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Sunday 11th January 2026

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

08.30 Mass in Thanksgiving & Honour to the Holy Trinity (Guilbert) (Fr M)
10.30 Mass for Breeda & Davey O'Neill RIP (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy resumes
Refreshments resume
17.30 Mass for Fr James Austin RIP (Foundation) (OLA)

The end of the Season of Christmas

Monday 12th January 2026

Saint Aelred of Rievaulx

No Mass

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

09.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
09.30 Open Morning at St Thomas More Primary School

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Feria

No Mass

Thursday 15th January 2026

Feria

09.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
19.00 Meeting for First Holy Communion Parents (hall)

Friday 16th January 2026

Feria

09.00 Mass In Thanksgiving for all who attended my 100th birthday (Kay) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 17th January 2026

Saint Anthony, Abbot

10.00 Mass for Bola, Victor Momady & Family (Carolan) (Fr M)
Confessions

Sunday 18th January 2026

White Flower/Peace Sunday/Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

08.30 Mass for Retina Gomes RIP & Anne Faria RIP (Birthday) (Gomes) (Fr M)
10.30 Mass of Commitment for First Communion Children/Mass for Mary McGinty RIP (Family) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy/Refreshments in the Hall
17.30 Mass for Kate & Ron Mannouch RIP (OLA)

Second Collection for the White Flower Appeal (SPUC)

Rest in Peace Ken Atmore: It was with profound sorrow that we announced last week the death of our very dear friend and parishioner Ken Atmore. He died peacefully at home in Izane Road with his dear wife Ann close beside him. Ken had been ill for a short while with brain cancer. He did not want many people to know this so we did not pray for him publicly by name but prayed for him in our hearts. We thought Ken might get better, but it was not to be. Ken was a great parishioner involved in so many activities: taking communion to the sick, reading at Mass, Chair of the Parish Council, cutting our grass and the odd bit of painting. He did whatever was needed without being asked. He helped with the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund in the Deanery and was also active in charity work with Starlight. But above all he was a good man. His faith was deep and he was loving and generous. Ann and Ken married here 55 years ago and they were such a wonderful couple – so devoted to each other. We pray for Ann who will miss him so much. We will also miss our amazing Ken. I could go on for ages about how he helped us. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Ann, his children Ian and Natalie, the grandchildren and his brothers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. West Bromwich Albion have lost a fantastic fan. Ken's funeral will take place here on Wednesday 28th January at 10.15am followed by Eltham Crematorium at 11.45am.

Rest in Peace Mary Edwards who died recently aged 95. She and her husband John had lived in The Grove, Bexleyheath. He died some years ago and we have a Foundation Mass for him. This was Mary's childhood parish as well as being her family parish when she had the children. We offer our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Mary's funeral will be at St John Vianney on Thursday 22nd January at 10.30am, followed by burial at Hill View Cemetery.

Rest in Peace Maud Roussetty: We heard recently that Maud died a few weeks ago in Mauritius. She left our parish to go back to her home place of Mauritius a year ago. I think she may have been 95 when she died. She was in a care home run by the Loreto Nuns and was safe and well looked after. Maud was a parishioner here for a long time. She came to our lunch club and was a member of our Bible Group. Despite her years she was very active and enjoyed various activities including Tai Chi. Maud had a great Catholic faith and was a woman of great intelligence. Sadly, she had various mental health issues and could be difficult and hard to please. At other times she was sweetness and light. She was certainly a character and I liked her. Our sympathy to all her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

White Flower Appeal – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – SPUC:

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for SPUC. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. The Society is actively leading the fight in courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission. Through these efforts, SPUC will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide. Your support means everything to us. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time for our country.

Pax Christi: "The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence and in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice". (Envelopes are in the porch for donations)

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Fr Gareth Bowen, Mary Paul, John Yates, 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: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

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. **Payment online: Account No:** 21089620 **Sort Code:** 51-70-14 **Account Name:** RCAS Bexleyheath

Taking down decorations: I'm sure you'll agree that the church has looked lovely during Christmastime, however, it is now time to take down the decorations and parishioners are needed to help with this. Are you free to help this Friday (16th) at midday? Thank you in advance.

Help is Needed: Please consider becoming a welcomer at 10.30am Mass (other Masses need help too). Also, we really need more volunteers to help count the collection money every week. If you'd like to know more, please contact Cath: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk or phone the parish office. Thank you.

Our 2026 First Holy Communion Programme begins soon: Meeting for Parents & Guardians on Thursday 15th January at 7.00pm in the hall. Mass of Commitment, Sunday 18th January at 10.30am Mass.

Radio Maria is a global network of 24-hour Catholic radio stations that broadcast religious programming to support listeners' spiritual lives. <https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

Please continue to pray for Bishop-Elect Gerard Bradley, whose Episcopal Ordination is taking place at 12.30pm in St George's Cathedral on Monday 2nd February.

Crib Donations: This year, our Crib donations will be going to The Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust. This Trust was established following a request from Bethlehem Christians for help in establishing a hospice. Please donate via our box by the Crib or go to <https://bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org/>. Thank you. We keep the crib up until Candlemas on 2nd February.

New Catholic Title: Pope Leo XIV on Love, Truth, and the Church's Mission: POPE LEO XIV Amor sed Amor — Love, but Love. A clear Catholic response for our time — In a world shaped by Artificial Intelligence, individualism, and moral relativism, this book presents Pope Leo XIV's compelling call to the Church: to love with truth, to evangelise with courage, and to remain faithful to Christ in a changing culture. (See poster for more information)

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School with Nursery Unit 2026 Admissions: The open mornings for admission to Nursery for September 2026 will take place at the following times: • Tuesday 27th January 1:30pm • Wednesday 4th February 9:30am • Tuesday 10th March 1:30pm • Wednesday 18th March 9:30am. (See poster for more information)

Donations for Local Foodbanks: Items needed are cereal, sugar, tea, coffee, UHT milk, toilet rolls, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, soup etc. We've also been made aware that hats and gloves are in urgent need too, so if you could supply these also, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting this.

Racial Justice Sunday 1st February 2026 – Mass at 10.00am at St George's Cathedral: See poster for more information.

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Days with Mary: St Anselm, Dartford, Saturday 24th January, St Elphege's Wallington, Saturday 14th February and St Cecilia North Cheam on Saturday 21st February (See posters for more information)

Fr Luke is now away until 4th February: Fr Michael will be on his own and will say Mass on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday 8.30 & 10.30. One of the priests from Erith will celebrate the 5.30pm Mass. There will be Liturgy of the Word Services with Holy Communion on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.00am. There are no baptisms during January. If we have funerals with burials the local priests of the Deanery have shown their willingness to help.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9 to 14 February 2026. It is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual experience soaking in the Spirit of Jesus as we travel to honour Our Blessed Mother.

Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13 February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 February morning and arriving in London later on 14 February 2026. Full board, exciting festival devotional program, experience the Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, the Candlelight Marian Rosary Procession and the International Mass on the Feast Day followed by Stations, Confessions and Adoration with Hour of Mercy. Travel, full board and program cost £590. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.