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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) (PAGE 146)

Sunday 5th October 2025
Homelessness Sunday
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/
Rosary Sunday & Census Sunday
 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)

Third National Mass Count
Second Collection for CAFOD (Harvest Day)

Monday 6th October 2025
Saint Bruno, Priest
No Mass

Tuesday 7th October 2025
Our Lady of the Rosary
 09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 8th October 2025 **Feria**
 09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 9th October 2025
Feast of Saint John Henry Newman, Priest
 09.00 Mass for Patricia Lloyd RIP (Anniv) (M&S Pereira) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 10th October 2025
Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop
 09.00 Mass for Patsy Pyne RIP (Anniv) (M&S Pereira) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 11th October 2025
Saint John XX111, Pope
 10.00 Mass for Saint Anthony (Cardim) (Fr L)
 Confessions
 12.30 Baptism of Logan Darek Bissoon-Lal (Fr M)

Sunday 12th October 2025
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time/
Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families
 08.30 Mass for Parishioners (Fr M)
 10.30 Mass for Martin Gordon (Birthday) (Fr L)
 Children's Liturgy/Refreshments after Mass
 17.30 Mass for Gerard Lambe RIP (Anniv) (Family) (Fr M)

Fourth and Final National Mass Count

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Today there is a Second Collection following last Friday's Fast Day, where we asked you to give up a meal or luxury and donate the money to CAFOD. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and today 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.

Rest in Peace: Alan Collins of Martin Dene who died last week in Maples Care Home. Our sympathy to his wife Janet and family. His funeral will be at Eltham Crematorium on Monday 20th October at 1.45pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Congratulations to Matilda Otilie Davey who was baptised last weekend

Congratulations to Colette Doran-Hannon on her appointment of Diocesan Schools Commissioner to the Archdiocese of Southwark, commencing 1st January 2026.

Please continue to keep in your prayers Jenny Lewer, whose funeral will be at St Peter's Church, Bearsted, on 15th October at 1.30pm.

Thank you for your Harvest Sunday donations: Please continue to bring in items for the Manna Centre as listed on the noticeboard. You have a few weeks to still donate.

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: Today we ask **each family** to complete a Census Form which is on the bench, together with a pen. Please complete as much information as possible, also ticking where you can offer your help at St John Vianney. Please then place these in the Offertory baskets during the collection or return to Fr Michael or Fr Luke at the end of Mass. We haven't done a Census for a few years now, so it will be good to have an up-to-date record of parishioners at St John Vianney, as we know new people have been joining us, which is wonderful.

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.

Toddler Prayer Time: Does your toddler like to pray or want to learn how to pray? If so, please join Mrs McClumpha and Benny the Prayer Bear every Wednesday 2.40-3.00pm, at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Sheldon Road, Bexleyheath (See poster for more information)

National Mass Count: We remind those taking the collection at the Offertory to count the number of parishioners at each Mass on Sunday. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2026: This will take place on Sunday 26th April at 10.30am Mass. Registration and classes will start after Christmas. Please check newsletter for updates.

Collections for September:

Date	Basket	Gift Aid	Loose	S/Orders	Card	Total
7.9.25	692.5	134	558.5			
14.9.25	439.91	123.5	316.41			
21.9.25	460.2	92	368.2			
28.9.25	599.71	206	393.71			
	2,192.32	555.5	1,636.82	1,730.67	527	4,449.99

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

Welcomers 2026! After nearly two decades as welcomers at 10:30 Mass, some of our welcoming team will be stepping down from the role in the New Year. We are therefore asking for more volunteers to consider joining the team in this important role. Our parish continues to grow and an active and vibrant welcoming team will contribute greatly to the successful running of the parish. If you are interested, please feel free to speak to any of the current welcoming team before or after Mass. Thank you.

The Bible Timeline Course: Started 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. It's not too late to register.

Open Mornings at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Long Lane: 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 9.30am – 10.30am 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 with Mary: Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham on Saturday 11th October. (See Poster for more information)

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis are hosting a Sharing Your Faith Workshop on Saturday 11th October 10am-3:30pm at St John Fisher and Thomas More, Eltham Well Hall. This one-day workshop aims to explore what it means to share our Catholic Faith. There will be practical tips and plenty of opportunities for discussion. For more details, including how to register, please see posters in the Church. Any questions, please email evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk

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

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

Save the date: Quiz night! On Saturday 8th November at 7:30pm we will be holding a quiz night in the church hall. The cost will be £5 per person, with up to 6 -8 people per table. Bring your own snacks and drinks. All proceeds go towards parish funds. Why not get a team together and come and test your knowledge. If you are interested, please email johnward1957@live.co.uk and mark the subject heading "SJV Quiz".



CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH **SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – 12.00PM TO 2.00PM**

Come along and join the festivities at St John Vianney as we get in the 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.