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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 27th September 2026
(Deadline for Missio Red Boxes)
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)

Monday 28th September 2026
Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr

No Mass
19.30 Churches Together in Bexleyheath meet at Christchurch

Tuesday 29th September 2026
Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

09.00 Mass for Wanda Borowska RIP (1st Anniv) & Josef Borowski RIP (55th Anniv) (Danuta) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 30th September 2026
Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

09.00 Mass for Louisa Faria RIP & Deceased Members of Faria Family (Gomes)/For all Forgotten Souls (Antao) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 1st October 2026
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church

09.00 Mass for Jim Heffernan RIP (Birthday) (Copus) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 2nd October 2026
The Holy Guardian Angels/Harvest CAFOD Family Fast Day

09.00 Mass for Robin Cheriton RIP (Bird) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 3rd October 2026
The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30 Open Morning at St Columba's Catholic Boys' School
10.00 Mass for Sheila, Patrick & Alan Warde RIP (Turner) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
12.30 Baptism of Kikungboh Luke Beshel-Ikwen (Fr L)

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Today is Harvest Sunday: All donations will be going to the Manna Centre, Melior Street, SE1. Items needed are tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, corned beef, tinned luncheon meats, tea, coffee, squash, soup, breakfast cereals, to name but a few. Please look at the noticeboard for the full list of items. Men's clothing is also needed too, plus some miscellaneous items too. Parishioners have until the end of October to bring the items in. Please leave donations in the porch by the foodbank box. With grateful thanks for your support.



Rest in Peace: Vital Mario Madeira who died on Tuesday. Vital is the Father of Alec, who plays the piano at 10.30 Mass. Our condolences go to Alec and all his family members. May He rest in peace and rise in glory.

Congratulations to Christopher Douglas Jones who was baptised last week

Second National Mass Count: We ask parishioners who are taking the collection to count the numbers attending and record them on the form in the Sacristy. Thank you.

This Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day and attached to this week's newsletter is their donation envelope. 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.

Sunday 4th October 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Rosary Sunday

08.30 Mass for Gerard Lambe RIP (Family) (Fr L)

10.30 Mass for Adoración Morcillo Sánchez RIP (Anniv) & Adriana Morcillo Sánchez RIP (Anniv) (Alaminos) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in hall after Mass

17.30 Mass for the Health of Gail Chivers (Hatton) (Fr L)

Second Collection for CAFOD

Third National Mass Count

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and next weekend we celebrate Rosary Sunday. Perhaps families can pray the rosary at home and teach the children the meaning of the beads. Also, Fr Luke leads the rosary after he says Mass during the week and on Saturdays. You would be most welcome to join him.

Young Adult Deanery Group: For Young adults and professionals (18-35) to create a community where we can build each other up in faith, knowledge and friendship. please join us for our first introductory meeting on 22nd October 6.00pm to help build the starting direction of this new initiative. Graciously hosted at St John Vianney Parish hall 21 Heathfield Rd, Bexleyheath DA6 8NP.

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

*** Save the Date Christmas Fayre at St John Vianney – Saturday 28th November ***

12.00pm-2.00pm. More information will follow next week.

Year of St Francis – Celebrating 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi: The Franciscans at Our Lady of the Angels are celebrating this great anniversary in their parish with a number of events throughout the year. The main events take place on Saturday 3rd October at 5.30pm "Holy Mass, The Transitus (Death) + celebration afterwards and Sunday 4th October, Mass of St Francis, at 10.30am led by Archbishop John Wilson. All are welcome to attend.

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)

St Columba's Catholic Boys' School Open Day: Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the St Columba's Catholic Boys' School Open Day on Saturday 3 October 2026, from 9.30am to 12.30pm

Come and experience life at St Columba's, meet students, staff, tour the school, and hear from the Headteacher at 10.30am or 11.30am. St Columba's is proud to be one of the highest-performing schools in Bexley for boys of all abilities.

The Open Day is an excellent opportunity for families with children approaching secondary transfer to discover all that St Columba's has to offer.

To register or find out more, please visit www.st-columbas.co.uk We look forward to welcoming you and your family.

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.