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Sunday 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palms will be blessed at all Masses

- 08.30 Mass for Patricia Roberts RIP (Guilbert) (Fr M)
10.15 Please gather in the Hall
No First Communion session
10.30 Solemn Mass with blessing of palms and procession to the church (Fr L)
Mass for Paul De Souza RIP (D'Costa) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in the hall
17.30 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)

Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Retiring Collection for Easter flowers.

30th March 2026 – Monday in Holy Week

- 09.00 Mass (Fr L) Confessions available after Mass

31st March 2026 – Tuesday in Holy Week

- 09.00 Mass for Ann Joyce RIP (Foundation) (Fr L)
Confessions available after Mass
20.00 Stations of the Cross

**1st April 2026 – Wednesday in Holy Week – Spy
Wednesday**

- 09.00 Mass for Anna Faria RIP (Gomes) (Fr M)
Confessions available after Mass
09.30 Cleaning of the church
11.30 Mass of Chrism at St George's Cathedral
18.00 Practice for Altar Servers
19.30 Confessions (Fr L)

The Easter Triduum

2nd April 2026 – Maundy Thursday

No Morning Mass

- 19.30 Mass of the Lord's Supper/Mass for Lucy Pereira RIP (Foundation) (Fr M/Fr L)
Watching at the Altar of Repose with Rosary
22.00 Night Prayer (may start earlier)

**3rd April 2026 – Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord
(A Day of Fasting & Abstinence)**

No Mass

- 10.00 Stations of the Cross for Children
10.30 Ecumenical Walk of Witness at Christ Church
15.00 Solemn Liturgy with Proclamation of the Passion and Holy Communion
Retiring Collection for Holy Places
19.30 Stations of the Cross (Fr M)

4th April 2026 – Holy Saturday

No Mass

- 10.00 Morning Prayer with the Office of Readings
Confessions
11.00 Practice for Altar Servers
12.00 Decorating of the church (all welcome)

DID YOU REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD?! ☺

Today there is a Retiring Collection for Easter Flowers

Today is Palm Sunday: It is our entrance into Holy Week. We will bless and distribute palms at all the Masses. Parishioners should gather in the hall at 10.15 for the 10.30 Mass. We will proclaim the Gospel of the Entry into Jerusalem and process through the back door of the hall to enter the church gates and so process into church. The little children will greet us with bells and other instruments. At every Mass we will proclaim the Passion according to Saint Matthew in three parts. Please take the part of other voices (S). We stand for this but please sit down if you get tired.

Children's Way of the Cross: On Good Friday at 10.00am there will be "Children's Stations of the Cross". This is an important act during Lent, and parents are encouraged to bring their children to this. If any child would like to be a reader during this, please put your name on the list on the noticeboard. If you are volunteering, please ensure you are at church by 9.45am.

Book of Remembrance: At the back of the church by the Offertory Gifts, there is a Remembrance Book for you to add the names of your loved one so that they are remembered this Easter. It is brought up at the Offertory along with the Gifts. Lillies will be included in our Easter flowers.

Deanery Lenten Penitential Services with Individual

Confessions: St. John Fisher, Bexley: Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm: Our Lady of the Angels, Erith: Wednesday 1st April at 7pm: St. Mary of the Crays Church Hall: Saturday 28th March at 1pm.

Deanery Meeting – help needed: On Tuesday 14th April, we are hosting a Deanery Meeting and we need help in setting up the hall (tables and chairs) and serving refreshments when the priests arrive (11.00-11.30am). Once the meeting is over (1.30), the tables and chairs will need to be put away and the hall locked up. Cath will be away. Is there anyone who can help please? Please either speak to Fr Michael, Fr Luke or Cath or call or email the office: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk (020 8303 1957). Thank you


Help for Fr Michael: Is anyone free to help Fr Michael with lifts to appointments please, as it's not always possible for Cath to be available? It may be taking him to the dentist in Sandford Road, Crook Log Surgery in Clarence Road or Queen Mary's Hospital for a blood test. If you feel you might be able to help, please either speak to Fr Michael or email the parish office: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

Mass Offerings: Please do consider having a Mass said, possibly for a loved one or maybe as an Easter gift. Please remember the Mass offering goes directly to the Priest saying the Mass and is part of their income. The more Masses we have, the greater their income. You can email the request to the parish, bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk and make the payment via BACS (details under Offertory Donations) advising if you're a gift aider or not. Alternatively, write your intention on the envelope in the porch "Mass Offering" and include the money. The cost is usually £10.00 per Mass. Thank you in advance.

Wintershall Passion of Jesus, Good Friday 3rd April, Trafalgar Square Free performances at 12pm and 3.15pm.
<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/>
(see poster in porch)

Holy Week Booklet: Copies of this are available for you to collect in the porch.

Easter Posters: The Knights of St Columbas will be handing out Easter Posters after each Mass today.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Season of Easter</u></p> <p><u>4th April – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</u></p> <p>20.00 <u>The Easter Vigil (The Holiest Night of the Year)</u> Mass for Parishioners (Fr M/Fr L) Lighting and Blessing of the Easter Fire, Easter Proclamations, Liturgy of the Word; Blessing of the Easter Water.</p> <p><u>5th April – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u></p> <p>08.30 Mass for Tina Ghosh (Jones) (Fr L) 10.30 Mass for Ken Atmore RIP (Morris) (Fr M/Fr L) Following Mass, Easter Egg Hunt in the garden</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>No Evening Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Collection at Easter is your personal gift to Fr Michael and Fr Luke</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Small Easter Eggs will be distributed to the children after the Easter Masses</i></p> <p><u>6th April – Monday within the Octave of Easter (Bank Holiday)</u></p> <p>10.00 Mass followed by Rosary (Fr L)</p> | <p><u>SAVE THE DATE:</u> We shall be celebrating our Parish Day on Pentecost Sunday 24th May. More information will follow after Easter.</p> <p><u>St. Fidelis Catholic Nursery</u> – Children born between 01.09.2022 and 31.08.2023 Full-time, morning, and afternoon places are still available. Please return our Supplementary Form to the School Office. https://www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk/admissions</p> <p><u>Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, 11th July, at St George's Cathedral:</u> If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.</p> <p><u>Donations for Local Foodbanks:</u> 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.</p> |
| <p><u>Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers:</u> Katie Bingley, Rita Zaremba, Fr Gareth Bowen, Mary Paul, John Yates, Meta James, Tracey James, Baby Teddy, 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.</p> | |
| <p><u>Hiring of Hall:</u> Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk</p> | |
| <p><u>HOW TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATION:</u> 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</p> | |
| <p>Please consider having our weekly newsletter emailed to you every week. Email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk</p> | |
| <p><u>Please continue to keep in your prayers the following children:</u></p> <p><u>First Holy Communion children:</u> Sophia, Amy, Jidenna, Odera, Sienna, Aria, Kameron, Alfie, Cissy, Camile, Stanley, Noah, Chinelo, Gerrard, Kerem, Senanayaka, Lincoln, Joshua and Skye.</p> <p><u>Confirmation Candidates:</u> James, William, Oliver, Aidan, Phoebe, Jaiden, Tochukwu, Dillyn, Serena, Nithuli, Eleanore, Mattia, Chiara, and Kimia.</p> <p><u>Please do sign up to become a prayer partner.</u></p> | |
| <p><u>Pilgrimage to Lourdes:</u> I warmly invite you to join me on this year's Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 21st to 28th August 2026. A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers. I have also found it a blessing to be able to accompany and to be inspired by other pilgrims, some of whom are sick, elderly or disabled.</p> <p>Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/ We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026</p> <p>For more information, please contact Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)</p> | |
| <p><u>Bexley Winter Shelter Drop-In Centre Donations:</u> Thank you for all your support with donations. We now need new men's boxer shorts (Medium and Large) and also ladies knickers (size 10,12 & 14). Please leave donations in the porch for me to collect. Thank you. Cath</p> | |
| <p><u>Marriage and Family Life Events in 2026:</u> Please look at information on noticeboard for events being held during 2026.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parish Easter Egg Hunt</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Easter Sunday 5th April after 10.30 Mass- £1.00 entry per child</u></p> <p>Thank you for the donations we've received. It's not too late to still bring some eggs in. Please leave in the porch behind the mass book trolley or in the Sacristy. Please remember it's cash on the day and parents need to stay with their children whilst doing the Easter Egg Hunt.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> | |