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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)

Monday 20th April 2026

Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 09.00 Mass for Colin Ryall RIP (Carter) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Victor & Bola Momadu (Carolan)
followed by the Rosary (Fr L)

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Solemnity of Saint George, Martyr & Patron of England

- 10.00 Mass with Year 4 pupils from St Thomas More
Primary School (Fr L)
18.30 Reconciliation Service for the Confirmation
Candidates and their families in the church
A Happy Feast Day to all our English parishioners

Friday 24th April 2026

- 09.00 Mass for Grania Dryden RIP (Offord) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed
Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 25th April 2026

The Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

- 10.00 Mass (Fr L)
Confessions
11.00 Practice for Confirmation candidates
and sponsors

Sunday 26th April 2026

**Fourth Sunday of Easter/World Day of Prayer for
Vocations to the Priesthood**

- 08.30 Mass for Robert and Dora Turner RIP
No First Holy Communion Session
10.30 Confirmation Mass (Canon Victor)/Mass for
Deceased Members of de Silva Family
(Josephine)/Anne Brady RIP (Manning) (Fr M/Fr L)
No Children’s Liturgy
17.30 Mass (Fr L)

**Second Collection for the Priestly Training Fund.
Birthdays and Anniversaries.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Next Sunday, we welcome Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for our SE Area, who will confirm 14 young people from our parish at the 10.30am Mass. We welcome the candidates and their families and, of course, you, our parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers, they are: James, William, Oliver, Aidan, Phoebe, Jaiden, Tochukwu, Dillyn, Serena, Nithuli, Eleanore, Mattia, Chiara, and Kimia.

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

Reconciliation Service on Thursday 23rd April at 6.30pm:

Although this is mainly for Confirmation candidates and their families other parishioners are welcome to attend.

Thursday 23rd April – St Thomas More Primary School, Year 4

Mass: This will take place at 10.00am. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.

Second Collection for Priest Training Fund – Good Shepherd

Sunday – 26th April 2026 – Support Our Future Priests: The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

Donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am-5pm)

Or use the envelopes at the back of church

Leave a lasting legacy to the Church: Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will. **Find out more:** www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy. Thank you for your prayers and support.



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.

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.

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

First Holy Communion Children: Please continue to keep Sophia, Amy, Jidenna, Odera, Sienna, Aria, Kameron, Alfie, Cissy, Camile, Stanley, Noah, Chinelo, Gerrard, Kerem, Senanayaka, Lincoln, Joshua and Skye in your prayers.

Some of our children still don't have a prayer partner. All this entails is praying for them as they prepare to make this Sacrament. Just add your name on the list. Thank you.

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.

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)

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.