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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

Monday 16th February 2026

Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 17th February 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Marcia King RIP (Anniv) (Pereira) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary

The end of Ordinary Time before Lent

THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th February 2026

(A Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

- 10.00 Mass for Mick Keates RIP (Anniv) (Pereira) (Fr M)
- 19.00 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass

Thursday 19th February 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Milo Kelly RIP (10 Year Anniv) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary

No Confirmation Class

Friday 20th February 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Kay Offord's 100th Birthday (Bird) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed
Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 21st February 2026

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 10.00 Mass for Mrs P Pereira RIP (De Souza) (Fr L)
Confessions

Sunday 22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

- 08.30 Mass for Marion Openshaw (Small) (Fr M)
First Communion Session
- 10.30 Mass for Mary McGinty RIP (Family) (Fr L)
Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in the hall
- 17.30 Mass for Parishioners (Fr M)

Today we have a Second Collection 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.



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. Masses will be at 10.00am (Fr M) and 7.00pm (Fr L).

It is not a Holyday of Obligation, but it is a God-given opportunity to begin Lent with Mass and receiving the blessed ashes. We do not eat meat on Ash Wednesday, and we fast by eating one meal and a snack. Fasting does not apply to the over 60's or to those unwell. During Lent we do not say or sing the "Alleluia" which is reserved for Easter. On special Feast days we do say the Gloria. The music is simple and there are no flowers, except on "Laetare Sunday" Fourth Sunday of Lent. We may decide to give up something we enjoy during Lent or to do something positive. Although a Penitential Season we are not to be down in the mouth. May you have a blessed Lent.

Stations of the Cross take place on Tuesday evenings at 8pm in the church and there is a rota of parishioners who kindly lead this devotion. Please sign up on the list in the porch. 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 have once again purchased "Walk with Me" booklets costing £1.00 each. Please put money in the wall donation box marked "CTS/cards". Thank you.

Saint Carlo Acutis Exhibition of "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World":

We hope you have found time to view this exhibition. There is still time before it is collected on 17th February. You can view the exhibition before/after Mass, when the church is open.

Last week the "Mini-Vinnies" from St Thomas More Primary School visited it, along with St Columbas School.

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!

CAFOD Family Fast day will be on Friday 28th February.

Congratulations to Alfie David Harrild who was baptised last Saturday.

Congratulations to Archbishop Richard Moth on his elevation to be Archbishop of Westminster. He faces a daunting task but he has proved himself a compassionate and pastoral Bishop of Arundel and Brighton. He is a very hard worker. May God continue to give him health and strength and the support of good friends. Traditionally, the Archbishop of Westminster has been the leader of the Church in England and Wales and eventually given the Cardinal's red hat. Who would have imagined that as we sat chatting at St. John's Seminary, Womersley, all those years ago? Ad multos annos.

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

Please continue to keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion children: Sophia, Amy, Jidenna, Odera, Sienna, Aria, Kameron, Alfie, Cissy, Camile, Stanley, Noah, Chinelo, Gerrard, Kerem, Senanayaka, Lincoln, Joshua and Skye. Also, our **Confirmation Candidates:** James, William, Oliver, Aidan, Phoebe, Jaiden, Tochukwu, Dillyn, Serena, Nithuli, Eleanore, Mattia, Chiara, and Kimia.

Prayer Partners: We ask parishioners to sign up and become a prayer partner for one of the children.

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.

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 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.

Come and join Bishop David Waller as he launches the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN in BRIXTON with an hour of CANDLELIT public prayer to end abortion and offer outreach to expectant mothers and all affected by abortion. Tuesday 17th February 7-8pm. Opposite Corpus Christi Catholic Church at the corner of Brixton Hill and Brixton Water Lane, London, SW2 5BJ. For more details, please visit our website www.GoodCounselNetwork.com or contact Jacinta on 07503 151419

Pray the Romero Rosary at St George's Cathedral: Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary every Friday at 5pm throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 5pm, and again on Friday 6th and Friday 27th March. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary