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TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) (PAGE 152)

Sunday 19th October 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

World Mission Day & Prayer for the Evangelisation
of the World/ Church Action on Poverty Sunday

- 08.30 Mass in Thanksgiving (M&S Pereira) (Fr L)
 10.30 Mass for Mick & Sylvie's 65th Wedding Anniversary (Carolan) & Catarina Martins RIP (Anniv) (José) (Fr M)
 Children's Liturgy/Refreshments after Mass
 17.30 Mass in Thanksgiving for Feliciano D'Sa (D'Sa Family) (Fr L)

Second Collection for Missio

Monday 20th October 2025

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No Mass

- 13.45 Funeral Service of Alan Collins RIP at Eltham Crematorium (Fr L)

Tuesday 21st October 2025

Saint Margaret Clitherow, Martyr

- 09.00 Mass for Roberts Inns RIP (Antao) Fr L followed by Rosary
 14.00 Liturgy Meeting for Advent/Christmas (hall)

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Saint John Paul 11, Pope

- 09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Saint John Capistrano, Priest

- 09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 24th October 2025

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

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

Saturday 25th October 2025

The Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.00 Mass for Ann Pichon RIP (Fr L)
 Confessions
 12.30 Baptism of Willow Emma O'Connor (Fr M)

Sunday 26th October 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clocks fall back one hour at 2am

- 08.30 Mass for Christopher Antao RIP (Antao) & Lionel Roberts RIP (Guilbert) (Fr M)
 10.30 Mass for Ernie & Vera Ward RIP (Fr L)
No Children's Liturgy (half-term)
 Refreshments in hall
 17.30 Mass for Gil Robles & Carmen Albrecht RIP (Anniv) (Fr M)

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Today there is a Second Collection for Missio: Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

Rest in Peace: Caroline 'Cari' White, who died last week, Viv Keate's eldest daughter, who died suddenly on Wednesday. Viv is a member of our choir and her son-in-law Mark, Caroline's husband, died suddenly earlier this year. Our condolences go to Viv and her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Congratulations to Logan Darek Bissoon-Lal who was baptised last weekend.

NATIONAL ANNUAL MASS COUNT 2025

Date of Mass Count	Total:	8.30	10.30	5.30pm
20 th -21 st Sept	307	78	154	75
27 th /28 th Sept	327	81	174	72
4 th /5 th Oct	291	65	145	81
11 th /12 th Oct	330	89	152	89
Average Mass Attendance 2025	314			
Average Mass Attendance 2024	257			

Liturgy Meeting to discuss Advent/Christmas: Tuesday 21st October @ 2.00pm (small hall): Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting as we prepare for Advent and Christmas.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: 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.

Thank you for your Harvest Sunday donations: Thank you for your generous donations for the Manna Centre. There is still time to donate. All items will be collected on Wednesday 29th October.

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.

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.

Blessing of the Graves:

St Paulinus Cemetery	2 nd November	12.30pm
Hill View Cemetery	8 th November	11.30am
Kemnal Park Cemetery	9 th November	2.00pm
Bexleyheath Cemetery	9 th November	2.30pm
Brook Street Cemetery	9 th November	3.00pm
Sidcup Cemetery	16 th November	2.00pm

Mass for Deceased Clergy: 7th November at 12.00noon at St Lawrence's Sidcup

Readers' Rota for November-December 2025: Copies are available in the porch.

Clocks go back next week: Please don't forget that British Summertime ends and clocks go back 1 hour next Sunday 26th 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

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.

St Catherine's Catholic Girls School have the following vacancies: Teacher of Science, Teacher of Psychology (and Sociology) (Maternity Leave), Teacher of Geography (Fixed term), Teacher of Science (Maternity Leave). For full job descriptions and person specifications please visit www.stccg.co.uk/vacancies. Thank you.

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.**

Feast of Saint Jude: 25-28th October 2025: This feast is the highpoint of the calendar in Faversham and everyone is welcome to attend. This year is also their seventieth year since the Shrine was founded in 1955 by the Carmelite Friar Fr Elias Lynch, O. Carm, so it is a very special celebration in the year as Pilgrims of Hope. Please see poster in porch for more information or visit www.stjudeshrine.org.uk

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/>

Seeking Facilitators: The Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: 31st October 2025.

Rooted in Love – an opportunity for married and engaged couples: Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a monthly online meeting where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ. Gathering monthly on Zoom Thursdays: 30 October at 8:30pm, 27th November at 8:30pm, 11th December at 8:30pm Email mlkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information

Concert – Bexley Phoenix Choir: Directed by John MacKenzie – Accompanied by Christine Diggins on Saturday 25th October 2025 at 7.00pm, Christ Church, Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7BT.

A varied programme of sacred and secular music including: Ecce Novum – O Gjeilo – The Long Day Closes – A Sullivan California Dreamin' – J Phillips/M Rogers This Little Light of Mine – G Arch Rhythm of Life – C Coleman

Tickets £10.00 – Students £5.00 – 16 & under Free Available from The Parish Office – 07340 851820 or on the door. Come and hear this vibrant Choir at the farewell concert for Christine, our accompanist, singing Sacred and Secular works. Something for everyone! www.bexleyphoenixchoir.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT: Join us for a fun quiz night on Saturday 8th November! **Venue:** St John Vianney Church Hall **Times:** Arrive at 7pm for prompt 7:30 start **Entry:** £5 per person, pay on the door. **Teams:** Bring a team of up to 8 people or join a team. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Any queries contact johnward1957@live.co.uk

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



We are looking for donations of toiletries, fancy goods, toys & games (in good condition please), bottles for our tombola, bric-a-brac. Donations of homemade cakes would be welcome too. Please bring those either on the Friday for setting up or Saturday morning, before the fayre starts. 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 we 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.