

6. **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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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

PRAYERS OF
SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
PRAYERS AT THE TIME OF DEATH

O Lord, support us all the day
 long of this troublous life,
 until the shadows lengthen,
 and the evening comes,
 and the busy world is hushed,
 and the fever of life is over,
 and our work is done.
 (continues >>>>>)

Then, Lord, in thy mercy,
 grant us a safe lodging,
 a holy rest,
 and peace at the last. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH {290}

OH, my Lord and Saviour,
 support me in that hour
 in the strong arms of
 Thy Sacraments,
 and by the fresh fragrance of
 Thy consolations.
 Let the absolving words
 be said over me,
 and the holy oil
 sign and seal me,
 and Thy own Body
 be my food,
 and Thy Blood
 my sprinkling;
 and let my sweet Mother,
 Mary, breathe on me,
 and my Angel whisper
 peace to me,
 and my glorious Saints ...
 smile upon me;
 that in them all,
 and through them all,
 I may receive
 the gift of perseverance,
 and die,
 as I desire to live,
 in Thy faith,
 in Thy Church,
 in Thy service,
 and in Thy love. Amen.

3. **+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +**
Newsletter Supplement: 2nd November Anno Domini 2025
***** ALL SAINTS' DAY *****
THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS (suffering in Purgatory)


IN 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 the 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.*




"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 up-on 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."



4. **ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**
(A. D. 1801 - 1890)
BECOMES A 'DOCTOR' OF THE
CHURCH THIS WEEKEND BY POPE
LEO XIV, only the second English man
since **St Bede, the Venerable**
(died 26th May A. D. 735).

Born in London, he experienced his
first major religious conversion to evan-
gelical Calvinism in 1816.

In 1817 he was admitted to Oxford, and
was ordained an Anglican priest in
1824. In the 1830s he began to explore
the more 'apostolic faith'
of the church and was part of
the Anglo-Catholic Movement.

By 1835 he was in dispute
with both theological
liberals and evangelicals.

In **1845** he was received into
the 'Roman' Catholic Church
by the Passionist Priest:

Blessed Dominic Barberi.

After studying for the Priesthood in
Rome he returned to England and
founded the Birmingham Oratory in

1848, after the example of
St Philip Neri's (1515 - 1595)
Oratory in Rome.

He continued to a figure of
controversy and was involved in
a number of disputes within
and outside the Church.

Made a Cardinal in 1879,
he died in Birmingham in **1890**.

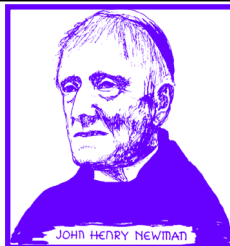
Declared '**Venerable**' in 1991,
'**Beatified**' in 2010 by

Pope Benedict XVI in Birmingham,
and canonised '**Saint**'

13th October 2019 in Rome.

THE 'JESUS' PRAYER:

"**LORD JESUS CHRIST,
SON OF THE LIVING GOD,
HAVE MERCY ON ME,
A SINNER!**"



In a series of
lectures given in
1851 titled
"Present
Positions of
Catholics
in England,"
Newman wrote:

"What I desiderate (*desire*) in Catho-
lics is the gift of bringing out what
their religion is I want a laity, not ar-
rogant, not rash in speech, not dispu-
tious, but men who know their reli-
gion, who enter into it, who know just
where they stand, who know what
they hold and what they do not, who
know their creed so well that they
can give an account of it, who know
so much of history that they can de-
fend it. I want an intelligent, well-
instructed laity I wish you to enlarge
your knowledge, to cultivate your
reason, to get an insight into the rela-
tion of truth to truth, to learn to view
things as they are, to understand how
faith and reason stand to each other,
what are the bases and principles of
Catholicism and where lies the main
inconsistencies and absurdities of the
Protestant theory. You ought to be
able to bring out what you feel and
what you mean, as well as to feel and
mean it; to expose to the comprehen-
sion of others the fictions and fallac-
ies of your opponents; to explain the
charges brought against the Church,
to the satisfaction, not, indeed, of big-
ots, but of men of sense, of whatever
cast of opinion."

5. **REMEMBER THAT THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
IS THREEFOLD:**

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

2) THE CHURCH MILITANT
(struggling) on earth
as '**SOLDIERS OF CHRIST**';

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.

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As we begin November
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 in-
tercede 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 (HOLY) SOULS
(IN PURGATORY)
to heaven, especially
those who have most
need of Your Mercy.
Amen."



'THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS'

Music by Edward Elgar, Words
by St John Henry

Cardinal Newman, newest
'Doctor' of the Church!

Find it on YouTube.

Full Oratorio c. 1hour 30 minutes.

<<Tells the story of a dying Soul
travelling from death,
to God's judgement,
and finally to Purgatory.>>