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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-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) – PAGE 143

Sunday 18th October
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. World Mission Sunday: Day of Prayer for the Evangelization of the World

08.30 Mass for Michael Teye McCarthy for speedy recovery from surgery (Rufina) (Fr L)
10.30 Mass for Steve Shea RIP (1st Anniv) (Alaminos) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in the hall
17.30 Mass for Welfare of Kath Curl (Kerins) (Fr L)

Second Collection for Missio / (Saint Luke, Evangelist)

Monday 19th October
Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

No Mass

Tuesday 20th October **Feria**

09.00 Mass in Thanksgiving to God for Healing of Joseph Kofi Acheampong (Rufina)/Catarina Martins RIP (Anniv) (José) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 21st October
Saint Margaret Clitherow, Martyr

09.00 Mass for Patricia Lloyd RIP (Pereira) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 22nd October
Saint John Paul II, Pope

09.00 Mass for Prudencio Santa Rita Fernandes RIP (Sharon) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
18.00 Young Adult Deanery Group (hall)

Friday 23rd October
Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

09.00 Mass for Christina Mary Foley RIP (Lake) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 24th October
Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

10.00 Mass for Francis Kelly RIP (Anniv) (Liz) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
Confessions
14.00 Vocations Conference at St Thomas More Church

Sunday 25th October
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ end of British Summertime (CLOCKS GO BACK)

08.30 Mass for Kathy Blakemore RIP (Kelly)/Mass for Lionel Roberts RIP (Guilbert) (Fr L)
10.30 Mass for Gracia Alaminos RIP (Maria) (Fr M)
No Children's Liturgy (half term)
Refreshments in the hall
17.30 Mass for Doris Slade RIP (Maddocks) (Fr L)

Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Today is World Mission Day and there is a Second Collection for Missio: Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. This collection in its entirety goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. Thank you for supporting this charity.

Young Adult Deanery Group: Last Sunday, Jack McAlpine spoke briefly about the organising of this group, being set up 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 Jack this Thursday at 6.00pm to help build the starting direction of this new initiative in our church hall.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: We encourage families to 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.

Liturgy Meeting to discuss Advent/Christmas: Friday 23rd October @ 1.00pm (small hall). Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting as we prepare for Advent and Christmas.

The Annual Mass Count: First of all a big thank you to the collectors at Mass who counted and recorded the numbers of people present at Mass during the past four weeks. As you can see from the table, numbers are up on last year. In past years there was always a week with low numbers and one with high numbers. This year we never fell below 300. Our average was 323 which is very encouraging. We will send these figures to the Diocese and the number of those receiving Holy Communion at home. It's always lovely to see so many at Sunday Mass. Don't forget to make sure you are on time each Sunday. Thank you all.

NATIONAL ANNUAL MASS COUNT 2026

Date of Mass Count	Total:	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
19th/20th Sept	308	81	157	70
26th/27th Sept	317	77	190	50
3rd/4th Oct	344	99	188	57
10th/11th Oct	322	72	190	60

Average Mass Attendance 2026: 323

Average Mass Attendance 2025: 314

Signing of School Forms: Now is the time of year for parents to apply for Secondary and Primary School places. If you need your form to be signed, confirming your attendance at Mass, we ask that you give it to Fr Michael or Fr Luke, when you're at Mass. You will then be contacted by the parish office, advising when you can collect it. Please be aware that Fr Michael may not know or recognise all of you applying, so he will consult Fr Luke to seek his confirmation of your attendance. Please ensure you are honest with your attendance when completing these forms. Thank you.

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, 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:

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

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers' Formation Day – Saturday 31st October, 10:00am-2:00pm, at Our Lady of the Rosary, Erith: Please email Cath at the parish office bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk to advise whether you are able/unable to attend this day, as we need to advise numbers by 19th October. Thank you.

March for Life are holding a solemn witness on Tuesday the 27th October from midday to 2pm in Parliament Square to mark the assent of the Abortion Act. Please attend. For more details, please visit marchforlife.co.uk

Manna Centre: You have until the end of October to bring in donations for Harvest Sunday for the Manna Centre. Various food items are needed along with clothing too. (Please see list in porch). Please leave donations in the porch behind the Mass book trolley. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: With halt-term upon us, and Advent on the horizon, we'd love you to consider offering to help with our Sunday class at 10.30am Mass. Many children attend and enjoy learning to say their prayers, listening to the bible stories and taking part in the activities. It would be a shame if we had to reduce holding our classes. Email parish office if you are interested or speak to one of our Catechists on Sunday. Thank you.

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7th November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm): The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

Vocation Conference for young adults aged 18+ who are currently discerning their vocation: Saturday, 24th October 2026 from 2:00pm-8:00pm at St Thomas More Catholic Church, 420a Long Lane, Bexleyheath, DA7 5JW.
The conference will be a wonderful opportunity for young adults to come together for prayer, fellowship and discussion, while exploring important questions about vocation, relationships and marriage. The programme will include:
• Talks on discerning vocations, relationships and marriage • Holy Mass • Snacks and social time

Mass for Deceased Clergy: Friday 6th November at 12.00pm at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Bostall Park.

Blessing of the Graves:

7th November 12.00pm	Plumstead Cemetery
8th November 12.30pm	St Paulinus Cemetery
8th November 2.00pm	Bexleyheath Cemetery
8th November 2.00pm	Kemnal Park Cemetery
8th November 3.00pm	Brook Street Cemetery
21st November 11.00am	Hill View Cemetery



Christmas Fayre at St John Vianney – Saturday 28th November – 12.00pm to 2.00pm

We are planning on having the following stalls: Repository, Gift Tombola, Bottle Tombola, Fancy Goods, Bric a Brac, cake stall, as well as a Toy Stall, books, to name but a few, but we need donations from you to have these. We shall also have bacon rolls and hot soup on the day, along with the usual refreshments. Celine will also be on hand to take professional family photos, at a reasonable price.

This event cannot run without parishioners' help, so please do sign up to the list on the noticeboard if you can spare an hour or two, either setting up on the Friday 27th or running a stall on the 28th. It's an event that brings our parishioners together, young and old and knowing the importance of this, and having a place to sit and natter, whilst having a bite to eat, Celine's photos will be set up in the porch of the church, freeing up the backroom as a refreshment area.

Donations are welcome now. Please leave them in the porch, ideally labelled "Fayre".

If you have any questions, please email the parish office: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

