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| <b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b><br><b>Jer. 38: 4-6, 8-10; Ps 39; Heb 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53</b>  |  |
| <b>Saturday 17th August 2019</b><br>5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)<br>6:30pm: Ted Cahill RIP   | <b>Sunday 18th August 2019</b><br>8:30am: Josie Shandley RIP<br>10:30am: People of the Parish  |
| <b>Monday 19th August 2019</b> (Feria)<br>(St. John Eudes)<br>8:30am: Exposition<br>9:15am: Brian McKie RIP<br>(Redmond)   | <b>St. Bernard</b><br><b>Tuesday 20th August 2019</b><br>8:30am: Exposition<br>9:15am: Special Intention (JR)  |
| <b>St. Pius X</b><br><b>Wednesday 21st August 2019</b><br>8:30: Exposition<br>9:15am: Private Intention<br>Followed by Novena<br>10:00am: Sister Olivia RIP (LSU)<br>at Shalom Convent   | <b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br><b>Thursday 22nd August 2019</b><br>8:30am: Exposition<br>9:15am: Father Noel Hanrahan RIP<br>(Redmond) |
| <b>Friday 23rd August 2019</b> (Feria)<br>(St. Rose of Lima)<br>8:30am: Exposition<br>9:15am: Sister Ursula Hyland   | <b>St. Bartholomew</b><br><b>Saturday 24th August 2019</b><br>10:00am: at Shalom Convent   |
| <b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b><br><b>Is 66: 18-21; Ps 116; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30</b>   |  |
| <b>Saturday 24th August 2019</b><br>5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)<br>6:30pm: Mary O’Gorman  | <b>Sunday 25th August 2019</b><br>8:30am: Brian McKie RIP<br>(Coombs)<br>10:30am: People of the Parish   |
| <b>Anniversaries of Death</b>  |  |
| Danny Driscoll, Jim Shelley, Kay Hudson, Ingrid Simmons, Mary Shandley, Eloise Wright, Winifrede Brewer, Martyn Byrne, Catherine Hewitson, Valerie Wilson, Donald Bull, Sr. Anita Therese, Nora Quirke, Harry Snelders, Percy Evans, Dick Hennessy, Sister Imelda, Thomas Morrissey  |  |
| <b>Do not lose sight of Jesus</b>  |  |
| The path to heaven is like a race and we must keep our eyes on Jesus our leader. The saints too are praying for us so that we will win. With so many cheering us on to the finish how can we lose? We must never give up even when the going is hardest. We are bound to suffer for our faith just as Jeremiah the prophet did but the Lord will deliver us. |  |



St Mary of the Crays  
Catholic Church  
(part of the Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of Southwark)

**Holy Mass is celebrated  
Monday – Friday at 9.15am**

*(Exposition & Morning Prayer:  
8.30am;  
Novena to Our Lady of the  
Miraculous Medal:  
Wednesday, after Mass)*

**Saturday 6:30pm**  
**Sunday 8:30am and  
10:30am**  
(with children’s liturgy  
of the Word of God)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm**  
and on request

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Wednesday, Friday

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### Parish Collections:

**4th August:** Gift Aid: £374.00; Cash: £101.00

**11th August:** Gift Aid: £517.00; Cash: £92.00

**Building Fund:** Gift Aid: £144.00; Cash: £96.00: **Total to Date: £10,219.55**

**Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support**

### Exposition and Morning Prayer

Please come and visit Our Lord: the Church is open from 8am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Morning Prayer at 8.50am on weekday mornings throughout the year.



### Annual Parish Feast Day

Our Annual Parish Feast Day this year will be on **Sunday 8th September**, the **Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It will be a day to celebrate together as a parish community through Liturgy and worship followed by sundry entertainments including talent show. The celebration will continue in the hall **after the 10.30am Mass**. Please bring a dish of food to share. Please wear a festive or international costume.

We want to encourage all parishioners to take an active part in the celebration as we hope to use the occasion to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our parish.

We are looking for volunteers to help to **decorate the hall on Saturday evening, 7th September from 7pm.**

### Clearing of the Church Compound

Parishioners are sincerely requested to come out and help clean up our Church grounds on **Saturday 14th September** from **9-11am**. This will require some digging and clearing in readiness for planting the new shrubs.

Please, if you are able to assist, kindly sign up on the form in the reception area. Thank you. Father David.

### VERY URGENT APPEAL FROM THE FOODBANK

We have received an appeal from Erith Foodbank this week who are desperately short of supplies at present. Anything you can give would be acceptable but I have updated the boxes in reception with their most needed items. **Tinned meat, tinned fish and tinned fruit are at crisis levels and are most urgent.** Thank you, as always, for your support which is needed more than ever. Alex Rees.

### Mass Requests

We have **17** Mass Requests left for the Parish, of which **13** are for weekend Masses and **4** are for weekday Masses. It is good to offer the Mass for those we love.

If you would like to have a Mass said for the anniversary of a deceased family member or friend, for anyone who is ill or to celebrate a special occasion, please complete a Mass Request Envelope, which is available in the Church, and, together with your Mass Stipend, please leave it with Father David or in the Parish Office.

If you would like a specific date for your Mass Request, please notify us as soon as possible to ensure availability and to avoid disappointment.

### Thank you for your generosity to your Parish

I want to thank all parishioners for your generous offerings to the parish throughout the year. Next month the next payment of £4,000.00 (the 5th of 10 installments) is due for repayment to the Welling Parish. I know that times are hard, but I would want to encourage those who are able, to give a little more to enable us to meet this important financial obligation. Thank you. Father David

### September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Why has the Catholic Church traditionally dedicated the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows? The Memorial of **Our Lady of Sorrows** falls right in the middle of the month on the **15th September**. The 15th September was chosen because the day before, the **14th September**, is the **Feast of the Triumph of the Cross**. Like many of the Marian feasts, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows is tied to an event in the life of her Son. On the 14th September we celebrate the instrument of Christ's victory over death; and the next day, we remember the suffering of Mary as she stood at the foot of the Cross and witnessed the torture and death of her Son. We are also reminded of Simeon's words to Mary (Luke 2:34-35) at the Presentation of the Lord—that a sword would pierce her soul. Through these prayers for September, we can unite ourselves to Mary in her sorrow, in the hope that we will one day also share her joy in the triumph of her Son.

### Bexley Deanery Developing World Group

Thank you for your donations in the special envelopes over the past year. We raised **£419.00** to help the Bexley Deanery Group to provide financial support to 7 different projects around the world and help Priests, Religious, Catholic Schools and Orphanages carry out much needed improvement and development works. New projects are now needed. Do you know of any small independent projects in any country that would benefit from a donation of £1,000? Please contact our parish representative Peter Coward on 01322 272934 or 07804 135632 to get more information and an application form. Thank you.

### Day of Renewal at Aylesford Priory, Maidstone M20 7BX

**Saturday 7th September 2019**

**Fresh anointing for empowerment Acts 1:8**

Please see the notice board for further information

### Diocesan Day for Catechists: Saturday 28th September 2019

Catechists and Children's Liturgists are invited to attend the Annual Diocesan Day for Catechists at St. George's Cathedral. The Day is for all Catechists of the Diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process. Please put this date in your diary. The booking form will be sent by the Diocese on the 3rd September and will be available thereafter. The fee will be paid by the Parish.

### Your Living Churchyard Needs Your Help

Can you help to keep your local St. Paulinus Churchyard neat and tidy by working with us for up to 2 hours each month? We meet on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon. The next work session is on **Saturday 14th September**. No heavy jobs need be involved. Please help if you can. Please contact the **Church Office** on **01322 557532** or just turn up. You will be very welcome.

### Sister Olivia Jones RIP May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Sister Olivia Jones who has died. Our prayers and condolences are with her family and the LSU Sisters and staff at the Shalom Convent at this time of immense loss. May her Soul and the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**