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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 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 for Professor Brian Smith RIP (Bird) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
19.00 Mass for Deceased Family and Friends (Coroi) (Fr L)

Tuesday 3rd November
Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
09.00 Mass for Nicholas Burke RIP (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 4th November
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
09.00 Mass for Pat Steele RIP (Birthday) (Bird) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 5th November **Feria**
09.00 Mass for Kay Hanrahan RIP (Anniv) (Parnell) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
18.30 Bexley Deanery Youth Adult Group, OLA Erith

Friday 6th November (First Friday) **Feria**
09.00 Mass for Conceicao Antao RIP (Anniv) (Fr M)
Adoration until 10.00am
Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed
12.00 Deanery Requiem Mass at St Thomas More, Bostall Park
19.00 Mass for the Deceased Brothers of Council 380 of the Knights of Saint Columba at St Thomas More, Bostall Park

Saturday 7th November
Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George
A Day with Mary at Westminster Cathedral
10.00 Mass for Private Intention (Seema) (Fr L)
Confessions
12.30 Baptism of Clara Elena Shea (Fr L)

Sunday 8th November
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/Remembrance Sunday
08.30 Mass for Patrick O'Connor RIP (Turner) (Fr L)
10.30 Requiem Mass for the dead of the two World Wars and the other wars and conflicts/Mass for Vital Mario Madeira RIP (D'Costa) (Fr M)
Children's Liturgy/Refreshments in the hall
14.00 Blessing of graves at Bexleyheath Cemetery (Fr L)
17.30 Mass for Holy Souls (Fr L)
Second Collection for the Archbishop's Appeal

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

Rest in Peace: Philip Miller of The Maples who died last week. Fr Luke visited him recently and anointed him. Our condolences go to his wife Sally and family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Next Sunday there is a Second Collection for the Archbishop's Appeal: This funds three key mission areas: Youth and Evangelization, Our Faith in Action, and Clergy Care and Formation.

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and there will be a Requiem Mass at 10.30am with the usual service of poems and two-minutes' silence. Royal British Legion Poppies are available to purchase in the porch.



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.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: We are now enrolling children who are currently in Year 3 and above at Primary School to receive this Sacrament. You must live in the parish of St John Vianney or attend Sunday Mass here regularly and be known to Fr Michael and Fr Luke. Please obtain a form from Fr Michael or Fr Luke to register for this. You will also receive a "Passport", which you will need to have verified each week by either our Priests or a Catechist, to confirm you have attended Mass. **Please note the deadline for applications is Sunday 6th December.** If you have any questions, please email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk. Once applications have been received, Fr Michael or Fr Luke will meet with you briefly, to advise if your child has been successful in their application.

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.

Request for singers for Advent: There will be a short practise after the 10:30 am Mass on the 15th of November. We will be focusing on the hymns sung during Advent and the Mass setting. Please come along and join our choir. SJV parish needs you. Thank you.

Invitation from Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen to a Nation Conference on Migration, Integration and Human Dignity: Saturday 21st November 2026 9:30am-4pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Social Club. Tickets are £12.00 per Adult/£10.00 per Student (see posters 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, 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

November/December Readers' Rotas available to collect in the porch.

Manna Centre: Today is the last day for these donations. Thank you all for your donations.

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. Your form will be available for you to collect the following Sunday. 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.

Bexley Deanery Young Adult Group: For Young adults and professionals (18 - 35) to create a community where you can build each other up in faith, and friendship. Come join us for the next meeting in the Angelus Centre, Bexley Rd, Erith DA8 1DN on 5th November at 6:30pm.

Magnifica Humanitas: The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are inviting everyone on Wednesday 4 November at 6.30pm to Westminster Cathedral Hall, for a talk by Fr Hugh MacKenzie on *Magnifica Humanitas.* The talk will explore Pope Leo's reflections on the distinction between human and artificial intelligence, and what the rapid development of AI means for our understanding of humanity, morality and faith. As AI increasingly shapes our studies, working lives and relationships, this promises to be a fascinating and timely discussion. Drawing on Pope Leo's teaching, Fr Hugh will consider what makes human intelligence unique, why our God-given dignity cannot be reduced to data and algorithms, and the dangers of allowing technology to take the place of human judgement, authentic relationships or spiritual fulfilment. For further details and tickets visit https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/news-events/

Missio Red Box Holders: Thank you for all those who returned your Red boxes. We collected £40.98. Your boxes have been updated with your name and amount donated. These are ready to collect from the table in the porch at the back of the church. If you would like to become a Red Box holder, please let me know. Please consider Gift Aid for your donations. If you are a gift aid holder and wish to cancel, please let me know. If you prefer to donate directly to Missio by cheque or bank transfer, please see https://missio.org.uk/donate/. Your gifts ensure that together we can help local missionaries overseas, train future Priests and Sisters, and give hope to the world's poorest children. Thank you for your help and generosity as always. Abby

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

Christmas Fayre: Thank you for the donations received so far. We still need items for our fancy goods stall, bottle tombola, bric a brac, toys etc. Please have a sort out at home and bring items to church and leave them in the porch behind the Mass book trolley. Also, we'd love to receive donations of homemade cakes on the Friday before the Fayre (27th) or the Saturday morning (28th). Please ensure cakes are labelled for anyone with allergies.

We would like to have a raffle too and are looking for donations of prizes, food items we could put in a hamper as well as other gifts. Don't forget Celine and her photos, which make great family Christmas presents.

Finally, please do add your name to the helpers list in the porch. Without your help we will be unable to hold this event, which will be a great shame.

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