

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Hab. 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4; Ps. 94: 2 Tim. 1: 6-8, 13-14; Luke 17: 5-10	
Saturday 4th October 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls	Sunday 5th October 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Yvonne Francis RIP (Gloria/Tony)
Mon. 6th October 2025 (Feria) (ST. BRUNO, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Gedvilas Family (Asta)	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Tuesday 7th October 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Jeremy Davis RIP (Beatriz)
Weds. 8th October 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 8:30am: SJS Rosary before School 9:15am: Rt. Rev. John Hine RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Anne McCarthy (Sr. Rita, LSU)	ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST Thursday 9th October 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Jackie Santo RIP (Hughes)
Fri. 10th October 2025 (Feria) (ST. PAULINUS OF YORK, BISHOP) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Thanksgiving (Evelyn Nwoke)	Sat. 11th October 2025 (Feria) (ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 2 Kgs. 5: 14-17; Ps. 97; 2 Tim. 2: 8-13; Luke 17: 11-19	
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ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH
David Callahan, Dennis Eric Ives, James Henry Johnson, Sr. Ursula Hyland, Margaret Fisher, Johanna Nicholls, Kathleen Buttifant, Margaret Frost, Douglas Dunster, George Edwards, Francis Cusack, Margaret Edwards, Kathy Hurst, Brian Griffith, Joe Shelley, Bill Barter, Pauline Parsons.

INCREASE OUR FAITH!
We all need to continue professing our faith in God in the midst of an increasingly materialistic world. It is not easy and so we require Christ's help because we must never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord. We have His Spirit with us and so we can rely on His power.

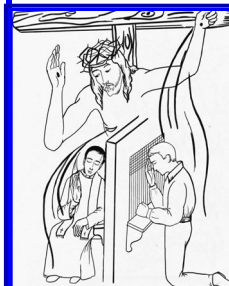
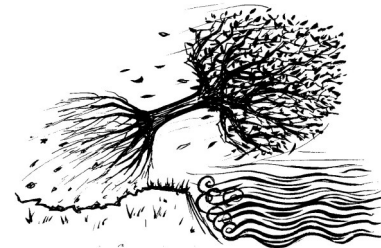


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At that time:
 The Apostles said
 to the Lord,
**"INCREASE
 OUR FAITH!"**

And the Lord said,
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 'BE UPROOTED AND
 PLANTED IN THE SEA',
 AND IT WOULD OBEY YOU."**



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

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 27TH/28TH SEPTEMBER 2025:

Gift Aid: £215.90; Card: £65; Loose Plate: £200.84 ATTENDANCE: 226

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for the **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY.**

Please use the CAFOD envelopes provided. Gift-Aiders please complete the Gift Aid section on the envelope.

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

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

18th/19th October: for **MISSIO.**

Missio is the Church's official support of the Foreign Missions. The collection goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the church is new, young or poor.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Whatever the evils of the world the person of faith will always emerge victorious because he is in communion with God. For that reason we can join the Apostles in their request to Jesus for an increase in faith.

How many of us, who profess to be a Christian, have a casual approach towards prayer, the observance of the Commandments and the exercise of charity? Faith and good works are not alternatives for the Christian — they are inseparable. God's gifts to us require that we are open-handed to others. No matter how we look at it, faith is best shown by the type of life we lead. If we believe in the person of Jesus, we will give Him unswerving allegiance in our everyday lives by loving God and our neighbour.

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. In praying the Rosary, we meditate on the Mysteries of Christ's life, suffering, death and resurrection. Join our Parish Rosary Group in praying the Rosary before weekday and Sunday Masses.

SJS Rosary before School:

St. Joseph's School will be praying the Holy Rosary in the Prayer Room at 8.30am before the start of School on **Wednesday 8th, 15th, and 22nd October.** Parents and children are invited to attend.

ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOL

OCTOBER OPEN MORNINGS:

Tuesday 7th and 14th;
Wednesday 8th and 15th;
Thursday 9th and 16th.
To book please email
admissions@st-columbas.bexley.sch.uk

POPE LEO XIV'S

PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER
invites us to pray for
Collaboration Between Different
Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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.

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

BERNARD GILLESPIE, who died in hospital on Friday 18th September, aged 102. Bernard did a lot of work in the parish between the 1970 and 1990.

FUNERAL: St John Fisher, Bexley, at 12:00 on the 30th October 2025 followed by a private burial.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. MAY HIS 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

For you and your family's enjoyment please add to your diaries and join us at the following Parish social events we will be holding during October:

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER at 7.45PM we will be holding a **DARTS NIGHT**, this is a fun night not a serious competition and is open to **all** ages and abilities.

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER at 12.15PM is **BINGO** with the snowball standing at £123.

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER at 7.30PM we will be having a **CURRY EVENING**. Tickets are limited and need to be obtained for the curry and are available at the bar. **Tickets:** Adults: £10; Under 12's £7.

Choose 2 from Chicken Korma, Meat Curry and Vegetable Curry which will be accompanied with rice and naan bread.

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER at 7.30PM we are running a **DVD HORSE RACE NIGHT** and you can buy a horse, sponsor a race and place a Tote bet on the evening. This is an enjoyable family evening.

Please look out for committee members after Mass with the race card.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

If anyone thinks they could give an hour or two once a month to help clean the Church you would be helping us greatly. Please contact me on **01322 271058**. I look forward to hearing from you. **Valerie**

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.

100 CLUB: Come and 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 always appreciated. Thank you.

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 Gummatt, 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?