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Safeguarding: The Archdiocese of Southwark is committed to the safety and welfare of children and vulnerable adults. The Diocese co-operates fully with the CSAS, the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service, which aims to help the Church become an example of best practice in the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and develop a "culture of vigilance" to ensure that children and vulnerable adults in our care are kept safe from harm.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) – PAGE 111

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass in Thanksgiving and honour to Saint Jude (Guilbert) (Fr M)
 10.30 Mass for Mr & Mrs JJ Treacy RIP (Fr L)
 17.30 Mass for Private Intention (Coroi) (Fr L)

Monday 3rd August 2026

Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 4th August 2026

Feast of Saint John Vianney, Priest and our Patron Saint

- 09.00 Mass for George Elvidge RIP (Anniv) (Garcia) (Fr L)
 Followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 5th August 2026

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

- 09.00 Mass for Josefa Dias RIP (Rego) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Thursday 6th August 2026

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

- 09.00 Mass for Pauline Alpin (RIP) (Braganza) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary
 12.15 Funeral Service of Alan Crisp at Eltham Crematorium

Friday 7th August 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Errol Paul RIP (D'Cruze) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 8th August 2026

Saint Dominic, Priest

- 10.00 Mass for Hana Gjelaç RIP (Hensman) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary
 Confessions
 12.30 Baptism of Arthur Edward Page (Fr M)

Sunday 9th August 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass for Welfare of Brett Yates (Jackie) (Fr L)
 10.30 Mass for José & Family (Josephine) (Fr M)
 17.30 Mass for Mary Frances McMahon (Mac) (Butler) (Fr L)

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Rest in Peace: Alan Crisp who died recently at the age of 86. Our sympathy to his wife Beverley and all his family. His funeral service is on 6th August at 12.15pm at Eltham Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Kathy Blakemore's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 13th August at 11.00am, followed by 12.30pm at Eltham Crematorium. Please continue to keep her and family members in your prayers

Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki: on 6th and 9th August we remember the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. This was the first time the atomic bomb had been used in warfare and hopefully the last. Many countries, including our own, now have nuclear weapons. The Church has consistently taught that these weapons should not be owned let alone used. In today's world of conflict there is always the threat that someone will press the red button. We must pray that this never happens. We remember those who died in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and pray for those still affected by the bombing

Donations for Local Foodbanks: Items urgently needed are cereal, sugar, tea, coffee, UHT milk, toilet rolls, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, soup etc. Please ensure items are in date and haven't been opened. Thank you.

First Aiders Needed Urgently: If you attend 5.30pm Mass on a Sunday, please consider undertaking this training. It's important that every Mass has a first aider. The date booked for training is 5th September.. Please contact Cath.: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Mick & Sylvie Carolan, 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, 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

Recent Works in the church hall: We have recently had the guttering replaced on the hall, facias repaired/replaced and painted. Once work started it was obvious that some of the roof felt had deteriorated above the guttering, so that was replaced too. The birds that have nested in the roof over the last years will be getting a birdbox to nest in for next year. Fingers crossed they return!. They also cleared the gutters on the main house. Highpoint Roofing & Property Services carried out the work. They had been recommended by two different parishioners. They were excellent. Very reliable, kept us well-informed with the work and problems that occurred, i.e. roofing felt. The cost of the work carried out totalled £4,880.00. If you are interested in obtaining a quote for any work, contact: 01732 247069/07701 376334 email: highpointroofingspecialists@gmail.com ask for John.

"Summertime 2026" – Tuesday 11th August to Friday 14th August: This is not just for altar servers, but for anyone who is regularly going to mass aged 11-15, who you think would appreciate good Catholic formation in a very social atmosphere. Last year we were oversubscribed, and we are a few less in numbers at the venue, so we would recommend booking a place early rather than later. We are delighted this year to be going back to the Westminster Pastoral Centre, which has amazing facilities. There is a coach laid on from St. Anselm's Dartford. Contact Fr Stephen: dartford@rcaos.org.uk or speak to Fr Michael or Fr Luke for an application form

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. You can also make payments via our card machine located in the porch. Using this method, you can also pay for Repository items, Second Collections and Candles too.. Please remember to Gift Aid if you are tax payer. If you wish to set up a regular standing order or make a payment via BACS, please contact the parish office for bank details: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

Examination Invigilators wanted for internal and external examinations at St Catherine's Catholic Girls School, Bexleyheath - supporting and guiding students calmly during the school's examination period. Please visit: <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies/> for more info and link to apply.

SEMH Learning Support Assistant and DT Technician. Please visit: <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies/> for more info and link to apply. Thank you.

Days with Mary: Saturday 15th August @ St Saviour, Lewisham, Saturday 29th August @ Church of the Good Shepherd, Downham (see posters for more information)

The St John Bosco Children's Camp: The St John Bosco Children's Camp in Brentwood Essex, is a activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs for two weeks each summer for boys and girls. Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>

Fr John O'Donoghue is turning 90: Parishioners at St John Vianney Parish are invited to join Fr John O'Donoghue as he celebrates his 90th birthday on Saturday 19th September at 12 noon at Our Lady Help of Christians, Mottingham. Please contact our parish office or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk if you would like to attend and we will notify Jackie. Parishioners will need to make their own transport arrangements.

URGENT INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE REGARDING SCAMMERS

Dear Fathers and colleagues,

We would like to make you aware of a **new type of scam** that is now targeting individuals within our parish communities through **WhatsApp**.

Cyber criminals are increasingly using artificial intelligence (AI) to create convincing videos, voice messages and written communications while impersonating members of the clergy. Their aim is to deceive unsuspecting individuals into believing they are communicating with a priest, bishop, or other Parish representative before requesting money or donations.

Recent examples have been:

- An AI-generated video depicting the Archbishop of Westminster.
- A fake WhatsApp conversation.
- A request for a financial donation.

These examples are entirely fraudulent and have been created to persuade recipients that they are communicating with the Archbishop personally. Similar techniques could be used to impersonate any member of the clergy.

We ask that you please remain vigilant and remind your parishioners to do the same. In particular, please encourage them to:

- Never assume that a WhatsApp message or video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy.
- Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms.
- Always verify the identity of the sender by contacting the priest or parish directly using a known telephone number or official email address before responding to any request.
- Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>.

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

FUNDRAISING FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE. Message from Bishop Paul. One of the trustees of our Lourdes pilgrimage has been doing a sponsored walk to raise money to help disabled pilgrims to go to Lourdes. He will be in parts of Kent and SE London this week. If you would be willing to contribute, he has a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw

"Annual Missio Red Box Collection: If you have a Missio Red Box, please can you bring it in for emptying. Please hand your box into in the sacristy to Fr. Luke or Fr. Michael by **end of September at the latest**. Please ensure your name is clearly marked on the box. **Please Do Not leave the boxes in the porch.** When the boxes have been emptied, I will leave them on the table in the back of the church to be collected. If you would like to Gift Aid your donations, please contact Missio via telephone on 020 7821 9755 or email at info@missio.org.uk; they can send you a Gift Aid Declaration form to sign. Alternatively, please speak to me. If you no longer want a Red Box, leave a note with your box when you hand it in and I will remove your name from the list. Thank you. God Bless. Abby"