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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)

Monday 9th February 2026

Feria

- 12.00 Funeral Mass for Kathleen Wood followed by burial at 1.30pm at Hill View Cemetery (Fr L)

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

- 09.00 Mass for Anthony Da Costa RIP (Antao) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 11th February 2026

Our Lady of Lourdes. World Day for the Sick

- 09.00 Mass for Mr J V De Souza RIP (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 12th February 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Thomas O'Connor RIP (Parnell) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
19.00 Confirmation Session in the Hall (Fr L)

Friday 13th February 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Josefina Antao RIP (Anniv) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 14th February 2026

Feast of Saint Cyril, Monk & Saint Methodius, Bishop,

Patron of Europe. Saint Valentine, Martyr

Happy Valentine's Day

- 10.00 Mass for Private Intentions (Seema) (Fr L)
Confessions
12.00 Installation of Archbishop-elect Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster.

Sunday 15th February 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass for Mrs Terrine John RIP (Kennedy) (Fr L)
No First Communion Programme.
10.30 Mass for Ken Atmore RIP (Bird) (Fr M)
No Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in the hall
17.30 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)

Second Collection for the Clergy Support Fund

Today 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, Elleanore, Mattia, Chiara, and Kimia.

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

Clergy Support Fund, Second Collection – Sunday 15th February:

Next Sunday there a second for the Clergy Support Fund. This fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for clergy in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, his Church and his people. Donations ensure a dignified retirement for all our priests.

Carlo 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

Offers of Help: Thank you to the parishioners who have offered to help with the filling of the candles, acolytes and holy water stoups. We still urgently need church cleaners and it would be great to get some help with organising the altar servers' albs and making sure they're kept clean and tidy. They have all been washed this week at the presbytery and thank you to the volunteer who ironed them all!

Altar Servers – please ensure you hang your albs up properly so that they're kept tidy. Thank you.

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

Good Counsel Network – 40 Days for Life: Tuesday 10th February at 6.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, 346 Brixton Road, London SW9 0TH. (See poster for more information)

Archbishop-elect Richard Moth will be installed as the Twelfth Archbishop of Westminster on Saturday 14th February 2026 at 12 noon in Westminster Cathedral. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

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.

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.

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

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: • Tuesday 10th March 1:30pm • Wednesday 18th March 9:30am. (See poster for more information)

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, Thamesrath, 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.

Marriage and Family Life Events in 2026: Please look at information on noticeboard for events being held during 2026.

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 18th February

It is a day of fasting and abstinence. After the short homily the ashes are blessed and distributed. All can receive the ashes on their forehead, even babies and those who are not Catholics. They are a sign of repentance and humility.

Yes, we will soon be moving from Green time to Purple time. We will be asking for people to sign up to lead the Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays at 8.00pm. We will also have our usual lists up asking for Welcomers, Readers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers etc. during Holy Week and Easter. Please do sign up. We are once again purchasing "Walk with Me" booklets costing £1.00 each. Please put money in the wall donation box marked "CTS/cards". Thank you.

If anyone is available to help Cath change the backdrop and other cloths from green to purple, please come along on Tuesday 17th February at 10.00am. It won't take long. Thank you.