

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gen. 18: 1-10; Ps. 14; Col. 1: 24-28; Luke: 10: 38-42	
Saturday 19th July 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Vocations to the Clergy, Diaconate and Religious Life (Swanley Catenians)	Sunday 20th July 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Margaret and Michael Murphy RIP FM
Monday 21st July 2025 (Feria) (ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Monica Murrell RIP (Clemas)	ST. MARY MAGDALENE Tuesday 22nd July 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Sheila McKie RIP (McKie)
ST. BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS, PATRON OF EUROPE Wednesday 23rd July 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mgr. George Hay RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Esther RIP (LSU)	Thurs. 24th July 2025 (Feria) (ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Nonie Sackett RIP (Francis)
ST. JAMES, APOSTLE Friday 25th July 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Saturday 26th July 2025 No Holy Mass at Shalom
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gen. 18: 20-32; Ps. 137; Col. 2: 12-24; Luke 11: 1-13	
Saturday 26th July 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Bala Sivaguru RIP (Foy)	Sunday 27th July 2025 8:30am: Derek Ramsammy RIP (S. Lewis) 10:30am: People of the Parish
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Gladys Wilkinson, Edwin Thorpe, Robert Barter, Bala Sivaguru, Hannah Callahan, Tommy Fahy, Colin Dyer, C. Meddings, Frances Squires, Sr. Esther Murray, Vesta Doyle, Dennis McSweeney, Mary Josephine Daly, Rev. John Aher, Sr. Fedelma, Margaret Walker, Mary Doran, Ammie Dolan, Frank Powders, Susan Tucker, Neil Finklaire, Helen Manley, Annie Coligan, Helena Foley, Dennis McHugh, William Griffin, Kathleen McCarthy, Dorothy Nicholls, Margaret Wells, David Scally, Maria Johnson.	
CHRIST OUR WELCOME GUEST.	
Christ was welcomed by Martha and Mary in different ways. Martha was anxious to prepare a meal for Him while Mary kept Him company listening to all He had to say. We need to listen to Christ with love. It is love that opens our hearts to His message when He comes to share His life with ours.	



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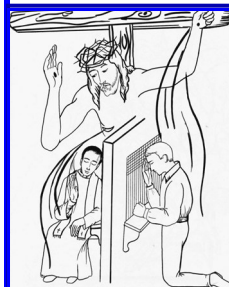
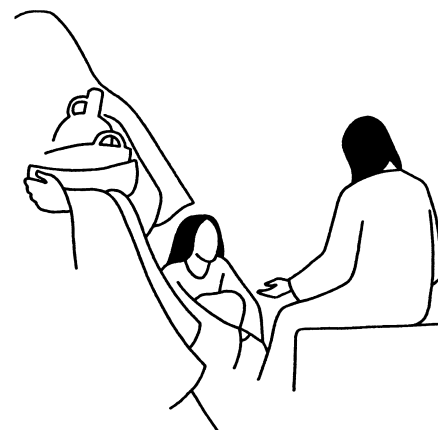
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'And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching.

But Martha was distracted with much serving.'

Luke 10:38-42



**SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
CONFESSION -**

**SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
also, WHENEVER
THE CHURCH
IS OPEN, and
ON REQUEST**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 12TH/13TH JULY 2025:

Gift Aid: £283.52; Card: £48; Loose Plate: £233.40 ATTENDANCE: 241
Stella Maris: Gift Aid: £35.00; Card: £12; Loose Plate: £268.46
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

The Gospel is telling us that no matter how busy we are we should take time to sit quietly and find the Lord in our world of work and to be guided by Him. It is easy to get our priorities wrong because all our working moments are busy ones with little time for sitting at the feet of Jesus, reflecting on our lives. The danger is that if we do not take time to listen to the word of God and to pray, we become slaves of our duties. We rush about and yet the important things can be forgotten and remain undone.

The problem with us is that we are often so busy doing the work of the Lord in the good deeds which we perform for our neighbour that we forget the Lord of the work—who is the motivation for acts of Christian charity.

GIFT AID

Tax Statements

Members who donated during the 2024-2025 tax year should have received a tax statement to their email address if we had that available. The statement can be used when filling in your tax return, if you have to do so. If you have not received a statement and wish to do so, please send an email to mike@bramernic.com from the email address that you want us to use. If you need a paper copy please either email, or text 07768 194487 with your request.

Second Collections

There has been some confusion about gift-aid for second collections. If the collection is for a Diocesan cause (e.g., Priest Training Fund, Poor Parishes), or for our Building Fund, then you can use an envelope from your box/bundle. If it is for another charity (e.g., Stella Maris, CAFOD) then you can only gift-aid your donations by using an envelope supplied by the charity and filling in your name and address on the envelope. Our scheme is part of the Southwark Diocese Charity and can only be used for collections benefitting any part of the Diocese.

Thank You

Finally, thank you again for all your generous donations to the parish. They, and the resulting gift-aid, really do help to ensure the parish mission can continue its work in Crayford and the surrounding area.

A LIFECHANGING OPPORTUNITY! DO YOU DESIRE TO KNOW JESUS MORE INTIMATELY?

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence on **18th October 2025** and the cost will be **£400 per year**. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

invites us to pray that we may know how to **choose** the right path for our **life** and reject anything that leads us away from Christ:

"Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel."

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks to all who have supported the **BINGO SESSIONS** in the Social Club so far this year. The next session will be on **SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER** with the rollover still rolling over and standing at £98.

Are there any card players out there? Do you like playing cards and would like to join a small friendly social group for a game on Friday evenings? If you do let Anne-Marie know in the bar and she will give details.

The club is open 7.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

OUR REPOSITORY SHOP

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books and many other items. The shop can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer and Holy Mass.

CHURCH FLOWERS

We have a collection box by the Sacristy to help us to continue to have the beautiful flowers in our Church throughout the year. Any contributions you could make are gratefully received and much appreciated.

100 CLUB

Please join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

ST. FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD - WORKING FOR A WORLD WITHOUT LEPROSY

St. Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity. Founded in 1895, and with Cardinal Vincent Nicholls as the patron, SFLG today supports over 30 centres in 13 countries, caring for people who have been marginalised by leprosy. We also fund research projects, hospitals and an active case-finding programme to detect and diagnose people affected by leprosy as early as possible to stop the transmission of the disease and prevent lifelong disabilities occurring. Will you help SFLG work towards a leprosy-free world? *For more information, please see the Spring Newsletter in the reception area of the Church, visit website www.stfrancisleprosy.org or email parishes@stfrancisleprosy.org.*

DAY OF RETREAT FOR LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Southeast Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025

PARISHES IN THE DEANERIES OF BEXLEY, BROMLEY AND GREENWICH

For registration, please advise the Parish Office.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, 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, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, 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?