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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

Monday 25th May 2026

Mary, Mother of the Church/Saint Bede the Venerable

No Mass

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Saints Philip Neri, Priest

- 09.00 Mass for Espesiosa & Pascoal Rodrigues RIP (Antao) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 27th May 2026

Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury,

Bishop, Apostle of England

- 09.00 Mass (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 28th May 2026

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

- 09.00 Mass for Mary Pike (Smythe)
 followed by the Rosary (Fr L)

Friday 29th May 2026

Saint Paul VI, Pope

- 09.00 Mass for Milo Kelly RIP (Birthday) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 30th May 2026

Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.00 Mass for Hensman Family
 followed by the Rosary (Fr L)
 Confessions
- 12.30 Confirmation of Keven Krasniqi (Fr M)
- 14.00 Preparing church hall for the Parish Day
 (please come along and lend a hand)

A Day with Mary at St Anselm, Dartford

Sunday 31st May 2026

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

- 08.30 Mass for Margaret & Patrick (Janice) (Fr M)
- 10.00 First Holy Communion Session
- 10.30 Mass for Ann & Peter Hammond & Family (Carolan) (Fr L)
 Children's Liturgy

Community Blood Pressure Event/Refreshments (hall)

- 17.30 Mass for Private Intentions (Coroi) (Fr M)

Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries at all Masses
(Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady)

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Today is our Parish Day: It is especially poignant as it is Pentecost Sunday. At 11.00am Mass today we have our bidding prayers read by parishioners in their native language. Fr Luke will explain what each of the intention is for and the language that is being spoken. Just like the disciples gathered in the room, we shall be "speaking in tongues". It is also chance for all of us to come together and "break bread" with one another, sharing food after this Mass. We shall start eating once Fr Michael and Fr Luke are in the hall and say Grace. **Please ensure that you clearly label if food contains nuts etc. in the dish you donate.** The weather is looking lovely on Sunday, so we are planning to put up a gazebo in the back garden if parishioners wish to sit outside.

Please remember that if you have young children, they are your responsibility and you must keep an eye on them.

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.

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!"

Mass Intentions: As mentioned previously, these Masses make up a large proportion of a priest's salary. 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.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen are organising a National Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Evangelisation to be held on Saturday 6th June, 9:30am – 4pm. This conference aims to provide a broad and accessible understanding of AI. Its benefits, its challenges, and its growing role in daily life. As well as how AI can promote evangelisation in the Catholic Church.

For more information on the conference, please visit:

<https://rcai.magnicharity.org>

If you would like to join our organising team, please contact us at: blackfen@rcaos.org.uk (See posters for more information)

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).

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Kathy Blakemore, 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: • Glorious Mysteries (24 May – 30 May): pray for the elderly and vulnerable
St Thomas More Catholic Church, Bostall Park is Celebrating 90 Years of Parish Life: They are hold various events as follows: St Thomas More Relic Exhibition – 1st to 30th June; Life in the Spirit Seminar Programme – 3rd June to 1st July (Wednesday and Saturdays – 7.30-9.00pm) Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving – Sunday 12th July followed by Blessing and Inauguration of the Marian Grotto. Celebration Lunch follows this. (See various posters 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
Marriage Care: Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC, however these costs are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. To find out more please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk. Closing date for applications is 30th June.
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)
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.
The Life of Christ 16th-20th June 2026 – The Story of Jesus, Brought to Life: Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Tickets can be booked at https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/ Please note that 16th & 17th June are schools only days. There is limited availability on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June. At present there is availability on Saturday 20th June but please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.