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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) (PAGE 140)

Sunday 21st September 2025

**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)

First Mass Count

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

Monday 22nd September 2025

Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest

09.00 Mass for Kay Hanrahan RIP (Bird) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary

2025

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

09.00 Mass for Victor Mariano Pereira RIP
(Foundation) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
18.30 Service for Hope and Healing at St George's
Cathedral (See poster for more information)

Thursday 25th September 2025

Feria

09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 26th September 2025

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

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

Saturday 27th September 2025

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

10.00 Mass (Fr M)
Confessions
12.30 Baptism of Matilda Otilie Davey (Fr M)

Sunday 28th September 2025

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year/Harvest Sunday/
World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees**

08.30 Mass for Elvin Antao RIP (Fr M)
10.30 Mass for Dr Philip De Souza RIP (D'Costa) (Fr L)
Children's Liturgy
Refreshments after Mass
17.30 Mass for Parishioners (Fr M)

Second National Mass Count
(Deadline for Missio Red Boxes)

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

National Mass Count: Today 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.

Rest in Peace: Liam Gerety, Lena's brother who died last weekend. Our condolences go out to his family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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. Mary's funeral will be on 1st October at **6.00pm** at St John Vianney followed by repatriation to Ireland the following day.

Rest in Peace: Anne 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.

Anne's funeral will be on 1st October at 11.00am at St John Vianney, followed by burial at Erith. Parking will be available in Heathfield Road on **single yellow lines only**

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: The theme this year is *I believe*. This is because the Church has been celebrating the 1,700 year anniversary since the great gathering of Bishop met at Nicaea to discuss how to formulate the Creed that we say every Sunday. We always begin by saying: *I believe*. This Sunday we focus on the Mission of the Church to evangelise in our own country. We are called to live and speak the Joy of the Gospel first of all to people of no faith and then also to Catholics who have lost touch with the Church. We all need to be evangelised every day to ensure that the light of faith within us burns strong.

Pope Francis proclaimed "*We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone.*" **Evangelii Gaudium**

Today there is a **Second Collection** which 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.

We wish our Holy Father, Pope Leo, a belated 70th birthday for last Sunday. **Ad multos annos.**

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

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.

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.

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Meta James, Tracey James, Baby Teddy, Tom C, Susan, Adelina Braganza, 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, 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:

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

Open Mornings at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Long Lane: 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.**

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/>

Day of Retreat for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Southeast Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark:

Saturday 18th October 2025 – Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich Saint Stephen's Church Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, Kent, DA16 3QL

Saturday 25th October 2025 – Parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham and Lambeth Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, London, SW162HY

Please, register via you own parish at: evsoutheast@rcaos.org.uk **Deadline:** Monday 29th September 2025

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."

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

Help London's Pro-Life Pregnancy Centre Stay Open

- The Good Counsel Network's funds are dangerously low.
- We offer expectant mums help with housing, financial assistance, legal, and medical support, baby goods and clothes, advice, ongoing support long after the baby is born.
- If we run out of funds, we cannot continue to help dozens of Mothers keep a roof over their head.

Support Good Counsel today

Use the QR code to donate or go to www.goodcounselnetwork.com donate page for more details.



Next Sunday is Harvest Sunday: 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.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST JOHN VIANNEY:

QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER: 12.00NOON – 2.00PM (More information next week)

Please save the dates.