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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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)  
***Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries***  
***(Chair of Saint Peter the Apostles)***  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026** **Feria of Lent**  
**(Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr)**  
**No** Mass  
***Fr Luke away on Retreat until Friday 27<sup>th</sup>***  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026** **Feria of Lent**  
 09.00 Liturgy of the Word  
 20.00 Stations of the Cross  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026** **Feria of Lent**  
**(Saint Ethelbert, King)**  
**No** Mass  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026** **Feria of Lent**  
 09.00 Liturgy of the Word  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026** **Feria of Lent**  
**CAFOD Family Fast Day**  
 09.00 Mass for Josiah Barnett RIP (Anniv) (Antao) (Fr M)  
 Adoration until 10.00am  
 Confessions straight after the Blessed  
 Sacrament is Exposed  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026** **Feria of Lent**  
 10.00 Mass for Hannah Acheampong’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
 (Rufinak) (Fr L)  
 Confessions  
 12.30pm Baptism of Romie Tom Hook (Fr L)  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
 08.30 Mass for Maud Roussetty RIP (Antao) (Fr L)  
 10.00 First Communion Session  
 10.30 Mass for Ann De Souza RIP (1st Anniv) (D’Costa)  
 (Fr M)  
 Children’s Liturgy  
 Refreshments in the hall  
 17.30 Mass for Eileen Ryall RIP (Carter) (Fr L)  
**Second Collection for CAFOD**  
***(Feast of Saint David, Bishop & Patron of Wales).***  
***A Happy Feast Day to all our Welsh parishioners***

**Rest in Peace** Brian Smith, Robert’s Dad, who passed away last week. We offer our sympathies to his wife, children and grandchildren. May He rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Please note:** Fr Luke will be away on Retreat from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, so there will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Tuesday and Thursday. Fr Michael will say Mass on Friday as usual.

**The Season of Lent began last Wednesday:** 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 £1.50 each. Please put money in the wall donation box marked “CTS/cards”. Thank you.

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Thank you to those who have offered to help so far, however, we still urgently need cleaners and counters of the collection. None of these tasks take too long and your help will be invaluable.  
 Please either give your details to Fr Michael, Fr Luke, or a Welcomer or contact the parish office: [bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk) 020 8303 1957. Thank you in advance.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** This Lent live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ’s compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in time of drought. Donations can be made via the envelope attached, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 303. Test CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.00.

**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 (18<sup>th</sup> February) at 5pm, and again on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary)

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino June 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2026:** Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: [gileag@gmail.com](mailto:gileag@gmail.com) [www.eddiegilmore.org](http://www.eddiegilmore.org) (see poster in porch)

**St Ursula's School V.I.P. Day for Year 6 prospective students:** An event has been designed to give Year 6 students the opportunity to enjoy a fun, confidence-building day, experience a range of secondary-style lessons, and become familiar with a school environment as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

**Date:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February; **Time:** 9.00am-2.00pm; **Location:** St Ursula's Convent School, 70 Crooms Hill, Greenwich, SE10 8HN

**What's included?** After 9:00am arrival, free breakfast for all children (parents/carers are very welcome to join too)

From 9:30am, you are invited to a talk by the headteacher, followed by a Q&A. Students will engage in a series of activities led by our teachers, including: Hands-on science experiment; LEGO robot competition; Mathematics treasure hunt; Drama taster session. **Golden Tickets** will be handed out throughout the day, with the chance to win some great prizes. From 13:00pm, free lunch will be provided for all children. At 13:30pm we will provide an awards celebration for all participation. (See poster for more information)

**Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust's first unpaid carers engagement event, to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.