

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY
21 HEATHFIELD ROAD, BEXLEYHEATH, KENT DA6 8NP

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Michael Jones
Email: michaeljones@rcaos.org.uk
ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Luke Malunze
Email: lukemalunze@rcaos.org.uk
PARISH SECRETARY: CATH BIRD
(Office hours are Tuesdays and Fridays 8.30am – 4.30pm)
Parish Office Email bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk
Parish Website: www.StJohnVianney-Bexleyheath.org
Tel: 020 8303 1957

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:
CATH BIRD
Email: bexleyheathsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk
Tel: 07927 637425
LENA PETT
Email: bexleyheathsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk
Tel: 07927 637424

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) – PAGE 93

Sunday 21st June 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Day for Life/

Fathers' Day

- 08.30 Mass for Sid Offord RIP (100th Birthday) (Kay)
 10.30 First Communion Mass
 NO Children's Liturgy
 Refreshments
 17.30 Mass
 Second Collection: Day for Life

Monday 22nd June 2026

Feast of Saints John Fisher,

Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs

There is Mass at the school to celebrate St Thomas More's Feast Day.

A Happy Feast day to all at St Thomas More School, Sheldon Road.

No Mass

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Saint Etheldreda, Abbess

- 09.00 Mass for Patrick, Sheila & Alan Warde RIP (Geraldine) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Solemnity of The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

- 09.00 Mass for Ilda Dias RIP (Antao) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Thursday 25th June 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Mr A.B.M & Mrs Argentina Fernandes RIP (Oliver) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary

Friday 26th June 2026

Saint Thomas Garnet, Priest & Martyr

- 09.00 Mass for Anne O'Connor RIP (Parnell) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 27th June 2026

The Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.00 Mass for Private Intention (Antao) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
 Confessions
 11.00 Rehearsal for the First Communion Mass

Sunday 28th June 2026

The Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
(Holyday of Obligation)

- 08.30 Mass for Kathy Blakemore (Kelly) (Fr M)
 10.30 Celebration of First Holy Communion/Mass for Manuel dos Santos RIP (Alaminos) (Fr L)
NO Children's Liturgy
 17.30 Mass for John Burns RIP (Judith) (Fr M)

Second Collection for Peter's Pence

Celebrations of Birthdays and Anniversaries

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Rest in Peace: Tommaso Salvati who was in Park View Care Home. He died at the great age of 94. He and his wife always went to Mass in their parish of St Thomas More. His son Roberto and daughter-in-law Tracey were in our parish for quite a few years until they moved into Kent. Funeral Mass on 7th July here at 10.30am and burial at Hillview at 12.30. Our sympathy to his wife, children, grandchildren and all the family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rest in Peace: Canon Alan McLean, Parish Priest of Holy Trinity, Dockhead, who died last week. Alan was always popular and lively and he was well loved by his many friends and parishioners. He was a gifted musician and led the Chrism Mass for a long time. Although not a close friend, has was part of my year at the Seminary and was ordained in 1978. He was three months older than me. We all went to Rome on our 40th Anniversary. Alan was always friendly. He had a care for those with HIV. He was loving with all he met in the parishes he served. He was a fine dedicated priest and a great character. Larger than life. He is a great loss to our Diocese and will be missed by many. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. He will no doubt be conducting the Heavenly Choir now

Today is Fathers' Day: We remember and thank all our Fathers; those still with us to guide us and give us advice and those who have died. May they rest in peace. Don't forget our Priests who are Spiritual Fathers

Today we welcome the following children making their First Holy Communion – Jidenna, Odera, Aria, Alfie, Cissy, Noah, Gerrard, Kerem, Inosh, Skye and Lincoln. We also welcome their families, friends and our parishioners. We hope you will take a full part in the Mass and sing the hymns. Enjoy today's Mass and pray for the children. Congratulations!

NB: Photography and filming is not allowed during this Mass. Celine, our professional parish photographer will be taking photographs during the service. Please do not be offended if you get a tap on the shoulder asking you to stop filming/taking photographs and to delete the material.

After Mass, once Celine has finished, parents and family members will have the opportunity to take their own photos if they wish.

Today we have a Second Collection for Day for Life: This year's theme is "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb". Today is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from this collection provide core funding to assist other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Congratulations to Lucas Leo Parisi who was baptised last Saturday.

Going Forth Mass – Sunday 12th July: On this day, all our First Holy Communion children will come together at 10.30 Mass, following which they will have their "Breakfast" in the hall.

Help is needed from parishioners to serve refreshments after this Mass. Can you spare an hour after Mass to help with this? If so, please speak to Cath or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you in advance.

Safeguarding: Please ensure you accompany your child if they are going out to the hall to use the toilet during Mass. Our hall is left open after First Communion and Children's Liturgy classes, and we need to ensure their safety. Don't forget, there is also a toilet in the church.

Polite Request: if you have opened one of the small windows in the church during Mass, please ensure you close it before you leave. Likewise, if you can see a window has been left open after Mass, please close it. Some of the windows have been left open from Sunday evening until Tuesday morning. Thank you.

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: Kathy Blakemore, Pat Tolhurst, Eileen Poulston, Katie Bingley, Fr Gareth Bowen, Mary Paul, John Yates, Meta James, Tracey James, Baby Teddy, Tom C, Susan, Adelina Braganza, 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, Kathy Blakemore, 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

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATION: Donations for the Offertory Collection can be made in the usual way via the basket. Alternatively, you can donate via BACs to our bank account (details below). Payments can be made for Masses this way too. You can also make payments via our card machine, located in the porch. You can also pay for Repository items, Second Collections and Candles via this method too. Please remember to Gift Aid if you are tax payer. **Payment online:**
Account No: 21089620 **Sort Code:** 51-70-14 **Account Name:** RCAS Bexleyheath

Please consider having our newsletter emailed to you every week. Email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk

Afternoon Tea: Bexleyheath Trefoil Guild invite you to join them in St John Vianney's Church Hall for Afternoon Tea in aid of Greenwich & Bexley Hospice on Sunday 5th July, 2.00pm-4.00pm. Cost is £10.00 per person. To book, please contact Lena Pett on 07773205890. (See poster for more information).

Donations for Local Foodbanks: Items urgently needed are cereal, sugar, tea, coffee, UHT milk, toilet rolls, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, soup etc.

For The BWS Drop-In Centre, which supports the homeless, we are looking for Pot Noodles, Cup a Soups, anything you can make with hot water. Also shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste and deodorant, for both men and women. Men's boxer shorts (S/M/L) and new sleeping bags. Thank you for supporting both these causes.

St Thomas More Catholic Church, Bostall Park is Celebrating 90 Years of Parish Life: They are hold various events as follows:

St Thomas More Relic Exhibition – 1st to 30th June; Life in the Spirit Seminar Programme – 3rd June to 1st July (Wednesday and Saturdays – 7.30-9.00pm)

Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving – Sunday 12th July followed by Blessing and Inauguration of the Marian Grotto. Celebration Lunch follows this.

(See various posters for more information)

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, 11th July, at St George's Cathedral: If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham

Bexleyheath Police Team: Bexleyheath Neighbourhood Policing Team's next meeting will be on Thursday 25th June 17.00-18.00 at Bexleyheath Library. (See poster for more information, including contact information)

Message from SPUC (Society for the Protection of unborn Children): SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. But recently Parliament removed legal consequences for a woman aborting her own baby – at any stage, for any reason. Self-induced abortion up to birth is now permitted in England and Wales. If you are shocked by this, you are not alone. Abortion extremists have gone too far, and we must not let this stand. Join us now in the fightback to bring an end to this barbarity. Please show your support by joining SPUC's campaign to defend unborn babies and their mothers. As a first step, please fill out one of the postcards at the back of the church, and SPUC will send you an action pack detailing all the different ways you can get involved. We work across politics, education, youth, culture – there is sure to be something that fits for you.

Our SPUC representative, Rob Hills, will be hosting refreshments after 10.30 Mass one Sunday soon. Please do come along and support him and this cause.

Message from Good Counsel Network: 'On Tuesday 23rd June, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via www.goodcounselnetwork.com. "And the people of Ninevah believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10)'

Youth day at John Fisher School Chatham Saturday 11th July 11.00am-5.30pm: Cost £5. For 10–14 year olds. This great initiative of the Southwark youth service is a day of prayer, activities including sport, as well as lunch. We commend it to youth in the parish. To book a place look on the diocesan website: <https://rcaos.org.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/event-booking/>. There is a free coach from St. Anselm's Dartford, leaving at 10.00am. Please contact Fr. Stephen by email to book it: dartford@rcaos.org.uk. You may contact him for more details about the day.

World Youth Day Korea 2027: Join Archbishop John Wilson for the Archdiocese of Southwark's pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, from 2nd to 9th August 2027 for young adults aged 18-35.

World Youth Day brings together over one million young Catholics from across the world with Pope Leo XIV for prayer, catechesis, pilgrimage, and celebration of the faith. It is a unique opportunity to deepen your faith and experience the joy of the universal Church. Package prices:

• Full package including flights: £3,270 • Ground package only: £1,870

A £400 deposit is required by close on Monday 29th June. For full details, fundraising information, and booking, please visit:

www.tinyurl.com/wydhme1