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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) (PAGE 143)

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)
Celebration of birthdays and anniversaries.....

Monday 29th September 2025

**Feast of Saints Michael,
Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

No Mass

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
 09.00 Open Morning at St Thomas More Primary
 School, Sheldon Road

Wednesday 1st October 2025

**Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin
& Doctor of the Church**

- 09.00 Mass for Emmanuel & Censina Bonello
 (Foundation)/Private Intention (da Silva) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary
 11.00 Funeral Mass for Anne Pichon followed by
 burial at Erith Cemetery
 18.00 Funeral Mass for Mary McGinty before she
 is taken to Ireland for Mass and burial

Thursday 2nd October 2025

The Holy Guardian Angels

- 09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 3rd October 2025

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Harvest Fast Day

- 09.00 Mass for Teresa Carasco RIP (Antao) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed
 Sacrament is Exposed
 16.00 Deanery Meeting and meal at Erith followed
 by the Transitus of Saint Francis &
 Refreshments with parishioners

Wishing a Happy Feast Day to OLA Erith

Saturday 4th October 2025

Saint Francis of Assisi

- 10.00 Mass in Thanksgiving (Cardim) (Fr L)
 Confessions
 12.30 Adult Baptism of Amy Victoria Greenwell
 (Fr M)

The end of the season of Creation

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Today 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.



This Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Please use the envelope attached to this newsletter or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

There will be a second collection on Sunday 5th October for CAFOD. We ask you to give up meal or luxury this Friday and bring in the money you save next Sunday.

Rest in Peace: Jenny Lewar who died last Saturday. Jenny became a Catholic through the RCIA here and was baptised by Fr Michael. She married Aiden in Newry and Fr Michael preached at their wedding. He also baptised her daughter Erla-Kate. They moved from our parish to Bearsted, near Leeds Castle, some years ago. Fr Michael had not seen them for some time but they came to 10.30 Mass a few weeks ago and joined us in the hall for refreshments. Jenny had a rare form of cancer and was in a wheelchair. She was receiving treatment. Her daughter is now twelve. We were delighted to see them again and they wanted to come back to their spiritual home. Cath also knew them well and was very happy to see them again. Sadly, the following Saturday she died suddenly at home. This was a dreadful shock to us. Amazingly, Aiden came to Mass last week, the day after his wife died, together with his mother and brothers and Erla-Kate. Please keep in your prayers. Jenny was a lovely person and was very good at her job. It is likely that the funeral Mass will take place here. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please continue to keep in your prayers Mary McGinty and Ann Pichon whose funerals are this week. Also, Liam Gerety.

Congratulations to Oliver Alvarado Gardinieri who was baptised last Saturday.

Baptism Buddy: Fr Michael needs a baptism buddy for Saturday 11th October. Please either tell him or email the office. 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.

Fr Michael and Fr Luke need a Housekeeper: We have been fortunate to have Jenny with us for a few years now, but other work commitments have made it difficult for her to continue helping in the presbytery. Are you someone who is looking for a part-time job that could fit into your weekly routine? 6 hours a week, Tuesday am and Friday am., to start immediately. Hourly rate is £12.21. Please contact Cath on 07989 156111 or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk if you are interested or would like to discuss further.

Sunday 5th October 2025 <u>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/</u> <u>Rosary Sunday & Census Sunday</u> 08.30 Mass for Adóracion Morcillo Sánchez & Adriana Morcillo Sánchez (Alaminos) (Fr L) 10.30 Mass for Mary Keane RIP (15th Anniversary) (Jones) (Fr M) Children's Liturgy/Refreshments after Mass 17.30 Mass (Fr L) <u>Third National Mass Count</u> <u>Second Collection for CAFOD (Harvest Day)</u>	<u>Day with Mary:</u> Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham on Saturday 11th October. (See Poster for more information) <u>National Mass Count:</u> We remind those taking the collection at the Offertory to count the number of parishioners at each Mass on Sunday. Thank you. <u>October is the month of the Holy Rosary</u> and next weekend we celebrate Rosary Sunday. Perhaps families can pray the rosary at home and teach the children the meaning of the beads. Also, Fr Luke leads the rosary after he says Mass during the week. You would be most welcome to join him. <u>St Catherine's Open Evening:</u> Thursday 2nd October 5.00pm – 8.00pm <u>St Columba's Open Day:</u> Saturday 4th October 9.30am – 12.30pm See poster in porch for more information.
<u>Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers:</u> 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.	
<u>Hiring of Hall:</u> Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email:	
<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. <u>Payment online:</u> Account No: 21089620 Sort Code: 51-70-14 Account Name: RCAS Bexleyheath	
<u>Day of Celebration and Thanksgiving for Jubilee Blessings on Saturday 4th October 2025 (10.15am to 5pm) St George's Cathedral:</u> Archbishop John will be presiding and preaching at Mass at 11.15am. Day includes, Adoration, confessions, testimonies, praise and worship, bookstall, prayer ministry led by Catholic evangelist Ros Powell. More details on the noticeboard in the porch.	
<u>The Bible Timeline Course:</u> Starts Wednesday 1st October. Free course. Presented Live online by Catholic speaker Maura Iannicelli (1st October–19th November) @ 7pm. Grasp the Big Picture of the Bible from Start to Finish. Register today comeandsee.org.	
<u>Open Mornings at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Long Lane:</u> 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.	
<u>Girlguiding Bexleyheath are delighted to be back in St John Vianney Hall:</u> 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/	
<u>Day of Retreat for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Southeast Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark:</u> Saturday 18th October 2025 – Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich Saint Stephen's Church Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, Kent, DA16 3QL. Please bring a packed lunch.	
<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. No fresh food items though. Donations can be left in our green box marked "food bank" in the porch. Thank you once again.	
<u>Marriage support</u> – 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	
Save the date: Quiz Night at St John Vianny – Saturday 8th November.	
 <u>CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH</u> <u>SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – 12.00PM TO 2.00PM</u> Come along and join the festivities at St John Vianney as we get in the mood for Christmas with our fayre. To do this we need donations for our stalls including fancy goods, toiletries, bottles (alcohol and soft drinks), bric-a-brac, good toys & games, home-made cakes etc. Celine, our resident photographer, will also be there. Her family photos make great Christmas presents. Refreshments will be tea, coffee, squash and possibly some mulled wine. As we don't have a Food Hygiene Rating, we are unable to serve hot food. As usual your help is essential, and I would be grateful for anytime you could offer in setting up on the Friday 28th November in the afternoon or running a stall on the day. Please contact me on 07989 156111 or email the Parish Office on Bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk if you would like to get involved. Please do come along and join in on this social occasion and maybe pick up a bargain at the same time. Looking forward to hearing from you. Cath ☺ Please leave donations for the fayre in the porch "marked fayre", so as not to confuse with the Manna Centre donations.	