

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (C) Ezek. 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps. 46; 1 Cor. 3: 9c-11, 16-17; John 2: 13-22	
Saturday 8th November 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Br. James Bonar 40th anniversary of profession (V. Hull)	Sunday 9th November 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Yvonne Francis RIP (Gloria and Tony) And Requiem Mass for the dead of the two world wars
ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Monday 10th November 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Patrick Fernandes and Family RIP	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP REMEMBRANCE DAY Tuesday 11th November 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls SJS Yr. 5 and Yr. 2 attending 11:00am Remembrance Service at War Memorial, Waterside, Crayford
ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR Weds. 12th November 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: John Williams, David Smith and Helen Percival RIP FM	Thurs. 13th Nov. 2025 (Feria) (ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, RELIGIOUS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Kitty Milburn RIP (Flynn) 11:00am Holy Mass at Shalom
Fri. 14th Nov. 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maria Francisca RIP	Sat. 15th Nov. 2025 (Feria) (ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Mal. 3: 19-20; Ps. 97; 2 Thess. 3: 7-12; Luke 21: 5-19	
Saturday 15th November 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: TJ & Bridie McDonagh RIP (V. Hull)	Sunday 16th November 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Christina Redmond (Trombetti) 3:00pm Parish Remembrance Service
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Bridget Danagher, Sybil Valarie Stevens, Simon Paul Meaney, Albert Thompson, Martin Connor, Ellen Griffin, William Lysart, William Foley, Joan Gaffney, Mrs. Ludlow, Julie Davies, Joseph Larter, Mrs. Filmer, Susan Talty, Leslie Hall, Les Churchill, Gladys Redmond.	
THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH.	
The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. It has the title “Mother and Head of all the Churches in the City and in the World.” The original Church was dedicated on 9 November 324 AD. Over the centuries it has been destroyed by earthquakes, fires, and attacks. Despite all these serious setbacks the Church has been painstakingly rebuilt many times. This is because this Basilica symbolizes something very important: the unity of the church.	

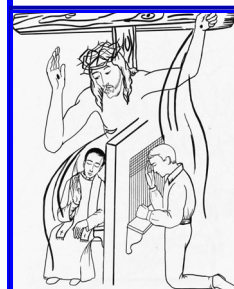


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‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’



But He was speaking about the temple of His Body.



SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
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5PM TO 6PM
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THE CHURCH
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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 1ST/2ND NOVEMBER 2025:

Gift Aid: £282; Card: £143; Loose Plate: £284.87 ATTENDANCE: 243
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £183.04; Card: £43; Loose Plate: £82.64
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: 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.

Gift-Aiders please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes provided.

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.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (C)

Today's Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica allows us to remember the journey of the people and God's constant and faithful care. At the same time, we are reminded today that each one of us is a "house of God" in the Risen Jesus, because the Holy Spirit dwells in each of us (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16). This awareness alone leads us to praise the Lord on the one hand, and on the other, it leads us to say, at times excessively, "O Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof" (Mt. 8:8), forgetting that He is already in us and that He welcomes us and loves us not as we would like to be, but as we are, here, now. All the present distractions are what make the Lord's face blurry. When we learn to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, of our friendship with Him (cf. Heb. 12:1-4), our faces will shine with light that flows from a "unified" heart. The serenity required is momentary, but needs to develop over a lifetime of continuous entering within ourselves and heading for the "King's room."

(cf. The Interior Castle, St Teresa of Avila).

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

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

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

*invites us to pray for
the prevention of suicide.*

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER:

Remembrance Sunday

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER:

**Remembrance Day Service at
Waterside War Memorial at 11:00am**

NEXT 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.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

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

100 CLUB WINNERS

18: Anna Guthrie
25: Karen Nathanielsz

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

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.
ANDY'S QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 29th November 7.30pm. 6 people per team £2 per person. Come along and join a team on the night.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS CHRISTMAS MINI FETE

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025: 12pm-4pm

in the reception area and social club

There will be a variety of stalls with food, cake and drinks from the social club and the Christmas Raffle Draw.

PLEASE: we need cakes for the cake stall, little gifts for the prize tombola and bottles of alcohol for the bottle tombola. **PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?**

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.



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,**

**Account No: 30294063 Account Name: The Churches Together in Crayford,
Reference: 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?**