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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)

The Church Unity Octave begins

Monday 19th January 2026

Saint Wulstan, Bishop

No Mass

12.40 Funeral Service for Margaret McGorry at N E Surrey Crematorium, Lower Morden

Tuesday 20th January 2026

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

09.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st January 2026

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

No Mass

Thursday 22nd January 2026

Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

No Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

10.30 Funeral Mass for Mary Edwards followed by burial at 12noon at Hill View Cemetery, Welling (parking available in Heathfield Road on single yellow lines)

Friday 23rd January 2026

Feria

09.00 Mass for Ken Atmore RIP (Offord) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 24th January 2026

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Day with Mary at St Anselm, Dartford

10.00 Mass for Pat Harrow RIP (Hensman) (Fr M)
Confessions

Sunday 25th January 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/

Sunday of the Word of God

08.30 Mass for Maud Roussetty RIP (D'Costa) (Fr M)
10.00 First Communion Programme starts
10.30 Mass for Ken Atmore RIP (D'Costa) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy/Refreshments in the Hall
17.30 Mass for Holy Souls (OLA)
18.00 Churches Together Unity Service (Geddes Place)

Readers are invited to renew their commitment at each Mass.

Second Collection for St George's Cathedral

Today we celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

(Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle)

The end of the Church Unity Octave

Rest in Peace: Please continue to keep in your prayers Ken Atmore, Mary Edwards and Maud Roussetty. Ken's Funeral Mass will be here on Wednesday 28th January at 10.15am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium.

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

Today there is 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. Rob Hills our SPUC representative will be helping at refreshments after 10.30 Mass.

Pax Christi: Today is Peace Sunday "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)

Mass of Commitment and Enrolment: Today we welcome our 18 First Communion children and their families as they begin their journey towards Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers: Sophia, Amy, Jidenna, Odera, Sienna, Aria, Kameron, Alfie, Cissy, Camile, Stanley, Noah, Chinelo, Gerrard, Kerem, Senanayaka, Lincoln, Joshua.

St John Vianney Church will be hosting the "International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World" designed and created by Saint Carlo Acutis from 30th January to 15th February (inclusive). Saint Carlo Acutis (3rd May 1991-12th October 2006) was an English-born Italian Catholic teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of digital media to promote Catholic devotion. Born in London and raised in Milan, he developed an early interest in computers and video games, teaching himself programming and web design and assisting his parish and school with digital projects. Active in parish life, he served as a catechist and helped inspire several people to convert to Catholicism. He later created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions. He was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukaemia and died at the age of fifteen. Since his death, his relics have been displayed in Assisi and his exhibitions on Eucharistic miracles have travelled worldwide. In 2020, he was beatified by the Catholic Church after its recognition of a 2013 miracle in Campo Grande, capital of a Brazilian state attributed to his intercession, and a second miracle in Italy was attributed in 2024. Acutis was canonised as a saint on 7th September 2025, alongside Pier Giorgio Frassati. Acutis has been referred to as the "patron saint of the Internet", "God's Influencer" and the "first millennial saint".

Please do take time to come and see this exhibition. Either come early to Mass or stay afterwards and take time looking at the miraculous works.

A note from Janet, our Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Mass Offerings. We can receive Gift Aid on Mass offerings if you are a Gift Aid Donor. Could you please write on the envelope or email your gift aid number and amount that is enclosed? If you are paying by BACS, please ensure it is marked "Mass offering". Many thanks. Janet.

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Rita Zaremba, 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

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1st February 2026, at 10am. Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride. If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags. After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments – a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion. You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>
There will be a Second Collection on this day in parishes.

St Catherine's Catholic School for Girls in Bexleyheath is seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators to maintain the integrity and security of both internal and external examinations, and to support and guide students calmly during their examination period. For more information and to apply, please visit St Catherine's Catholic School – Support Staff Vacancies.

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.

Christ the King Sixth Form are seeking a qualified Accountant to join their Governing Body: Please see poster in porch for more information.

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.

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)

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9th to 14th 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 9th February 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13th February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14th February morning and arriving in London later on 14th 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.

Danson Park – Go Ape Plans: Are you aware that there are plans to build a "Go Ape" in Danson Park? There are no notices in the park advertising this. The deadline for objection is 21st January. Please click on this link if you would like to view the development plans.

<https://pa.bexley.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=T5MJJ6BELLW00>

Next Sunday there is a second collection for St George's Cathedral. St George's is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.

