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Sunday 12th April 2026

**Second Sunday of Easter/Octave Day of Easter/
Divine Mercy Sunday**

- 08.30 Mass for Marie Slaney's Birthday (Offord) (Fr L)
10.30 Mass for Patsy Taylor's 80th Birthday (Carolan) (Fr M)
Refreshments after Mass
17.30 Mass (Fr L)

Monday 13th April 2026 **Feria of Easter**
(Saint Martin)

No Mass

Tuesday 14th April 2026 **Feria of Easter**

- 09.00 Mass for Ann Bugden RIP (Rufina) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary
11.30 Deanery meeting here

Wednesday 15th April 2026 **Feria of Easter**

- 09.00 Mass followed by the Rosary (Fr L)

Thursday 16th April 2026 **Feria of Easter**

- 09.00 Mass followed by the Rosary (Fr L)
19.00 Confirmation Session

Friday 17th April 2026 **Feria of Easter**

- 09.00 Mass for John Kerins RIP &
Welfare of Philomena Kerins (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed
Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 18th April 2026 **Feria of Easter**

- 10.00 Mass followed by the Rosary (Fr L)
Confessions
12.30 Reception into the Catholic Church and
Confirmation of Mary Ann Anderson (Fr M)

Sunday 19th April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

- 08.30 Mass for Nicholas D'Costa RIP (Fr M)
10.00 First Holy Communion Sessions resume
10.30 Mass for Mary McGinty RIP (Family) (Fr L)
Children's Liturgy resumes
Refreshments in the hall
17.30 Mass (Fr M)

Holy Week and Easter at St John Vianney: The services were well attended and went very well. With the help of Fr Luke and others, Fr Michael survived the marathon. There was a very prayerful atmosphere. The liturgy was simple and dignified. Many thanks to all the parishioners who worked so hard to prepare. We thank our pianists Alec and Keith, Rosemarie and our small choir and soloists, our wonderful altar servers who came to all the services, to our small group of excellent readers, EMs, welcomers, catechists, flower arrangers, church cleaners and decorators, refreshment hosts and many more. A special thank you to Cath who wore herself out in making sure that everything went smoothly. Well done to all. Thank you for the Easter Collection that goes to your priests. Currently, we have collected £3938.30.

Book of Remembrance: Please don't forget to add names of loved ones in our Remembrance Book, which is located at the back of the church by the Offertory Gifts, This is brought up at the Offertory along with the Gifts. Lillies will be included in our Easter flowers over the next few weeks.

Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life: The Bishops want us to join in a Holy Hour on Sunday 19th April from 4.30-5.30pm to pray for the protection and dignity of every human life. As we have evening Mass at 5.30pm and Fr Michael does not feel up to organising a Holy Hour we suggest that you pray for this intention at home, perhaps saying the rosary.

Mary Ann Anderson: Fr Michael has been instructing Mary for some months. Her daughter Sophia is at St Thomas More School in Bexleyheath and is making her First Holy Communion. Mary was baptised in the Church of England. She will make her First Holy Communion at Mass on Sunday 19th April. Please pray for her.

Rest in Peace: Rita Zaremba who died recently. Rita had lived for over 58 years in our parish and worked some years ago at St Catherine's Catholic Girls School. Funeral arrangements to follow. May She rest in peace and rise in glory.

Help Needed: On Sunday 26th April at 10.30 Mass, our Confirmation Mass will take place with Reverend Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South East presiding. We need help in serving refreshments on the day.

Please speak to Cath or contact the parish office if you are free to help: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk Thank you in advance

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.

Our Parish Day - Pentecost - Sunday 24th May 2026: It's time once again to celebrate our Parish Day and this year we're linking it with Pentecost Sunday. Our parish is quite multi-cultural now and it would be great if we could show how diverse we are coming together to share our food, as usual, but also our languages. Hence, we are asking if you would like to read a bidding prayer in your native tongue.

As always, help is needed in organising this event, in purchasing items beforehand, setting up on the Saturday and organising refreshments and food donated on the Sunday and clearing up after the event.

We'd love you to get involved, so please add your name to the sheet on the noticeboard or email the parish office:

bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk and we can arrange a brief meeting to discuss the event and the jobs we're undertaking.

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Katie Bingley, 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.

Hiring of Hall: Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

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 consider having our weekly newsletter emailed to you every week. Email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

Please continue to keep in your prayers the following children:

First Holy Communion children: Sophia, Amy, Jidenna, Odera, Sienna, Aria, Kameron, Alfie, Cissy, Camile, Stanley, Noah, Chinelo, Gerrard, Kerem, Senanayaka, Lincoln, Joshua and Skye.

Confirmation Candidates: James, William, Oliver, Aidan, Phoebe, Jaiden, Tochukwu, Dillyn, Serena, Nithuli, Elleanore, Mattia, Chiara, and Kimia.

Please do sign up to become a prayer partner.

Offertory Collections for March 2026

	Gift Aid	Loose Plate	S/Orders	Card Machine	TOTAL
1.3.26	£98.00	£374.05			
8.3.26	£133.00	£580.20			
15.3.26	£115.00	£429.87			
22.3.26	£162.00	£317.14			
29.3.26	£146.02	£467.14			
	£654.02	£2,168.40	£1,998.6	£547.50	£5,368.59

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 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.

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>

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)

St. Fidelis Catholic Nursery: 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>

Donations for Local Foodbanks: Items needed are cereal, sugar, tea, coffee, UHT milk, toilet rolls, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, soup etc. Thank you for supporting this.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, 11th July, at St George's Cathedral: 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.

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

Vacancy for part-time caretaker at St Mary of the Crays, Crayford: 8 hours per week, flexible schedule. £12.71 per hour. Deadline for applications is 15th April, with a view to starting on 4th May. (Please see poster in church porch for more information on duties required)