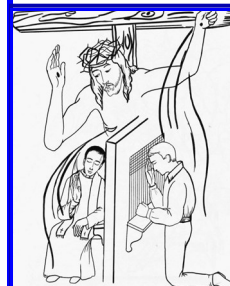


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Is. 66: 18-21; Ps. 116; Heb. 12: 5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30	
Saturday 23rd August 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Monica Murrell RIP (Hull)	Sunday 24th August 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Catherine Owofe RIP (M. Enarhome) 12:30pm: Baptism Arvini Amulraj
BANK HOLIDAY Mon. 25th August 2025 (Feria) (ST. JOSEPH OF CALASANZ, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Eddie Saunders RIP (Jim Saunders)	Tues. 26th August 2025 (Feria) (BLESSED DOMINIC OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Monica Murrell RIP (M. Enarhome)
ST. MONICA Weds. 27th August 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Canon Michael Cooley RIP n/s and prayers for Nathan's Birthday 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Rita Birthday (Sr. Marie LSU)	ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Thursday 28th August 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: James Alfred Saunders RIP FM 5pm: Reception and Mass LSU Sr. Mary Rose Monahan RIP
THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Friday 29th August 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maria Fernandes RIP 10:45am: Requiem Mass LSU Sr. Mary Rose Monahan RIP	STS. MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE AND MARGARET WARD, MARTYRS Saturday 30th August 2025 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Ecclus. 3: 17-20, 28-2; Ps. 67; Heb. 12: 18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14	
Saturday 30th August 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Mary Ellen Nolan RIP FM	Sunday 31st August 2025 8:30am: Thanksgiving (Sarvan) 10:30am: People of the Parish
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Thomas Morrissey, John Alfred Hurst, A. Bushell, Mary Olive, Mary Theresa Cahill, Sr. Frances Joseph, John Poynter, Christine Scrivener, James Alfred Saunders, Patrick McGovern, Mary Davis, Barry Wilson, Ernie Carpenter.	
THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST.	
We must not think of ourselves as better than others just because we are Christians. In fact many people of other faiths from the East and the West will find their way into God's kingdom before us. We must set ourselves high standards and try our best to enter the kingdom by the narrow door.	



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'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' and He said to him, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.'



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION -
SATURDAYS 5PM TO 6PM
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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 16TH/17TH AUGUST 2025:

Gift Aid: £256.00; Card: £23; Loose Plate: £234.90 ATTENDANCE: 219

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, **Fr. David.**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

6th/7th September: for THE **BUILDING FUND.**

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

13th/14th September: for **CATHOLIC EDUCATION.**

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education.

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

20th/21st September: for **EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSIONS).**

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Life is a pilgrim journey full of doubts, difficulties and tensions. Heaven is at the end of the road, salvation is offered to all, but it is not given freely. The mystery of salvation remains, to this day, an open question and Jesus leaves it in the hands of His eternal Father. The Gospel is a call to deepen our Christianity and to respond wholeheartedly to the invitation of Jesus.

SEASON OF CREATION: 1 September to 4 October 2025

The theme this year is "Seeds of Peace and Hope". In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. *Jn 12:24*). In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, "seeds of peace and hope". The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, "a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace, and the work of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (*Is 32:15-18*).

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since the Sixteenth Century the Catholic Church has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her Divine Son), virtue and inner life.

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.

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.

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

SR. MARY ROSE MONAHAN (LSU), who died on the 7th August 2025.

RECEPTION AND MASS: Thursday 28th August 2025 at 5pm at LSU.

REQUIEM MASS: Friday 29th August 2025 at 10:45am at LSU.

BURIAL: Brook Street Cemetery at 12:30pm.

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

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 £100.

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.

**DAY OF RETREAT FOR LECTORS (READERS) 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

**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION
FOR AUGUST**

invites us to pray for mutual coexistence:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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.

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?