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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

Monday 18th May 2026 Feria
No Mass

Tuesday 19th May 2026
Saint Dunstan, Bishop
 09.00 Mass followed by the Rosary (Fr L)

Wednesday 20th May 2026
Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest
 09.00 Mass followed by the Rosary (Fr L)

Thursday 21st May 2026
Saint Christopher of Magallanes,
Priest & Companions, Martyrs
 09.00 Mass followed by the Rosary (Fr L)
 18.00 Talk for First Holy Communion Parents on the Holy Eucharist in the hall (no children to attend)

Friday 22nd May 2026
Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
 09.00 Mass for Cath & Alan Bird (Wedding Anniv) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 23rd May 2026 Feria
 10.00 Mass for Private Intentions (Coroi) (Fr L)
 Confessions
 12.00 Baptism of Iyal Joyce Sanjayan (Fr M)
 14.00 Preparing church hall for the Parish Day (please come along and lend a hand)

Sunday 24th May 2026
Pentecost Sunday/Our Parish Day
 08.30 Mass for Patrick, Sheila & Alan Warde RIP (Turner) (Fr L)
 No First Holy Communion Session
11.00 Mass for Jack Steele RIP Anniv (Bird) (Fr M/Fr L)
 Children’s Liturgy
 Shared lunch in the hall after Mass (this will commence once Priests are in the hall and Grace has been said)
 17.30 Mass (Fr L)

THE END OF THE SEASON OF EASTER

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Today is World 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. 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.

Parish Day next Sunday (24th May): Please remember that Mass is **11.00am not 10.30am** next Sunday. Please bring along some food to share with one another. Light refreshments will be provided, however, feel free to bring along alcohol yourselves if you would prefer this. Help is still needed in setting up the hall on Saturday (23rd) at 2.00pm and also laying out the food when it arrives on Sunday. Please let Cath know if you’re able to help.

It’s not too late to write a bidding prayer in your native tongue. If you like to, please contact Cath and she will advise the subject for which prayers are still needed. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday! 😊



First Holy Communions: These will be on Sunday 21st and 28th June at 10.30am Mass. Please continue to keep the following children and their families in your prayers: Sophia, Amy, Jidenna, Odera, Sienna, Aria, Kameron, Alfie, Cissy, Camile, Stanley, Noah, Chinelo, Gerrard, Kerem, Senanayaka, Lincoln, Joshua and Skye.

Mass Intentions: As you can see, we are not receiving many Mass intentions. Please do think about having a Mass said. It can be for any intention, for example a loved one who has died, a birthday, private intentions, etc. The usual cost is £10.00 per Mass. As mentioned previously, these Masses make up a large proportion of our Priests’ salary. Without them, they only receive £154.00 per month as their salary. You can use an envelope in the porch to write your intention on and put the money in, or email the parish office, bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk and make the payment via BACs. Bank details in the newsletter. Please make sure that the intention is written clearly and a suggested date is given. Cath will try and ensure all requested dates are as near as possible. Thank you in advance.

ARE YOU INTERESTED? "Lyndhurst Medical Centre warmly invites you to a Community Blood Pressure Event. Join us in St John Vianney’s Church hall after 10:30 Mass on Sunday 31st May for a short presentation and Q&A session with a GP followed by a free blood pressure check. It’s a great opportunity to learn more about your health and have your questions answered in a relaxed setting. No booking is required, simply drop in. Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be available, so please stay for a chat. Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!"

Baptism Buddy needed for 23rd May at 12.30pm: Can you please help Fr Michael with a baptism next Saturday? Please speak to him if you can or email bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you in advance.

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

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)

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.

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

Afternoon Tea: Bexleyheath Trefoil Guild invite you to join them in St John Vianney's Church hall for Afternoon Tea in aid of Greenwich & Bexley Hospice on Sunday 5th July, 2.00pm-4.00pm. Cost is £10.00 per person. To book, please contact Lena Pett on 07773205890. (See poster for more information).

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

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)

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.

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

For The BWS Drop-In Centre, which Cath is involved in, we are looking for Pot Noodles, Cup a Soups, anything you can make with hot water. Thank you for supporting both these causes.

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.