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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

Monday 26th January 2026

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops.

No Mass

Tuesday 27th January 2026

Feria

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

09.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 28th January 2026

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10.15 Funeral Mass of Ken Atmore RIP

11.45 Eltham Crematorium

Thursday 29th January 2026

Feria

09.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday 30th January 2026

Feria

09.00 Mass for Agnelo & Margaret Costa
(50th Wedding Anniversary) (Antao) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 31st January 2026

Saint John Bosco, Priest

10.00 Mass for Ken Atmore RIP (Parnell) (Fr M)
Confessions

Carlos Acutis Exhibition available to view until Sunday 15th February

Sunday 1st February 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Racial Justice Day

08.30 Mass for Astrid Rodrigues RIP (Guilbert) (Fr M)
10.00 Mass at St George's Cathedral for Racial Justice Sunday
10.00 First Communion Session
10.30 Mass for Jessica De Souza RIP (D'Costa) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy/Refreshments in the hall
17.30 Mass for Ken Atmore RIP (Cook) (OLA)

Second Collection for Racial Justice Day

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God and we invite our readers to renew their commitment to this important ministry at every Mass.

Today 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.



First Communion Classes start today: Please keep them in your prayers: Sophia, Amy, Jidenna, Odera, Sienna, Aria, Kameron, Alfie, Cissy, Camile, Stanley, Noah, Chinelo, Gerrard, Kerem, Inosh, Lincoln, Joshua and Skye. We also ask parishioners to sign up and become a "Prayer Partner" for each of these children. (Please see list on noticeboard in porch). Thank you.

Ken's Funeral Mass is this Wednesday (28th) at 10.15am here, followed by Eltham Crematorium at 11.45am.

Today is the last Sunday our Crib will be on display. It's not too late to donate to The Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust, which is the charity we've been supporting. Thank you for your kind donations.

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Day and there will be a second collection. The money raised supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. Archbishop John Wilson is saying Mass at 10.00am in St George's Cathedral. 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>

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.

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

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.

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.

Examination Invigilators Needed – St Columba's Catholic Boys' School: We are recruiting Examination Invigilators to support the smooth running of exams at St Columba's Catholic Boys' School, Bexleyheath. We're looking for reliable, punctual individuals available during February–March, May–June, and November. Training is provided. Pay is £14.21 per hour (including holiday pay), with hours varying by timetable. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Kelly White at KWE@st-columbas.co.uk

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.

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 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.

Bexley Winter Shelter Drop-In Centre: Some of you may recall I'm involved with BWS, and in the past we have used St JV hall on a Friday to feed guests fish and chips. Since June last year the setup has been different and we now run a Drop-In Centre at the Sea Cadet hall in Trinity Place on a Monday and Tuesday from 10.00am-2.00pm. This is to help homeless or those at risk of homelessness. We provide a cooked breakfast, tea/coffee and support from local services e.g. DWP, Oxleas Mental Health to name but a few, as well as lending a friendly ear. Our Drop-In is proving very busy and successful. We are sourcing accommodation for a lot of clients in a short period of time. We are currently in need of new sleeping bags. If anyone is able to donate a new sleeping bag, we'd be very grateful. Please leave it in the porch behind the Mass books and I can collect them. If you feel you would like to volunteer, please contact me or alternatively visit www.bexleywintershelter.org.uk. If you know of anyone that is rough sleeping or sofa surfing, please ask them to call Geraldine: 07305 102730

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We urgently need volunteers to keep the parish running. The areas in which we are most lacking for help are cleaning, counting the collection, welcoming at the church door. We also need help in the Sacristy, particularly with filling the holy water stoops, making sure the Sanctuary lamp is kept alight, filling candles and acolytes with oil, checking the state of the servers' albs and other jobs. None of these jobs will take up much of your time and will be a way of serving The Lord in a very practical way.

Please contact Cath on: 07989 156111 or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk if you feel you can help. Thank you in advance.