

| THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Ecclus. 35: 12-14, 16-19; Ps. 33; 2 Tim. 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday 25th October 2025</b><br><b>5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS</b><br><b>6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY</b><br>6:30pm: Minton and<br>Flewin Family RIP                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Sunday 26th October 2025</b><br>(SAINTS CHAD AND CEDD, BISHOPS)<br>8:30am: People of the Parish<br>10:30am: Fr. John Ryan RIP<br>(Trombetti)                                                                                    |
| <b>Mon. 27th October 2025 (Feria)</b><br><b>8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br>9:15am: Marie Enarhome<br>wellbeing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES</b><br><b>Tuesday 28th October 2025</b><br><b>8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br>9:15am: Rev. Fr. John Ryan MBE<br>RIP (Barker)                                                             |
| <b>Weds. 29th Oct. 2025 (Feria)</b><br><b>8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br>9:15am: Fr. Eric Spencer RIP n/s<br>11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom<br>Int. Sr. Marie Rosa and<br>her nephew ill in hospital                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Thurs. 30th Oct. 2025 (Feria)</b><br><b>8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br>9:15am: Monica Murrell RIP<br>(D'Cruze)<br><b>12noon: Requiem Mass of</b><br><b>Bernard Gillespie RIP</b><br><b>at St. John Fisher, Bexley</b> |
| <b>Fri. 31st October 2025 (Feria)</b><br><b>8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration</b><br>9:15am: Holy Souls suffering<br>in Purgatory.<br>(Also known as 'All Hallows' eve')                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b><br><b>Sat. 1st November 2025 (Feria)</b><br>7:30am: First Saturday Devotions<br>8:30am: Private Intention (DG)<br>11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom                                                               |
| <b>ALL SAINTS a. k. a. 'ALL HALLOWS' (Transferred to the nearest Sunday)</b><br><b>Apoc. 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps. 23; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12</b><br><i>(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday 1st November 2025</b><br><b>5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS</b><br><b>6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY</b><br>6:30pm: Mary Hanks and<br>Family RIP (Hanks)                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Sunday 2nd November 2025</b><br>8:30am: People of the Parish<br>10:30am: Jackie Santo RIP (Folk Group)<br><b>12:30pm Blessing of Graves</b><br><b>in St Paulinus's Cemetery</b>                                                 |
| ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Margaret Sullivan, Jeannie Cunningham, Thomas McDermott, Sarah Birnie,<br>Sr. Margaret Catlow, Margaret Flynn, John Keaveney, Mary Horan,<br>Brenda McMahon, Joseph Hadfield, Margaret McGovern, Patrick Redmond,<br>Harry Lammiman, Sr. Anne Hanks, Sr. Agnes Hallinan, Barry Flynn,<br>Peter Metcalf, Anne White, Joe Harrington, Bridget Hanrahan.                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| THE PRAYER OF THE HUMBLE MAN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| The self-righteous person has a closed mind and heart. Like the Pharisee he considers himself superior to others whereas the humble man recognises that he is a sinner before God. It is his prayer which will be answered. When we recognise that we need help we will receive it because we know that the answer to our prayer is due to God's mercy and not to our own goodness. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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But the tax collector,  
standing far off,  
would not even lift  
his eyes to heaven,  
but beat his breast, saying,



*"God, be merciful  
to me, a sinner!"*



**SACRAMENT OF  
PENANCE -  
CONFESSION -**

**SATURDAYS  
5PM TO 6PM**

*"God,  
BE MERCIFUL  
TO ME, A SINNER!"*

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### SUNDAY OFFERINGS 18TH/19TH OCTOBER 2025:

Gift Aid: £241.50; Card: £59; Loose Plate: £237.93 **ATTENDANCE: 248**

Missio: Gift Aid: £12.50; Card: £25; Loose Plate: £241.58

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.*

**8th/9th November:** for THE **ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL.**

The Archbishop's Appeal funds three key mission areas:

Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action and Clergy Care and Formation.

**22nd/23rd November:** for **CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES.**

The collection taken on **National Youth Sunday** supports youth work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the **Southwark Catholic Youth Service.**

### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Conscious of his wrong-doing, the tax collector sorrowfully confesses his sinfulness and asks God for mercy. His humble prayer touches the tender heart of God and wins acceptance. Prayer must come from a sincere and humble heart if it is to be heard. We have all got to be honest about our sinfulness in God's eyes, and our need for His mercy and forgiveness. When we compare ourselves to the life of Jesus and the holiness of God, all that is left to say is: **"O Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner."**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING EVENT IN DECEMBER?** Are there any parishioners who would be willing to organise and run a Parish Christmas Fundraising Event on Sunday 30th November to include the Christmas Raffle Draw? The raffle tickets are now available. Can anyone interested please speak to Fr. David or email the parish office on [crayford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:crayford@rcaos.org.uk) with your fundraising event suggestions.

### DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

**ALL SAINTS DAY** this year is transferred to the nearest Sunday:

celebrated in honour of all the Saints, those known and unknown.

This is always a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, AS IS EVERY SUNDAY.**

There will be Holy Mass on **Saturday 1st November at 6:30pm,**

and on the **Sunday two Masses at 8.30am and 10:30am.**

**MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

**ALL SOULS DAY:** the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.

**There will be two Masses at 9.15am and 7.30pm.**

**SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER:** Remembrance Sunday

**TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER:** Remembrance Day

**SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** at 3pm

for Holy Souls in commemoration of all the Faithful Departed and for all those in the parish who have died, especially those who have died during the last year.



### MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF THE BEXLEY DEANERY

Friday 7th November at 12 noon  
St. Lawrence of Canterbury,  
1 Hamilton Road, Sidcup DA15 7HB

### DIOCESAN MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

Tuesday 18th November  
at 12.30pm at St. George's Cathedral,  
Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HY

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

**Sunday 2nd November**  
St. Paulinus, Crayford 12:30pm

**Saturday 8th November**  
Hillview, Welling 11.30am

**Sunday 9th November**  
Kemnal Park, Sidcup 2pm  
Bexleyheath 2.30pm  
Brook Street, Erith 3pm

**Sunday 16th November**  
Sidcup 2pm

### ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks to all those who supported the Curry Night on Saturday. A total of **£431** was raised for Parish funds by the skill and the generosity of the Thomas family who supplied all the ingredients, prepared, cooked and served the food, so a **special thank you to them.** Thanks also to Martin Bain for the tickets and the loan of the warming serving trays, and a special thanks to Anne-Marie for running a busy bar.

The next event in the club is **BINGO** and please note the date change to

**SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER** with eyes down at 12.15pm

and with the snowball standing at **£140.** It could well be won this time.

**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.**

**CURRY NIGHT DONATION:** The Thomas Family have asked for all the ticket sales from the Curry Night to be donated to the parish. The Parish has received the amount of **£431.00.** **A very special thank you to the Thomas Family** for the delicious food and an enjoyable evening.

### MARY'S MEALS APPEAL FOR UNWANTED CURRENCY

Do you have spare foreign currency, including out of date notes and coins, around your house that you could donate to help feed hungry children with **MARY'S MEALS**? The charity can also take British coins and notes that are no longer legal tender.

**MARY'S MEALS** is a non-profit charity providing nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. It costs just **£19.15** to feed a child with **MARY'S MEALS** for a whole school **YEAR** which equates to **10P PER MEAL.** Recently the charity announced that they now provide over **3 MILLION CHILDREN** with a school meal **EACH DAY.**

Envelopes and information leaflets are available in the reception area, and also a collection box for your kind donation.

### NOVEMBER LIST

If you would like members of your family or friends to be remembered in a special way please write their names on a list and enclose it in a Holy Souls envelope and this will be placed in the basket near the Altar during the month of November. Offerings in the Holy Souls envelopes will be used for general Holy Souls Masses during the month of November and throughout the year. **FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL MASS REQUESTS FOR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, PLEASE USE THE MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES IN THE USUAL WAY.**



**CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2025 :** This year we are, once more, hoping to provide Christmas Hampers to those most in need in the Bexley community.

We are proposing to deliver 50 hampers, split between **Mencap** and **Bexley Woman's Refuge.** The estimated cost of each hamper will be £20-£25.

If you would like to contribute to this, you can either send a donation by bank transfer, direct to our Bank, (details below) or in cash/cheque handed to me or Fr. David.

**Thank you,** Alex Rees. **Bank Details:** Barclays Bank Plc, Sort Code: 20-06-72, A/c No: 30294063 Account Name: The Churches Together in Crayford, Ref: Hamper Appeal

### 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. 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?**