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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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) (Choir practice after Mass)  
 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**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

**Today Fr Michael celebrates his 47<sup>th</sup> Year of Ordination**

- 09.00 Mass for All Forgotten Souls (Antao) (Fr L)  
 followed by the Rosary

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Feria**

- 09.00 Mass for Cosmiro & Retina Gomes (Gomes)  
 (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Feria**

- 09.00 Mass for Narcis, Anna & Louisa Faria RIP  
 (Gomes) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Feria**

- 09.00 Mass for Peter & Roberto Cascarini RIP (Fr L)  
 Adoration until 10.00am  
 Confessions straight after the Blessed  
 Sacrament is Exposed  
 12.00 Volunteers to setup for Christmas Fayre in hall

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Saint Cuthbert Mayne and Companions**

- 10.00 Mass for The Chitty Family, including Deceased  
 Relatives (Fr L)  
 Confessions  
 12-2pm Our Parish Christmas Fayre in the hall

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**First Sunday of Advent – Year A**

**Visit of the Little Sisters of the Poor**

- 08.30 Mass for Atmore Family Intentions (D'Costa)  
 (Fr L)  
 10.30 Mass for Anne Hammond (Birthday) (Carolan)  
 (Fr M)  
 Children's Liturgy  
 Refreshments in the hall  
 17.30 Mass for Laurente & Felicidade D'Sa RIP  
 (D'Sa Family) (Fr L)

**Second Collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor  
 (St Andrew, Apostle & Patron Saint of Scotland)**

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS**

**Holy Souls:** This is the last week if you wish to add the names of your loved ones to be prayed for in our Holy Souls basket.

**Today is the great Feast of Christ the King** when everything we have celebrated this year is placed under Our Blessed Lord, King and Ruler of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the church's Year. We also celebrate the gift of all our young people on Youth Sunday and pray for them in these difficult times.

**Today there is a Second Collection for Catholic Youth Services**  
 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is World Youth Sunday. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a wide range of opportunities and activities for youth and young adults across the Archdiocese. For more information, visit [www.tinyurl.com/scys1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scys1) or join the Southwark Catholic Youth Network for regular updates at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork) or via the QR code. Additional resources for World Youth Sunday are available from CYMFed at [www.wys.cymfed.org.uk](http://www.wys.cymfed.org.uk)

**Congratulations** to Thea Luz Grojales who was baptised last weekend.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Next Sunday** we will be visited by Sr Monica from the Little Sisters of the Poor, Vauxhall and there will be a second collection for them. 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.

**Next Sunday marks the start of the Season of Advent and the beginning of a New Church Year:** Sunday readings come from Year A and we will listen to St Matthew's Gospel in the new translation. There will be a new volume of the Parish Mass book. Matthew is the most Jewish of the gospels, attributed to Matthew or Levi who was a tax collector and called by Jesus. In Matthew we find much teaching, many parables and healings. The Synoptic gospels [Matthew Mark and Luke] share many verses and stories. Synoptic means they look at things in the same way. In Matthew, Jesus is the new Moses, the great teacher who speaks his Sermon on the Mount. We often hear the words "this happened to fulfil the prophecy" so that there are very strong links with the Old Testament.



**Christmas Fayre – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**12.00pm – 2.00pm:** We are looking forward to seeing you at our Fayre next Saturday. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help setup on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please come to the hall for 12.00noon

(not before, as yoga will be on in the hall). If you are helping on stall on Saturday, please arrive at 11.15am.

It is not too late to bring in donations. We could do with a few more bottle donations for our tombola. Remember, these can be fizzy drinks as well as alcohol and also shampoo! We'd also like homemade or shop bought cakes (please bring these Friday afternoon or Saturday morning). Celine will be on hand to take family photos, and we shall have our Repository stall set up, so you can buy your Christmas cards etc. **Please note: this is a cash only event.**

**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.

<p><b><u>Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers:</u></b> 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><b><u>Hiring of Hall:</u></b> Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email:</p>
<p><b><u>Receiving the newsletter online:</u></b> In order to reduce paper wastage, if you would like to have our weekly newsletter emailed to you, please contact the parish office <a href="mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk">bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk</a> and it will be sent to you weekly.</p>
<p><b><u>HOW TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATION:</u></b> 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><b>Payment online: Account No:</b> 21089620 <b>Sort Code:</b> 51-70-14 <b>Account Name:</b> RCAS Bexleyheath</p>
<p><b><u>Request for singers for Advent:</u></b> There will be a short practise after 10.30 Mass today. 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.</p>
<p><b><u>Message from Sister Olga and sisters of St Elisabeth Convent:</u></b> Dear Father Michael and all parishioners of the Parish, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the decision to kindly grant us the permission to visit Your parish. We heartily thank the Lord for Your and Your parishioners' hospitality and precious help during the visit of our sister. We do appreciate all your efforts, concern, assistance and kind heartedness greatly.</p> <p>Our sister is incredibly grateful for the donation collected in your parish which will allow us to continue our outreach services and programs for orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies, for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able) including food, shelter and clothing distribution. Let us assure you that You are always welcome here at St. Elisabeth Convent. We wish all of you Blessings of Joy and Peace throughout the Year! With deep gratitude and love in Christ,</p>
<p><b><u>Called to Bear Fruit consultation response published:</u></b> Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at <a href="https://rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit">rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit</a> and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love. So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future. As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course. Archbishop John.</p>
<p><b><u>Come and See – Advent Course:</u></b> 4 weekly sessions start on the 27<sup>th</sup> November and the last session is on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. Wednesday evenings 7pm-8pm. <a href="https://comeandsee.org/advent-bible-studies">https://comeandsee.org/advent-bible-studies</a></p>
<p><b><u>Message from Trinity Baptist, Bexleyheath – Advent for Women   06/12/25:</u></b> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7:00pm-9:30pm, and we'd love to have your community join us.</p> <p><a href="https://trinitybexleyheath.churchsuite.com/events/kmsuobnl">https://trinitybexleyheath.churchsuite.com/events/kmsuobnl</a></p>
<p><b><u>Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation (2026):</u></b> 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: <a href="mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk">bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b><u>Missio Red Box Holders:</u></b> 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 href="mailto:a.anta030@yahoo.co.uk">a.anta030@yahoo.co.uk</a> If you prefer to donate directly to Missio by cheque or bank transfer, please see <a href="https://missio.org.uk/donate/">https://missio.org.uk/donate/</a>. 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</p>
<p><b><u>Jesuit Refugee Service Advent Service and Reception:</u></b> Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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><b><u>Toddler Prayer Time:</u></b> 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><b><u>Job Vacancy:</u></b> Housing &amp; Welfare Advice Worker at Manna Centre: Please see advert on noticeboard in porch for more information.</p>
<p><b><u>St Catherine's Catholic Girls School have the following vacancies:</u></b> Teacher of Science, Teacher of Psychology (and Sociology) (Maternity Leave), Teacher of Geography (Fixed term), Teacher of Science (Maternity Leave), Head of Art to lead and develop the work and success of the Art department. For full job descriptions and person specifications please visit <a href="http://www.stccg.co.uk/vacancies">www.stccg.co.uk/vacancies</a>.</p>
<p><b><u>Open Mornings at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Long Lane:</u></b> Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025/Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 9.00am/Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026. <b>Timings are 9.30am-10.30am for each date.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Donations for Local Foodbanks:</u></b> 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><b><u>The Eltham Utopians are looking for dancers and actors:</u></b> The date of the panto is 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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>
<p><b><u>CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:</u></b> 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 <a href="http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts">cafod.org.uk/worldgifts</a></p>