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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) (PAGE 155)

"Did you remember to put your clocks back last night?"

Sunday 26th October 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 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)

Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday 27th October 2025

Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 28th October 2025

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

- 09.00 Mass for Ann Pichon RIP (Fr L)
 followed by Rosary
 11.30 Fr Michael's Jesus Caritas Group (hall)

Wednesday 29th October 2025

Feria

- 09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
 10.30 Manna Centre donations being collected

Thursday 30th October 2025

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Cari White RIP (D'Costa) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary
 9.30 Open Morning at St Thomas More Primary School

Friday 31st October 2025

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Anne Pichon RIP (Bird) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 1st November 2025

The Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.00 Mass for Steven McCreight RIP (Carter) (Fr L)
 Confessions
 10.30am-3.00pm A Day of Reflection with David Wells (St Stephen's)

Sunday 2nd November 2025

Solemnity of All Saints, Holyday of Obligation

- 08.30 Mass for Liam Gerety RIP (Pett) (Fr L)
 10.30 Mass for Francis Coleman RIP (Manning) (Fr M)
 Children's Liturgy/Refreshments in hall
 17.30 Mass for John Burns RIP (Anniv) (Judith) (Fr L)

Monday 3rd November 2025

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed All Souls' Day

- 9.00 Mass for Steve Shea RIP (Alaminos) (Fr L)
 19.00 Mass (Fr L)

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) –

Monday 3rd November: On this day Fr Luke will say Mass at 9.00am and 7.00pm.

Parish Mass Count: It was pleasing to see that the average Mass attendance over the four Sundays was much increased on 2024: an increase from 257 to 314. We are seeing new people coming to our parish but at the same time some families have stopped coming for whatever reason or coming less frequently. Our thanks to the collectors for counting the numbers so well. On looking at the averages for each Mass it is interesting that our 5.30pm Mass on Sunday evening is more popular than previously, although there is fluctuation during the year. So, this year the average was 79. The average for 10.30 was 156 and the average for 8.30am was 78. Thank you for being faithful to Sunday Mass.

November is the month of the Holy Souls when we pray especially for those of our loved ones who have died. Envelopes are available in the porch for you to place inside the names of your loved ones you would like us to pray for. Please place these in the basket at the foot of the altar. There is no need to enclose any money but if you do, it will be used for Masses for the Holy Souls. If you want a Mass intention for a particular member of your family, then please use the usual Mass Intention envelopes.

New Bishop for Plymouth: At long last Pope Leo has appointed a new Bishop for Plymouth Diocese: Mgr. Nicholas Hudson. He was brought up and went to school in Wimbledon which makes him a Southwark priest. He also helped with the large Scout group at Sacred Heart, Wimbledon. He attended the Venerable English College in Rome where he eventually returned to as Rector. He was an assistant priest in Canterbury where he became very involved in the l'Arche Community there, as did fr David Standley. He was in charge later on of what was then known as The Christian Education Centre in Tooting Bec. Most recently he has been Assistant Bishop in Westminster Archdiocese. He is a very genial, gentle and warm priest with many gifts. Fr Michael has known him for a long time and he has always been helpful in the parish when you needed guidance about parish programmes. Apologies if I have given wrong information as I am relying on my memory. Our prayers go with him as he starts a new and important ministry in a very large and scattered Diocese. Saint John Henry Newman: on All Saints' Day, Pope Leo will declare Saint John Henry Newman to be a Doctor of the Church. He joins a select group of saints noted for their wisdom and powerful teaching. Hope this is ok. We may receive something more official.

Rest in Peace: Caroline 'Cari' White, who died recently. 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.



Royal British Legion Poppies are available to purchase in the porch.

Blessing of the Graves: St Paulinus Cemetery 2nd November @12.30pm; Hill View Cemetery 8th November @11.30am; Kemnall Park Cemetery 9th November @2.00pm; Bexleyheath Cemetery 9th November @2.30pm; Brook Street Cemetery 9th November @3.00pm; Sidcup Cemetery 10th November @2.00pm.

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

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, feel free to speak to any of the current welcoming team before or after Mass. Thank you.

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Meta James, Tracey James, Baby Teddy, John Smith, 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

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

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.

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.

Day with Mary: Saturday 15th November at St Saviour, Lewisham High Street (see poster for more info).

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.stcgc.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: 30th October at 8:30pm, 27th November at 8:30pm, 11th December at 8:30pm. Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information

Quiz night 8th November: Details on poster in church vestibule. If you wish to book a table, please email johnward1957@live.co.uk. Many thanks.

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.

A Day of Reflection with David Wells – Saturday 1st November at St Stephen's Church, Welling. (See poster for more information)