

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Is. 43: 16-21; Ps. 125; Phil. 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11

Saturday 5th April 2025
5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Nora O'Shea RIP FM

Sunday 6th April 2025
8:00: Divine Mercy Chaplet
 8:30am: People of the Parish
 10:30am: Thanksgiving
 (Beatrice Ukwunnah)

Mon. 7th April 2025 (Feria)
 (ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
9am: Henry Gornall RIP (McCarthy)
11:00am Requiem Mass for Maura Parker

Tuesday 8th April 2025 (Feria)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Jackie Santo RIP
 (Kathy Marshall)

Weds. 9th April 2025 (Feria)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Fr. Barry Hallett RIP n/s
Stations of the Cross
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
 Srs. Patricia, Alphonsus, Anne, Stella and Rosie on their Jubilee (Sr. Inez)

Thurs. 10th April 2025 (Feria)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Linda Govia
 and Family RIP (D'Cruze)
Novena to Our Lady of The Miraculous medal

Fri. 11th April 2025 (Feria)
 (ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Holy Souls

Sat. 12th April 2025 (Feria)
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
 (11am Reconciliation Service in St Stephen's, Deepdene Rd, Welling)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

Is. 50: 4-7; Ps. 21; Phil. 2: 6-11; Luke 22: 14-23: 56

Saturday 12th April 2025
5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Pauline Cusfield RIP (Val Hull)

Sunday 13th April 2025
8:00: Divine Mercy Chaplet
 8:30am: Patrick Fernandes RIP
 10:30am: People of the Parish

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

John Toomey, James Cain, Donald Mathews, Violet Chandler, Margaret Clark, Stanley Edward Locke, Sr. Bernadette O'Dowd (LSU), Bridget O'Loughlin, Ron Futter, Hedwig Anderer, Margaret Barr, Daniel Molloy, Florence Lysaght, Geoff West, Silvio Bertram, Patricia Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Eileen Churchill, Fr. Tony Lawson, Baby Kirsty Evans, Regina Bernard, Ronald Futter, Gladys Keens, Monica O'Neill, Robert Leo Cooper.

THE LORD WHO FORGIVES.

Christ came to show compassion and forgiveness for sinners. He condemned sin but let the woman guilty of adultery go free with the reminder that she was to sin no more. None of us is perfect since we can only hope that we will be saved. We suffer in this life but we can accept the loss of everything if only we can have Christ and be given a share in His resurrection. In this way God, through Christ, is doing something new and is calling us from sinfulness to a life of service.



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"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."



'And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION -
SATURDAYS 5PM TO 6PM
 also, WHENEVER THE CHURCH IS OPEN, and ON REQUEST

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For enquiries and bookings contact
 01372 457 651

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 29TH/30TH MARCH 2025:

Gift Aid: £228.44; Card: £35; Loose Plate: £256.64 ATTENDANCE: 214
Easter Flowers : Gift Aid: £108.71; Card: £20; Loose Cash: £142.76
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Next weekend: for THE **BUILDING FUND.**

Gift Aiders: Please use one of the envelopes from the back of your box/bundle.

Friday 18th April: Good Friday:

for THE **PAPAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE.**

The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

19th/20th April: for THE **EASTER OFFERING.**

26th/27th April: for THE **MAINTENANCE OF ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.**

St. George's Cathedral, Southwark is the Mother Church of the Diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the **Square Brown Envelopes** available at the Church Door.

Please add your Gift Aid number. your donation cannot be allocated to the Gift Aid Scheme if your Gift Aid number is not on the envelope.

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The Church wants us to focus our attention on the plight of the sinful woman because before God all of us stand silent in our sinfulness. The good news is that what Jesus does for her He is willing to do for us. Her story of sin committed and sin forgiven is not an isolated event but an example of the inexhaustible mercy and compassion shown by Jesus. When we express sorrow for our sins Christ also says: "Neither will I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

The lesson is not that sin is unimportant but that God in His goodness extends pardon to the sinner. Nothing is equal to the mercy of God as shown to us in Jesus Christ.

**CHURCH GARDEN
WORK PARTY:
CAN YOU HELP?**

Please come and join our garden work party to tidy up the Church grounds before Easter. Please bring gardening gloves and tools.

We plan to meet on **SATURDAY 12TH APRIL at 9.30AM.**

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Everyone Welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING

We are hoping to meet on **SATURDAY 12TH APRIL** to do a deep clean of the Church in preparation for our Easter Celebrations. We would really welcome help from any members of the "Holy Scrubbers" and also any others who might like to join us or just help on the day. We will meet at **10.30AM** on that day. Tea and biscuits will be supplied!! Look forward to seeing you. If you need any further information feel free to contact me. Valerie 01322 271058.

**CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM
GOVERNANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Christ the King Sixth Form are currently seeking new volunteers for their Governing Body. Please see the notice board for further information.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of

MAURA PARKER, who died on Wednesday 12th March 2025.

REQUIEM MASS: Monday 7th April 2025 at 11am

COMMITTAL: Eltham Crematorium at 1pm

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. MAY HER SOUL, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club is holding the following family event in April:

- ◆ **BINGO** on **SUNDAY 6TH APRIL** at **12.15PM**. 6 rounds at £1 a card with cash prizes. New this month is a snowball feature on the 5th house which adds a further £1, so £7 for all 6 rounds. Last year Bingo raised £500 towards the club donations to the parish, so come along and find out what all the fun is about.

PLEASE NOTE that the Social Club will closed on Good Friday 18th April, Saturday 19th April and Easter Sunday 20th April and will reopen on Friday 25th April.

The Social Club Committee gives notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at 7pm on Thursday 15th May 2025 in the Parish Room.
All members are welcome to attend.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS FOR
ST CATHERINE'S and ST COLUMBA'S**

are looking to recruit foundation governors who can assist in ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for our schools, working with other governors to ensure that our schools are outstanding in all areas of our work and provides all our young people with the best possible secondary education.

If you are interested in supporting through this vital role please contact the school directly, St Catherine's info@stccg.co.uk or

01322 556333 or St Columba's

office@st-columbas.bexley.sch.uk

or 01322 553236.

Nicola Thompson and Dave Evans

GIFT AID SCHEME MEMBERS

If you have forgotten your envelope for a particular Mass, please use a brown envelope and write both your gift aid number and your name on the envelope.

If you have not yet collected your new box/bundle for this tax year, please speak to either Alex Rees or Mike Whitaker after Mass.

IMPORTANT:

If you have been hand writing number **222** on envelopes, please contact Mike Whitaker as soon as possible at mike@bramernic.com.

Thank you.

THE SECULAR CLERGY COMMON FUND ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe secretary@secularclergy.org.uk Closing date 28th April 2025.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bernard Gummett, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Mick Buttifant, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline Cornell, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?