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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.

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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)

Monday 7th September 2026

Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 8th September 2026

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 09.00 Mass for Alex Griffith Crowe (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 9th September 2026

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

- 09.00 Mass for Santaninha Da Costa RIP (Antao) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Thursday 10th September 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Arnold Alpine RIP (Braganza) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Friday 11th September 2026

Saint Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr

- 09.00 Mass for John McMahon RIP (Butler) (Fr L)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed
 Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 12th September 2026

The Most Holy Name of Mary

- 10.00 Mass for Mrs Eremita De Souza RIP (De Souza) (Fr L)
 Confessions after Mass
 12.30 Baptism of Angel Adekemi Odusanyan (Fr L)

Sunday 13th September 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/

Education Sunday

- 08.30 Mass for Welfare of Mary Curtin (Ward) (Fr L)
 10.30 Mass for John & Ellen McCarthy RIP (Casey) (Fr M)
 Children's Liturgy
 Refreshments
 17.30 Mass for Constatin Coroi RIP (Coroi) (Fr L)

Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service
(Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

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

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

Update on Fr Michael: He is recovering from shingles slowly and is still quite tired. He misses seeing you all but hopes to return to say Mass over the next couple of weeks. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Today we welcome back to 10.30 Mass our choir, children's liturgy group and refreshments. We hope you have had a lovely summer and are fully refreshed.

Please do consider joining the choir, assisting with children's liturgy or coming in the hall for a cuppa and a chat after Mass. You would be made most welcome.

Congratulations to Fia Nova Julieta Xavier Chappelle who was baptised last weekend.

Next Sunday is Education Sunday and there is a Second Collection: The Catholic Educations Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Mass Intentions: Thank you for all your Mass Intentions. Please remember to give us as much notice as possible if the intention is for a particular date. With a week or two's notice, we are not always able to accommodate you. Maybe for 2027, consider emailing the parish office and book your anniversary dates ahead of time and make the payment via BACs. Please contact me at bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk and I can advise the bank details. Alternatively, complete the Mass Intention envelope located in the porch with the name(s), date(s) and payment(s). Thank you in advance. Cath

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

St Ursula's Convent School Open Day: Saturday 26th September 9.00–12.00. (See poster in porch to register)

Days with Mary: 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

Lectors' & Eucharistic Ministers' Formation Day - Saturday 31st October, 10:00am–2:00pm, Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Erith DA8 1DN: Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area, warmly invites all Lectors and

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to a Formation Day on the theme "Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist." The day will include Holy Mass, formation, discussion and Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Participants are asked to arrive by 9:45am and to bring a packed lunch. (See posters for more information)

To all our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St John Vianney, please check your email, as Cath has sent an email inviting you and outlining the day. If you haven't been notified, please contact Cath.

Service for those that have been harmed by abuse: The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on the 30th September 2026, at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.

Not dead yet UK: "Assist us to live not to die" /Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: Demo against assisted Suicide Bill: On the pews this week, there is literature from both of these organisations, requesting our parishioners to take home the flyers, read them and complete the card with your local MPs name and then post to the House of Commons. **This debate and demonstration is on 11th September.**

Message from Rob Hills our SPUC Representative: 'The assisted suicide bill is back. Please write to your MP at the House of Commons

London SW1A 0AA. If you don't know who your MP is, visit members.parliament.uk or use the SPUC MP tool. The bill's first reading is on 11.9.26.

The bill features none of the amendments introduced by the House of Lords but it appears campaigners plan to use the parliament act to bypass the Lords, something never before used for a private member's bill; for an issue that isn't a manifesto commitment.

Please write to your MP and ask them to attend and vote in favour of the Infants, Parents and Carers' bill - (first reading 4.9.26) which gives a stronger legal foundation to support for babies during pregnancy and their first 2 years.'

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.