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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) – PAGE 131

Sunday 20th September 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Home Mission Sunday

08.30 Mass for Mrs MV Dessa RIP (De Souza) (Fr L)
10.30 Mass for Lily O'Rielly RIP (Carolan)/ Jenny Lewer RIP (1st Anniv & 60th Birthday) (Family) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in hall after Mass
17.30 Mass for Private Intention (Coroi) (Fr L)

First National Mass Count
Second Collection for Home Mission Sunday

Monday 21st September 2026
Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
No Mass

Tuesday 22nd September 2026 **Feria**
09.00 Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary for my children and husband (Notanni) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 23rd September 2026
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Priest
09.00 Mass in Thanksgiving to Our Lady (Antao) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 24th September 2026
Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham
09.00 Mass for Victor Mariano Pereira RIP (Foundation) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 25th September 2026 **Feria**
09.00 Mass for Kathy Blakemore RIP (Bird) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 26th September 2026
SS Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
10.00 Mass for Private Intention (Coroi) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
Confessions after Mass

Sunday 27th September 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/
World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees
Our Parish Harvest Day

08.30 Mass for Kathy Blakemore RIP and Family (Atmore) (Fr L)
10.30 Mass for Dr Philip De Souza RIP (Anniv) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in hall after Mass
17.30 Mass for Private Intention (Coroi) (Fr L)

Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries
Second National Mass Count
(Saint Vincent de Paul)

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Today is Home Mission Sunday and there is a Second Collection: This is a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authenticate humanity which finds it's fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website – https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday/
The Second Collection on this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales.
Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

National Mass Count: Today we start the annual Mass Count which takes place over 4 weeks. We ask parishioners who are taking the collection to count the numbers attending and record them on the form in the Sacristy. Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 2nd October:
Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection on Sunday 4th October. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030

Can you spare 1 hour every 3-4 weeks please? We really need more cleaners to help keep our church clean and tidy between services. You would be part of a team that dusts, hoovers, sweeps the floor, empties bins etc.
Please contact parish office, or if you know some of the current cleaners, have a chat with them. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Children's Liturgy: We are very lucky to run our Children's Liturgy class at 10.30 Mass every Sunday; however, more helpers are needed. We open our class with a prayer and a "Sorry Song" and then have a simplified Gospel reading and an activity.
Many children attend this, and enjoy it immensely, however, we do really need more parents to lead and assist the classes. We keep it very simple, as the age range of the children attending varies.
Please do consider offering your time. It maybe that the rota is 1 in 4 weeks for you to help. Please speak to one of our catechists, or Cath, via the Parish Office. An enhanced DBS will be required, which our safeguarding officers will complete for you.
Please remember: If you child has made their First Holy Communion, they should remain in church for the Mass and not attend Children's Liturgy, unless it is a Catechist's child who cannot remain on their own in church.

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

Grief in Loss Weekend at The Friars, Aylesford – 9th-11th October: For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. (See poster for more information on how to book)

Next Sunday is our Harvest Sunday: 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' (Readers) & 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.

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

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

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.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen are holding a Musical Concert on Saturday 26th September 2026. After our 6pm Mass (about 7pm). Tickets £10.00 Please email blackfen@rcaos.org.uk for ticket details.