas Peter Tovey (Foundation) (Fr L)
 10.30 Mass for Anne & Peter Hammond (Wedding Anniv) (Carolan) (Fr M)
 Children's Liturgy
 Refreshments after Mass
 17.30 Mass (Fr L)

**Second Collection for the Catholic Agency for the support of evangelisation
(Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist)**

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Rest in Peace: Mary McGinty, the Mother of Gina Millbank, of Lewin Road but recently of Maples Care Home. Mary was a practising Catholic who always came to Mass. She had been unwell for some time but received Holy Communion in the home. Fr Luke anointed her and gave her Viaticum before she died. Our sympathy to her children, grandchildren and all the family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rest in Peace: Fr John Ryan MBE who recently died at Adelaide Nursing Home. 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 recently died. 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.

Today we have a Second Collection for The Catholic Education Service: 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.

Sunday 21st September – Second Collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization: this collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

Baptism Buddies: Fr Michael would like help on Saturday 20th and 27th September at 12.30pm. Please either tell him or email the office.

National Mass Count: Next Sunday we start the annual Mass Count which takes place over 4 weeks. We ask parishioners who are taking the collection to count the numbers attending and record them on the form in the Sacristy. Thank you.

Parish Census 2025: Usually, we ask you to fill in a census form every two years. People come and go and often change telephone numbers. So, filling in the form helps us to keep our information up to date. We have had many new families attend St John Vianney now and it would be useful to have an accurate record of who our parishioners are. On this form we also invite you to offer your help in various areas. We encourage you to think about offering your service at St John Vianney in one of the many areas we will have listed. The Census will take place on Sunday 5th October.

Girlguiding Bexleyheath are delighted to be back in St John Vianney Hall: Rainbows (aged 4-7): **Wednesdays from 5-6pm** – short waiting list (1st Watling Rainbows) Brownies (aged 7-10): **Mondays from 6-7:30pm** – spaces for immediate start (1st Watling Brownies)
 Guides (aged 10-14): **Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm** – spaces for immediate start (2nd Watling Guides)
 Girlguiding groups provide exciting opportunities for your daughter to develop leadership skills, essential life skills, nurture friendships and have brilliant adventures! All with affordable membership fees.
 Sign up online via the Girlguiding website:
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

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, 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.

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

Missio Red Boxes: Please don't forget to bring in your Missio boxes by 28th September.

Open Mornings at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Long Lane: Saturday 20th September 2025/Tuesday 30th September 2025/Tuesday 30th October 2025/Tuesday 11th November 2025/Tuesday 18th November 2025/Tuesday 2nd December 2025/Tuesday 9th December 2025 – 9.00am/Tuesday 13th January 2026. **Timings are 9.00am – 10.00am for each date.**

Service for Hope and Healing: Archbishop John Wilson and the Safeguarding team, invite all our parishioners to join us on the 24th September 2025 6.30pm, for the Service for Hope and Healing, for all those that have been harmed by abuse. The service is to express the archdiocese's commitment to all those that have been harmed, their family and friends and to come together as a community and demonstrate our solidarity for those harmed.

St Thomas More Church, Long Lane: is having a Family Fun Day & Pub Quiz on the 14th September at 12.00 noon. See posters for more information.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – Monday 1st September – Saturday 4th 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 – 28th 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.

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.

Free Yoga for Unpaid Carers: 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).

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025, 21st- 25th October Cost £399: 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. Henry Mukasa will also be leading the pilgrimage.

Marriage support – Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 7887 296 983

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