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ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY RECEPTION PLACES SEPTEMBER 2026
www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions
 (Bexley residents)

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places

The School is holding a number of Open Events on the following dates:

Friday 21st November 9.15am;

Monday 8th December 5.00pm;

Thursday 8th January 2026: 9.15am

A presentation by the Head of School will be followed by a guided tour of the school.

The closing date for applications is

15th January 2026.

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"Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking for the ruin of souls. Amen."

(Pope Leo XIII)

"Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day/night be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen."

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PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

SUFFERING IN PURGATORY:

"Eternal rest grant unto him / her / them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

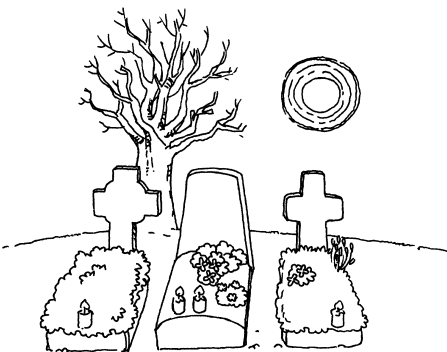
"And may their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

SEEKING FACILITATORS
The Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026.

Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact: liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk

Closing date for applications: **31.10.25**

ROOTED IN LOVE - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES
 Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a **monthly online meeting** where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ. Gathering monthly on zoom **Thursdays: 30 October at 8:30pm, 27 November at 8:30pm, 11 December at 8:30pm**
 Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information



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Newsletter Supplement: 26th October Anno Domini 2025
THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C
THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Please continue to pray the
PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

"COME, O HOLY SPIRIT, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your Love.

V/: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created

R/: AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Let us pray:

O God, Who has taught the hearts of your faithful, by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations, through Christ our Lord. AMEN."

AND REMEMBER:

"CONFIRMATION IS A SACRAMENT BY WHICH WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, IN ORDER TO MAKE US STRONG AND PERFECT CHRISTIANS AND SOLDIERS OF JESUS CHRIST."

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MARCH FOR LIFE UK
are holding

A SOLEMN PUBLIC WITNESS in PARLIAMENT SQUARE, London, on MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2025 12noon - 2pm.

Commemorating the passing of the Abortion Act in 1967.

Since then, 58 years ago, 10,605,611 unborn babies have been aborted in the U. K. Please, DON'T BRING POSTERS.

Full details at

Abortion Act Witness: 2025 - March for Life UK

A DAY OF REFLECTION WITH DAVID WELLS, on Saturday 1st November 10:30am to 3:00pm at St Stephen's, Welling: (96 bus)

"YOUR WILL BE DONE - learning to let God have the last word. A brief look at how our faith can grow, transform and redeem us."

Refreshments available from 9:45am. Please bring a packed lunch.

**For the newly Confirmed and those of us who are Confirmed in the Holy Spirit already:
THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD**

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me,

that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6: 10-20

**PREPARING FOR NOVEMBER:
THE MONTH OF THE SUFFERING
SOULS IN PURGATORY:**

“A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Holy Souls, may be gained once in any church either on **All Souls’ Day** (*Mon. 3rd Nov. ‘25*), on the preceding (*Sun. 2nd Nov. ‘25*) or following Sunday (*Sun. 9th Nov. ‘25*) or on the **Feast of All Saints** (*Sun. 2nd Nov. ‘25*),

on the usual conditions, viz

- 1) a visit to a church, where the ‘Our Father’ and ‘Creed’ are recited,
- 2) sacramental **CONFESSION**,
- 3) **HOLY COMMUNION** and
- 4) prayer for the Holy Father’s intention.

Those who visit a cemetery

(and we have St Paulinus’s Cemetery so close to St Mary of the Crays!)

between **1st and 8th November** and pray for the faithful departed, may obtain **a plenary indulgence, applicable to the Holy Souls** (and at other times a **partial indulgence**).”

From

THE CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2025

FOR THE

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK,

(with comments in italics from your Parish Priest)



**IMAGE OF
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST:**

1) THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT of the Saints (Holy Ones) in Heaven;

2) THE CHURCH MILITANT (struggling) on earth;

3) THE CHURCH SUFFERING the Holy Souls in Purgatory released from the temporal punishment due for their sins by the Prayers, Penances, and Sacrifices, especially the Holy Mass, of the Church on earth: “us” - the Church Militant.

“Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner.”



As we enter November very soon, The Month of the Suffering Souls in Purgatory, we can offer THE HOLY MASS for our dear departed ones, and we can still offer up DAILY ROSARIES for them all. While they cannot pray for themselves, we can intercede for them. The ‘PARDON PRAYER’, or ‘DECADE PRAYER’ learnt in FATIMA, Portugal, 1917, can be offered for them:

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of Your Mercy. Amen.”