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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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Did you remember to put your clocks back last night?

Sunday 25th October
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/
end of British Summertime

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

Monday 26th October
Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops

No Mass

Tuesday 27th October **Feria**
09.00 Mass for Christopher Antao RIP (Anniv) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 28th October
Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles
09.00 Mass for Charmaine Jacques RIP (Gonsalves) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary

Thursday 29th October **Feria**
09.00 Mass for Patrick O'Connor RIP (Parnell) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary

Friday 30th October **Feria**
09.00 Mass for Patsy Pyne RIP (Pereira) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 31st October
The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 Mass for Fr Michael Jones (Cardim) (Fr L)
followed by the Rosary
Confessions

Formation Day for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, at Our Lady of the Angels, Erith

Sunday 1st November
Solemnity of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation)
08.30 Mass for Steven McCreight RIP (Carter) (Fr L)
10.30 Mass in celebration of Ron & Veronica Steele's Ruby Wedding Anniversary (Bird) (Fr M)
No Children's Liturgy (half term)
Refreshments in the hall
17.30 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)

Monday 2nd November
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)
09.00 Mass (Fr L)
19.00 Mass (Fr L)

November/December Readers' Rotas in the porch.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Rest in Peace Susan Dassanyake who died on Thursday. We thank Sheila, who visited her every week and prayed with her. We offer our condolences to her husband Jack, sons David and Michael. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

All Souls' Day – Monday 2nd November: Fr Luke will celebrate Mass at 9.00am and 7.00pm next Monday.

Knights of St Columba: There will be a Mass for the Deceased Brothers of Council 380 of the Knights of Saint Columba, on Friday 6th November at 7pm, at St Thomas More Church, Bostall Park, 420A Long Lane, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 5JW.

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day!
Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents.

To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou

Royal British Legion Poppies are on sale in the porch.

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

November is the month of the Holy Souls when we pray especially for those of our loved ones who have died. Envelopes are available in the porch for you to place inside the names of your loved ones you would like us to pray for. Next Sunday the basket will be at the foot of the altar for you to place these in. There is no need to enclose any money but if you do, it will be used for Masses for the Holy Souls. If you want a Mass intention for a particular member of your family, then please use the usual Mass Intention envelopes. 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, 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

Join March for Life UK on Tuesday 27th October 12-2pm in Parliament Square as we remember the anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act which happened on that date 59 years ago. Please don't bring posters as they will be provided. Stand with us as we remind our nation that abortion hurts the family. For further information contact info@marchforlife.co.uk or call 447773501721.

Manna Centre: You have until Sunday 1st November to bring in donations 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/

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.

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, Toy Stall and Books, to name but a few. 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.

Please continue to bring in donations for our Fayre. Please leave them in the porch, labelled "Fayre".

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

