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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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) – PAGE 122

Sunday 30th August 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass for Ella Thompson RIP (Foundation) (Fr L)
 10.30 Mass for Hugh Casey RIP (Minnie)/
 Anne Pichon RIP (1st Anniv) (Oakes) (Fr L)
 Refreshments in the hall
 17.30 Mass for Private Intention (Coroi) (Fr L)

Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday 31st August 2026

St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne
(Bank Holiday)

No Mass

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest & Martyr
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

- 09.00 Mass for Family Intentions (Antao) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Fr Luke away

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Feria

No Mass

- 14.00 Requiem Mass for Martin Quinn RIP conducted
 By Fr Innocent.
 15.30 Eltham Crematorium

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Friday 4th September 2026

Saint Cuthbert, Bishop

No Mass

Fr Luke returns

Saturday 5th September 2026

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

First Aid Training in Church Hall

- 10.00 Mass for Anne Widdecombe RIP (Alaminos) (Fr L)
 Confessions

Sunday 6th September 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass In Thanksgiving for Fr John O'Donoghue
 (Inglis) (Fr L)
 10.30 Mass for Mary McGinty RIP (Family) (Fr L)
 Children's Liturgy resumes
 Refreshments after Mass
 17.30 Mass for Private Intention (Coroi) (Fr L)

Readers' Rota for September- October: Copies are available in the porch

**SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO
 OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

News on Fr Michael

Some of you may be aware that Fr Michael has been poorly with Shingles recently and is still recovering. I took him to the GP on Tuesday, and he was told it will take some time to recover from this. The rash is still quite prominent, and he has been feeling very tired. Please keep him in your prayers. Cath

Fr Luke is going away for a few days from 1st to 4th September (inclusive). There will be Mass at 9.00am on Tuesday 1st and no other Masses until Saturday 5th September at 10.00am.

Congratulations to Kylie Doll Rosalie McDonagh who was baptised last weekend.

Thank you Fr Innocent: We thank Fr Innocent, from Bostall Park, for conducting Martin Quinn's funeral this Tuesday, in the absence of Fr Michael and Fr Luke.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: 1st September and Season of Creation which ends with St Francis Feast Day on 4th October. We are in the year of St Francis.

Welcome back: Having had a restful summer, we look forward to resuming next Sunday 6th September at 10.30am **Mass:** Choir, Children's Liturgy and Refreshments.

Schools restarting: Please keep in your prayers all the children who are returning to their primary and secondary schools and those starting for the first time. We also pray for our young adults who are beginning sixth form or moving away to experience life at university. We also remember all the staff who make this possible in each of these venues, from the caretakers to the headteachers. We ask God for his blessings on this new year.

We especially pray for St Thomas More Primary School as they commence their new academic year and look forward to welcoming pupils throughout this time.

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

Days with Mary: Saturday 5th September at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon and Saturday 19th September at Corpus Christi Church, Tonbridge (see poster for more information).

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, 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

Hiring of Hall: Please contact Cath Bird: 07989 156111 or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

Electronic Newsletter: If you would like our newsletter emailed to you each week, please contact Cath at the parish office: 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

Harvest Sunday – 27th September: Our collection this year is for the Manna Centre, located in Melior Street, London SE1, who run a day centre for those who are experiencing homelessness or are in need. This centre provides food, showers, clothing, housing and welfare advice, advice for migrants and & asylum seekers as well as charging mobile phones, accessing computers. They are open seven days a week (8.30am – 1.30pm).

Our donations will go a long way to help them operate their day centre. Please see the list below of items needed:

FOOD/DRINKS: Sugar Coffee, Tomatoes (Tinned), Dilutable drinks, Vegetables (Tinned), Tea, Rice, Pasta Sauces, Baked Beans, Meat (Tinned), Corned beef, Chopped ham, Luncheon meats, Fish Paste, Soup, Stewed steak, Hot Dogs, Fruit(tinned) Rice pudding, Curry Sauces, Porridge oats, Breakfast cereals, Tomato sauce Jelly, Cooking oil, Biscuits, Toilet Rolls, Tea Mugs, Novels, Oyster cards (Unregistered preferably).

TOILETRIES: Deodorants, Shaving Foam, Shampoo, Disposable razors, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Bodywash, Soap

MEN'S CLOTHING: Jeans (Waist 30-38), Socks, Jogging bottoms, Trainers, Fleeces / Hoodies, T-shirts Shoes Underwear Trousers (Waist 30-38) Coats

Please try and give as much as you can. **Please remember**, it is only the clothing items on the list that are required.

We shall take donations for 4 weeks from 27th September and arrange collection at the end of October.

SEE POSTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

TEACH ME TO PRAY: A five-part experimental programme on how to open ourselves to God through prayer. *Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him. 'Lord, teach us to pray'. Luke 11:1*

Online sessions are all on Tuesday evenings, starting Tuesday 6th October 2026 and continuing 13th October, 10th November and 17th November, with a One-Day Reflection in person on 5th or 12th December.. Cost £25.00 booking fee including Day of Reflection. £5 for online sessions only. Bursaries are available, please contact aec@rcaos.org.uk.

For more information see poster on noticeboard in the porch or go to aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd

Organised and run by the Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Monday 28th September-Thursday 1st October Cost £419. This cost includes flights from Stansted, half board accommodation, and transfer from Lisbon airport to Fatima. Led by Fr. Stephen Boyle, these excellent few days will include visiting the homes of the seers, attending mass at the apparition chapel and the beautiful way of the cross. There are only a few places left. Closing date is 13th September. Email Fr. Stephen dartford@rcaos.org.uk or phone him, 07504518262 for more details. Single supplement is £100. Insurance is not included on the trip, and we ask that attendees are insured.

Please remember this year's March for Life on the 5th September: Please visit marchforlife.co.uk. The march starts at 1.30 but there is worship starting at 9.30 (You might have to show the doormen the site as they're normally unaware) and talks and events for children, teens and adults from 10 o'clock.

On a different note, Omaze are advertising on national television that they're partnering with Wellbeing of Women. Please visit their site to see their policies

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.