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Sunday 16th November 2025

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

Visit from the Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent, Belarus

- 08.30 Mass in "Thanksgiving" (Prashanth) (Fr L)
 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)

Monday 17th November 2025

Saint Hilda, Religious

No Mass

Tuesday 18th November 2025

**The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter
and Paul, Apostles**

- 09.00 Mass for Holy Souls in Purgatory (Antao) (Fr L)
 followed by Rosary
 09.30 Open Morning at St Thomas More Catholic
 Primary School (Sheldon Road)

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for the Chitty Family, including deceased
 relatives (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 20th November 2025

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Santhaipillai & Anthonimuthu
 (Gunarajah-Regis) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 21st November 2025

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 09.00 Mass for Sean & Margaret O'Connor RIP
 (Parnell) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed
 Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 22nd November 2025

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

- 10.00 Mass for Private Intentions (Hensman) (Fr L)
 Confessions
 13.00 Baptism of Henry Joseph Luis Poland (Fr M)

Sunday 23rd November 2025

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe/Youth Sunday
The Last Sunday in the Church's Year**

- 08.30 Mass for Wanda Borowska RIP (Danuta) (Fr M)
 10.30 Mass for Olivia Gordon's Birthday (Family)
 (Fr L)
 Children's Liturgy
 Refreshments in the hall
 17.30 Mass for Adelina & Domingo D'Sa RIP
 (D'sa Family) (Fr M)

Second Collection for Catholic Youth Service

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

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.

Today we are being visiting by Nuns from St Elisabeth Convent in Minsk: they will be selling homemade item of embroidery, candles carvings etc, after each Mass.

Next Sunday marks the end of the Church's Year: The New Year begins on Sunday 30th November when we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent and a new cycle of readings and Matthew's Gospel.

We have a new Dean in Bexley Deanery: Congratulations to Father Regis Rubaya, Parish Priest of St Lawrence's Sidcup, who has been appointed by Archbishop John as the new Dean of the Bexley Deanery. His term of office runs from 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2029. We are immensely grateful to Canon Edward Perera, Parish Priest at St Stephen's Welling, for serving as our Dean over the last two terms. Fr Michael.

Baptism Buddy needed for this Saturday 22nd November at 1pm.

Quiz night: Many thanks to all who attended the Parish Quiz Night last Saturday. It was a great evening much enjoyed by all who took part. And we raised £251 which will go to parish funds.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME... to become a welcomer at one of the three Sunday Masses. The more people who volunteer will enable us to start a rota and consequently the more people on the rota means there are fewer times you have to do it. The parish needs you to help it continue to grow and for Father Michael and Father Luke to provide you with Spiritual help and guidance. Support your parish. It needs you.

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.

The Bexley Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children would like to thank Fr Michael, Fr Luke, Cath, the tea servers and parishioners of St John Vianney for probably the most successful coffee morning so far. We made a magnificent £86.50 and what a great atmosphere to boot. See you all again soon and if anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at hillsrobert03@gmail.com
 Regards Rob

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

Forthcoming Collections:

Sunday 23rd November: Catholic Youth Services

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. Sr Monica will attend all Sunday Masses and give a short talk.

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

Message from Trinity Baptist, Bexleyheath – Advent for Women | 06/12/25: This free event is always the best way to start Advent; gathered together as Women; fixing our eyes on Jesus and rooting ourselves in the real reason for Christmas! Advent for Women creates a space for us to worship together, listen to a talk which will help us reflect across the coming month and socialise! We'll be at Trinity Baptist Church on 6th December, 7:00pm-9:30pm, and we'd love to have your community join us.
<https://trinitybexleyheath.churchsuite.com/events/kmsuobnl>

Missio Red Box Holders: Thank you for all those who returned your Red Boxes. We collected £123.82. Your boxes have been updated with your name and amount donated. These are ready to collect from the table in the porch at the back of the church. If you would like to become a Red Box holder, please let me know. Please consider Gift Aid for your donations. If you are a gift aid holder and wish to cancel, please let me know by emailing a.antao30@yahoo.co.uk If you prefer to donate directly to Missio by cheque or bank transfer, please see <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>. Your gifts ensure that together we can help local missionaries overseas, train future Priests and Sisters, and give hope to the world's poorest children. Thank you for your help and generosity as always. Abby

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.

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.

Job Vacancy: Housing & Welfare Advice Worker at Manna Centre: Please see advert on noticeboard in porch for more information.

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.

St. Catherine's Catholic Girls School in Bexleyheath is seeking to appoint a highly effective and innovative Head of Art to lead and develop the work and success of the Art department. The Art department is well established and consistently produces outstanding outcomes for our students. We wish to appoint a leader with the ability to inspire, engage and motivate students and one that can take the curriculum forward to the next stage. For more information please visit <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Teaching-Vacancies/>

Open Mornings at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Long Lane: 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.**

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

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – 12.00PM TO 2.00PM



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.

Don't forget, Celine our photographer will be there to take lovely family photos, which make an ideal Christmas present.

Please note: it will be cash only on the day.

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.

Please leave donations in the porch and put bottles in the box marked "bottle tombola". With grateful thanks. Cath.

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