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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

Monday 2nd February 2026

Feast of the Presentation of the of the Lord (Candlemas)

No Mass

- 12.00 Episcopal Ordination of Canon Gerard Bradley at St George's Cathedral

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Saint Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop also Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

- 09.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Saint Henry Morse, Priest and Martyr

No Mass

Fr Luke returns from Nigeria

Thursday 5th February 2026

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

- 09.00 Mass for Maud Roussetty RIP (Bird) (Fr L)
- 18.30 Meeting for Confirmation candidates and their parents (hall) (Fr L)

Friday 6th February 2026

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs. First Friday

- 09.00 Mass for Aida Quijada Martinez RIP (Alaminos) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 7th February 2026

The Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.00 Mass for Kath & Bill Hewett RIP (Crashaw) (Fr L)
Confessions
- 13.00 Baptism of Alfie David Harrild (Fr M)

Sunday 8th February 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time/

Day of Prayer for Victims of trafficking

- 08.30 Mass for Barnabus John (RIP) (Kennedy) (Fr M)
- 10.00 First Communion Session
- 10.30 Mass of Commitment for the Confirmation candidates and their families/Mass for Ken Atmore RIP (Carolan) (Fr L)
Children's Liturgy/Refreshments in the hall
- 17.30 Mass for Joseph Forbin RIP (Marverick) (Fr L)
(Saint Josephine Bakhita)

Today is Racial Justice Day and there is 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. Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese.

Rest in Peace: Kathleen Wood of Cuxton Close, who died recently. Her funeral will be here on Monday 9th February at 12.00noon. Our sympathies go to her family. May She rest in peace and rise in glory.

Congratulations to Canon Gerard Bradley on his ordination as our Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Bishop Gerard will be at the forefront of our evangelisation and missionary efforts, as we continue to work tirelessly to form a community of confident, joyful, and missionary disciples dedicated to leading people to Christ.

Next Sunday we welcome our Confirmation candidates and families to their Commitment Ceremony at 10.30am Mass: Please keep in your prayers James, William, Oliver, Aiden, Phoebe, Jaiden, Tochukwu, Dillyn, Serena, Nithuli, Eleanore, Mattia, Chiara, and Kimia.

We ask the candidates to stay on after Mass to have their photos taken by Celine. Thank you.

Carlos Acutis Exhibition of "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World": Most of the exhibition had to be installed in our Children's Chapel, as they were unable to move the pews for it to be put around the sides of the church. It is available to view when the church is open for each Mass, until Sunday 15th February. Hopefully some of the children from St Thomas More School, St Catherine's and St Columbas will visit too.

Apologies that the chapel is out of action for a few Sundays for the little ones, but there was no alternative. Sorry. Cath

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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.

Baptism Buddy needed: Fr Michael needs a buddy for Saturday 8th February at 1.00pm. Please speak to him or email the office if you can help.

Readers' Rotas for March-April 2026: are available to collect in the porch.

Rob, Jemma, Tom and all of the SPUC Group would like to say a massive thank you for the wonderful welcome we received during the coffee morning on Sunday the 18th January. We made £50 which is fantastic. It was also great to attend all the White Flower masses. Thanks again to Fr Michael, Br Krzysztof and all the parishioners of St John Vianney. Rob

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

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.

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: ● 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.

Days with Mary: St Elphege's Wallington, Saturday 14th February; St Cecilia North Cheam on Saturday 21st February and Saturday 28th February. Church of the Good shepherd, Downham. (See posters for more information)

Bexley Winter Shelter Drop-In Centre: Some of you may recall I'm involved with BWS, and in the past we have used StJV 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 hot shower, cooked breakfast, tea/coffee and support from local services including DWP, Oxleas Mental Health, Thamesratch, 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. Also in short supply is men's shower gel and shampoo.

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 roughsleeping or sofa surfing, please ask them to call Geraldine: 07305 102730. Thank you. Cath

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust's first unpaid carers engagement event, to be held on Tuesday 10th March: The aim of the day is to bring together unpaid carers and DGT patients who rely on unpaid carers, alongside Trust staff, healthcare professionals and community partners who are committed to improving carer involvement during hospital stays. The day will be collaborative, allowing people to share their experiences and insights, and we hope to end with a clear path to improving the support we offer to carers. The full aims and objectives outline for the day is displayed on posters in our porch.

Offertory Collections for December 2025/January 2026

Dec-25

Date	Basket	Gift Aid	Loose	S/Orders	Card	Total
7.12.25	690.44	282	408.44			
14.12.25	514.91	155.25	359.66			
21.12.25	580.11	124	456.11			
28.12.25	599.29	168	431.29			
	2384.75	729.25	1655.5	2002.67	797	5184.42

December's figures do not include Christmas Collection

Jan-26

Date	Basket	Gift Aid	Loose	S/Orders	Card	Total
4.1.26	551.73	123	428.73			
11.1.26	604.63	130	474.63			
18.1.26	481.34	113	368.34			
25.1.26	508.5	178	330.5			
	2146.2	544	1602.2	1952.67	415	4513.87