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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA/REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (YEAR C) – PAGE 202

Sunday 9th November 2025

**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica/
Remembrance Sunday**

- 08.30 Mass for Liam Gerety RIP (Pett) (Fr M)
 10.30 Requiem Mass for the dead of the two
 World Wars/Jenny Lewer RIP (Bird)/
 Hugh Casey RIP (Fr L)
 Children's Liturgy
 SPUC Coffee Morning in hall
 14.30 Blessing of the graves at Bexleyheath Cemetery
 17.30 Mass for Wanda Borowska RIP (Danuta) (Fr M)

Second Collection for the Archbishop's Appeal

Monday 10th November 2025

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop (Armistice Day)

- 09.00 Mass Anthony Acheampong RIP (Anniv) (Fr L)
 followed by Rosary
 09.30 Open Morning at St Thomas More Catholic
 Primary School (Sheldon Road)

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

- 09.00 Mass for Intentions of the Antao Family (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Thursday 13th November 2025

Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Religious

- 09.00 Mass for John Edwards RIP (Foundation) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Friday 14th November 2025

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- 09.00 Mass for James Oliver "Seamus" McKernan RIP
 (Anniv) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed
 Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 15th November 2025

Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 10.00 Mass for Christopher Joyce RIP (Foundation)
 (Fr L)
 Confessions

- 12.30 Baptism of Thea Luz Grojales (Fr L)

Sunday 16th November 2025

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/
World Day of the Poor**

- Visit from the Sister of Saint Elisabeth, Belarus
 08.30 Mass in "Thanksgiving" (Prashanth) (Fr M)
 10.30 Mass for Winifred Sullivan RIP (Raymond) &
 Susan Waddell RIP (Walker) (Fr M)
 Children's Liturgy
 Refreshments in hall
 17.30 Mass for Wanda Borowska RIP (Danuta) (Fr L)

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of St John Lateran:

It replaces the usual Sunday Mass because St John Lateran is the most important of all the churches in Rome – even more important than St Peter's. It is the Pope's Church and seen as Mother of the Diocese of Rome and all the church's in the world. Today we celebrate our unity with our Holy Father and with the whole Catholic Church.

Today is Remembrance Sunday and there will be a Requiem Mass at 10.30am with the usual service of poems and two-minutes' silence.

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

Archbishop's Appeal: Today there is a Second Collection for the Archbishop's Appeal. This Appeal funds three key mission areas: Youth and Evangelization, Our Faith in Action, and Clergy Care and Formation.

Today, after 10.30 Mass, our refreshments are being hosted by our SPUC representatives: This is to raise awareness of SPUC and raise much needed funds for the cause. Please do pop along and show your support.

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.


On Sunday 16th November, Nuns from St Elisabeth Convent in Minsk will be selling homemade item of embroidery, candles carvings etc, after each Mass.

St Elisabeth Convent bears the name of the holy Martyr Grand Princess Elisabeth. It was founded in 1999 in the outskirts of Minsk and has originated from the sisterhood bearing the same name. The convent currently counts just under a hundred nuns and around 300 sisters of mercy. Taking up the ministry of our patron saint, the sisters of our convent provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. Since its establishment the convent has been patronizing 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies for more than 14 years. Our assistance goes from purchasing diapers for the bedridden children to the implementation of different activities on their rehabilitation and socialisation. We consider it vital to raise children in the atmosphere of love, mercy and diligence. To support and develop the above ministries, more than twenty workshops and studios operate within the frameworks of the Sisterhood. These include sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, wood-carving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more.

Blessing of the Graves: 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.

Request for singers for Advent: There will be a short practise after the 10:30 am Mass on the 16th and 23rd November. We will be focusing on the hymns sang during Advent and also the Mass setting. Please come along and join our choir. SJV parish needs you. Thank you.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation (2026): We are now enrolling children who are currently in Year 3 and above at Primary School and Years 8 and above at Secondary School to receive these Sacraments. You must attend regularly at Sunday Mass and come to this parish. Please obtain a form from Fr Michael or Fr Luke to register for this. **Please note Deadline is 7th December for both applications.** If you have any questions, please email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

<p>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.</p>	
<p>Hiring of Hall: Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email:</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Please remember to Gift Aid if you are tax payer. Forms are situated in the porch on the lefthand side as you enter.</p> <p>Payment online: Account No: 21089620 Sort Code: 51-70-14 Account Name: RCAS Bexleyheath</p>	
<p>Welcomers 2026! Please do consider becoming a welcomer at one of our Sunday Masses. The role involves handing Mass books and newsletters to parishioners and organising the Offertory collection and bringing of the gifts. Feel free to speak to one of our current welcomers after Mass for more information. Thank you.</p>	
<p>Jesuit Refugee Service Advent Service and Reception: Monday 1st December, 7:00pm – Farm Street Church, W1K 3AH we begin our preparations for Advent and reflect on the Holy Family's flight into exile, join the Jesuit Refugee Service for an evening of carols and a special performance by their refugee music group.</p>	
<p>Readers' Rota for November-December 2025: Copies are available in the porch.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Job Vacancy: Housing & Welfare Advice Worker at Manna Centre: Please see advert on noticeboard in porch for more information.</p>	
<p>Days with Mary: Saturday 15th November at St Saviour, Lewisham. For more information visit: https://www.adaywithmary.org/ or https://eventcatholic.com/</p>	
<p>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.stcgg.co.uk/vacancies. Thank you.</p>	
<p>Open Mornings at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Long Lane: 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.</p>	
<p>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: 27th November at 8:30pm, 11th December at 8:30pm. Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information</p>	
<p>Donations for Local Foodbanks: We have now resumed collecting donations for the foodbanks. Items needed are cereal, sugar, tea, coffee, UHT milk, toilet rolls, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, soup etc. Thank you for supporting this.</p>	
<p>The Eltham Utopians are looking for dancers and actors: The date of the panto is 20th and 21st February which will take place in Bexley village or Chislehurst, the auditions and rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings in Eltham, they are desperate to recruit more actors/dancers to make the panto happen! Susie Clarke is a ballet teacher contact her if interested 07587146877.</p>	
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – 12.00PM TO 2.00PM</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Thank you for the items already donated. We still need toiletries, fancy goods, toys and games (including soft toys), bric-a-brac and bottles for our tombola. We would like to have a cake stall too, so feel free to become the next Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood and get baking. We can receive these donations on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available too.</p> </div> </div> <p>Don't forget, Celine our photographer will be there to take lovely family photos, which make an ideal Christmas present.</p> <p>Please note: it will be cash only on the day.</p> <p>To make this a success, I need your help with setting up on the Friday afternoon and also running a stall on the Saturday. Please either call me on 07989 156111 if you're free to help, or email bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk.</p> <p>Please leave donations in the porch and put bottles in the box marked "bottle tombola". With grateful thanks. Cath.</p>	
<p>Forthcoming Collections:</p> <p>Sunday 9th November: Archbishop's Appeal</p> <p>Sunday 16th November: A nun from St Elisabeth's Convent, Belarus will be selling some of their items after Mass.</p> <p>Sunday 23rd November: Catholic Youth Services</p> <p>Sunday 30th November: Association of St Jeanne Jugan – Foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Little Sisters of the Poor have their nursing/residential home in Vauxhall – London, where they provide care and support to the elderly poor and aged. They also look after and care for the sick and retired priests of the Southwark Diocese. This is where Fr Michael has recuperated when he has had knee and hip surgery. It is also where Fr Jeff is Chaplain. The Sr Monica will attend all Sunday Masses and give a short talk.</p>	
<p>CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: The 2025-2026 catalogue of Christmas gifts and other products is available for you to take home from the porch, or check out their full range at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts</p>	