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Sunday 28th June 2026

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

- 08.30 Mass for Kathy Blakemore RIP (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

Monday 29th June 2026

Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 30th June 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Dora & Robert Turner RIP (Patrick) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary
 10.00 Pilgrimage to St JV from Year 3 pupils at
 St Thomas A Beckett School

Wednesday 1st July 2026

Saint Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr

- 09.00 Mass for Richard D'Souza RIP (Antao) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Thursday 2nd July 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Denise Keates RIP (Keates) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Friday 3rd July 2026

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle/First Friday

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

Saturday 4th July 2026

The Blessed Virgin Mary/First Saturday

- 10.00 Mass for Elvin Antao RIP (Antao) (Fr L) followed
 by the Rosary
 Confessions

Sunday 5th July 2026

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass for Vincente Figueiredo RIP (D'Costa) [Fr L]
 10.30 Mass for Sylvester Addley RIP (Treacy) (Fr M)
 Children's Liturgy
 2.00-4.00pm Afternoon Tea organised by the Trefoil Guild
 (St JV hall) (booking is necessary – see poster)
 17.30 Mass for Canon Alan McClean RIP (Harrod) (Fr L)

JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Rest in Peace: Kathy Blakemore who died last week at the age of nearly 92 in the Hatherley Road Care Home in Sidcup. Fr Michael writes: I first met Kathy when I arrived at St John Vianney in 2004. She was always a lovely gracious and kind lady. She did so many things in our parish: the altar linen, the Catholic newspapers, the Repository, bringing Communion to the sick, cleaning the Church and doing whatever needed doing. Kathy had lived in our parish since 1958 and she was one of the few remaining members of the "Young Mums Club", a group set up with Mums from the parish and their young children. She was very humble and did not like the limelight. She had a tremendous Catholic faith. Her husband Les was not a Catholic but was very supportive. I would see them together going shopping or for a walk. She had some sad experiences in her life. Her daughter Yvonne died of cancer; her brother Francis also died. He was married to Liz Kelly, who still comes to Mass. She then lost her husband Les. But despite all this, her faith was always there. Our sympathy goes to her daughter Sandra, to the grandchildren and all her friends and family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Her funeral will be at St John Vianney and details will follow once known.

Today we welcome the following children making their First Holy Communion – Sophia, Amy, Sienna, Kameron, Camille, Stanley, Chinelo and Joshua. 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.

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.

Today we have Second Collection for Peter's Pence: This is an annual global collection of donations given by Catholics to the Pope. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic educations, assistance, to refugees, and immigrants, etc.

Fr John O'Donoghue is turning 90! Parishioners at St John Vianney Parish are invited to join Fr John O'Donoghue as he celebrates his 90th birthday on Saturday 19th September at 12 noon at Our Lady Help of Christians, Mottingham. Please contact our parish office or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk if you would like to attend and we will notify Jackie. Parishioners will need to make their own transport arrangements

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).

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

Please pray for the sick and those in special need of your prayers: 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, 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

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 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

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 and those roughsleeping, 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

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

First Aiders Needed Urgently: To ensure we comply with Health and Safety Regulations, we need to have a couple of parishioners at each Sunday Mass who are first aid trained. I have reached out to some parishioners, but we could do with more, **especially at 5.30pm Mass.** If this is something you would like to undertake, please contact me via the parish office or email: bexleyheath@rcaos.org.uk. I would appreciate if you could let me know you are interested as soon as possible please, as holidays are looming and we need to get a date a training day in the diary. Volunteers need to be over 18 years of age. Many thanks. Cath