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Sunday 10th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 08.30 Mass for Deceased Members of O'Connor Family (Parnell) (Fr L)
10.00 First Holy Communion Session
10.30 Mass for Deceased Members of Gnana Pragasam (Josephine)/Crowning of Our Lady takes place at this Mass (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in hall after Mass
17.30 Mass for Private Intentions (Coroi) (Fr L)

Monday 11th May 2026

Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 12th May 2026

Feria

No 9.00 Mass

- 11.00 Funeral Mass for Rita Zaremba
12.30 Committal at Eltham Crematorium.
Refreshments in the Hall.

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Our Lady of Fatima

- 09.00 Mass for Lily Joao RIP (1 month's mind) (Pacheco/Pereira) followed by the Rosary (Fr L)

Thursday 14th May 2026

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord/
Holyday of Obligation**

- 10.00 Mass for the Repose of the Souls of Louisa, Narcis & Ann Faria (Gomes) (Fr M)
19.00 Mass (Fr L)

Friday 15th May 2026

Saint John Stone, Priest and Martyr

- 09.00 Mass (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 16th May 2026

Saint Simon Stock, Priest

- 10.00 Mass followed by the Rosary (Fr L)
Confessions

Sunday 17th May 2026

**Seventh Sunday of Easter/
World Communications Sunday**

- 08.30 Mass for Rosalind D'Costa RIP (Denese) (Fr M)
10.00 First Holy Communion Session
10.30 Mass for Mary McGinty RIP (Family) (Fr L)
Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in hall after Mass
17.30 Mass for Private Intentions (Coroi) (Fr M)

Second Collection for the Catholic Communications Network

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Today we have the Crowning of Our Lady at 10.30am Mass:

Children will bring up donations of flowers for Our Lady at the Offertory.

Next Sunday is Worlds Communication Sunday and there is a second collection. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on national matters and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women.

Rita Zaremba's Funeral Mass is this Tuesday at 11.00am at St John Vianney, followed by cremation at 12.30pm at Eltham Crematorium.

Parking is available in Heathfield Road on single yellow lines only from 10.15am to 12.15pm. Refreshments will be available in our hall afterwards; which parishioners are invited to attend. Are you free to help with setting up the hall first thing on Tuesday morning and then serve tea and coffee after Rita's service? Let's come together and give Rita the send-off she deserves, after being a parishioner for so many years. If you can assist, please contact Cath at bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk or call the parish office.

Thank you in advance.

The Ascension of the Lord – Thursday 14th May: This is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses here will be 10.00am and 7.00pm.

Our Parish Day is two weeks' away: Please do sign up to get involved with the organising of this. Help is needed setting up on Saturday 23rd May, laying out food on Sunday 24th May and tidying up. We'd also like parishioners who have a second language, to write a bidding prayer which can be read on the day. Please speak to either Fr Michael, Fr Luke or email Cath at the parish office offering to do this.

Please remember Mass is at 11.00am this day, not 10.30am



First Holy Communions: These will take place over two weekends, Sundays 21st and 28th June at 10.30am Mass. We ask that you continue to keep in your prayers the following children and their families: Sophia, Amy, Jidenna, Odera, Sienna, Aria, Kameron, Alfie, Cissy, Camile, Stanley, Noah, Chinelo, Gerrard, Kerem, Senanayaka, Lincoln, Joshua and Skye.

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Pat Tolhurst, Eileen Poulston, 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, Robin Robinson, Alice, John Moore, Pauline Viegas, Deirdre Collins, Susan Dassanyake, Nuala Pawley, Helena Riley, Richard Whiteside, Florrie Pereira, Jo O'Donnell, Nadia Sheehy, Steve Pitt, 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

A Day with Mary: Saturday 30 May at St Anselm, West Hill, Dartford (See poster for more information)

May is Mary's Month: Rosary For Life. Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

Each Mystery is accompanied by a reflection from the Archbishop, Sacred Scripture readings and prayer intentions for each decade. It is available in video, audio and written format at rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. I have also attached relevant materials. The Mysteries and their intentions are:

- **Joyful Mysteries (1 May – 9 May):** pray for unborn children and an end to abortion
- **Sorrowful Mysteries (10 May – 16 May):** pray for peace and for victims of war
- **Luminous Mysteries (17 May – 23 May):** pray for people with disabilities
- **Glorious Mysteries (24 May – 30 May):** pray for the elderly and vulnerable

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

Saint Jude – Apostle of Hope – Summer Celebration – 30th May 2026 – Carmelite Shrine of Saint June in Faversham:

Mass is celebrated outside, followed by a procession past the Shrine of Saint Jude. There is also the opportunity for pilgrims to be anointed with Saint Jude oil. Refreshments are provided throughout the day. (Please see poster for more information)

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/diocesan-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)

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

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.

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.

Counselling Matter Bexley – Low-Cost Yoga Classes (free for unpaid carers): This is held in St John Vianney's Church Hall every Wednesday 7.15pm-8.15pm. Please contact Marie Roast (marie@counsellingmattersbexley.org) if you would like to join the class.

Bexley Phoenix Choir – Concert Saturday 6th June 2026 – 7.30pm: St James the Great, Church Walk, East Malling, ME19 6AG. A varied programme of sacred and secular music including: A Day May Come; How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings; I Wish I Knew How; Vincent; Rhythm of Life.

Tickets £10.00 – Students £5.00 – Under-16 free available on the door.

Come and hear this vibrant Choir singing a variety of musical styles from Early Music, through the Classical and Romantic era to Folk, Gospel and Popular contemporary songs. Something for everyone. Directed by John MacKenzie – Accompanied by Richard Cooper. www.bexleyphoenixchoir.org.uk

Job Vacancy: St Catherine's Catholic School for Girls in Bexleyheath wishes to thank you for your ongoing interest and support. We are seeking to appoint highly motivated, enthusiastic, and energetic individuals to work as a Social, Emotional, and Mental Health (SEMH) Learning Support Assistant (LSA), and a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) for the SEND department. Both roles are a vital element in supporting the learning of our most vulnerable pupils on the SEN register, and are full-time positions (5 days per week), term time only (39 weeks per year) from 8:00-16:00. Please visit <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Teaching-Vacancies/> for the full job descriptions and person specifications. Thank you.