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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 12th July 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Sea Sunday

- 08.30 Mass in Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Lourdes (Guilbert) (Fr L)
 10.00 Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at St Thomas More Church, Bostall Park followed by Blessing of The Marian Grotto and Celebration Lunch.
 10.30 "Going Forth Mass" for First Holy Communion/ Mass for Carole Maria Martin RIP (Anniv) (Dunecleft) (Fr M/Fr L)
 Children's Liturgy
 First Holy Communion Breakfast and refreshments in the hall for everyone
 17.30 Chukwuma Michael Nnani RIP (Ada) (Fr L)
Second Collection for Stella Maris

Monday 13th July 2026

Saint Mildred, Abbess

No Mass

Tuesday 14th July 2026

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

- 09.00 Mass for John Haveman RIP (Antao) (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 15th July 2026

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 09.00 Mass for Narcis, Ann & Louisa Faria RIP (Gomes) (Fr L) followed by the Rosary
 17.00 Year 6 Leavers' Mass (St Thomas More Primary School, Sheldon Road) (Fr M/Fr L)

Thursday 16th July 2026

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- 09.00 Mass for Ron & Kate Mannouch (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary

Friday 17th July 2026

Feria

- 09.00 Mass for Nap Pereira RIP (Anniv) (Fr M)
 Adoration until 10.00am
 Confessions straight after the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Saturday 18th July 2026

The Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.00 Mass for Hensman Family (Fr L)
 followed by the Rosary
 Confessions

Sunday 19th July 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.30 Mass for Good Health of John & Kennedy Families (Fr M)
 10.30 Mass for Mary McGinty RIP (Family) (Fr L)
 Children's Liturgy (last class before summer holidays)
 Refreshments after Mass
 17.30 Mass for Private Intention (Seema & Jobin) (Fr M)

JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Today is Sea Sunday: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church via our Second Collection or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give as much as you can please. Thank you.

Going Forth Mass: Today we welcome back Sophia, Amy, Jidenna, Odera, Sienna, Aria, Kameron, Alfie, Cissy, Camille, Stanley, Noah, Chinelo, Gerrard, Kerem, Inosh, Skye, Lincoln and Joshua. for their First Holy Communion "Going Forth Mass". Fr Michael thanks everyone involved in our First Holy Communion programme this year. It went very well indeed. So thank you to our hardworking catechists Bridget, Cath, Elisa, Lena and Maria, our musicians and choir, our servers, readers, welcomers and refreshment hosts, not forgetting Brenda for her flower arrangements and Celine for the photos she took. Lots of work goes into these celebrations. [Congratulations](#) to all our First Communion children and their families who supported them on their journey Well done!! Please do join them for refreshments in the hall after Mass, as they have their "Breakfast".

Kathy Blakemore's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 13th August at 11.00am, followed by 12.30pm at Eltham Crematorium. Please continue to keep her and family members in your prayers.

Rest in Peace: Juliet Harbottle of Pelham Road. We only recently found out that Juliet had died. Fr Luke celebrated a burial service last week for her. She was buried with her husband Jack in Sidcup Cemetery. Some of you may remember her from Pelham Road. Fr Michael visited her and had supper twenty years ago. She was a practising Catholic, but at that time went to St Peter's Woolwich. She had a great devotion to the charismatic wing of the Church. She did come to Mass here sometimes, but we lost contact with her. We had some good conversations with her sister Rita who lives in Florida and the service at the grave was filmed for her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Year 6 Leavers' Mass: The children, their teachers and families will be here on Wednesday at 5pm for their Leavers' Mass. We alternate with St Thomas More, Bostall Park to host this Mass.

First Aiders Needed Urgently: Thank you to those parishioners who have offered to undertake this training, however, we still need parishioners who attend 5.30pm Mass to come forward. As you will appreciate, it is imperative that all Masses are covered. Please do consider helping. The date booked for training is 5th September.. Thank you. Cath

Safeguarding at StJV: 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. Please see the top of our newsletter for our Safeguarding Representatives and their contact details. Also, check our noticeboard in the porch.

Last week we welcomed Year 3 pupils from St Thomas A Beckett School, Abbey Wood, as they learnt all about going on a pilgrimage. They were very well behaved and knowledgeable when asked questions.

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

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

Become a CAFOD Parish Volunteer: Want to make a real difference in the world? **We offer a flexible role** with full support, and you could:

- Read a **short, pre-prepared Family Fast Day appeal talk twice a year**
- Inviting others to prayer
- Raising awareness about international development

No experience needed – just a willing heart.

Get in touch at southwark@cafod.org.uk or call 07775704546 to find out more **and be part of something meaningful.**

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.

A Day with Mary – International Symposium: 29th to 31st July 2026 (St Mary's, Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR0 2AR (See poster for more information)

Uniformed Services Day – Charity Truck Pull – Saturday 25th July: Six teams consisting of two hundred people will be volunteering to pull six heavy goods vehicles to help raise vital funds for charities helping them to continue the amazing work they do.

The procession of the vehicles and community groups will be a true spectacle, starting in Westwood Lane car park off Bellegrove Road and leave at 10am making their way pulling these trucks for the distance of two miles from Welling to Bexleyheath, where they will join the main event being held on the Broadway of Bexleyheath.

Please be aware there is likely to be slow-moving traffic throughout the route, but buses will be in normal operation with no impact to their services. (see notice in porch highlighting this and how you can support the charities)

The St John Bosco Children's Camp: The St John Bosco Children's Camp in Brentwood Essex, is a activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs for two weeks each summer for boys and girls. Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more.

The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>.

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives.

Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code.

Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



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