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**FOR SEA SUNDAY
11th / 12th JULY 2026**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. **SEA SUNDAY IS 12TH JULY.** It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable **Stella Maris** to continue its important work, so please give generously.



**"... never send to know
FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS;
IT TOLLS FOR THEE."**

*John Donne 1624: from
"No Man is an Island"*

For there was, and is, the custom to 'toll' the bell to announce a death, so, in St Mary of the Crays the Bell can be 'toll'd' once again, not only to announce a death and a funeral, but also, and especially, to summon the faithful few and remnant

**to come and worship,
to come and pray,
to come and adore**

the Lord Who Died but is Risen and continues to dwell among us in the Tabernacle and at the Altar within our Parish Church, in the midst of us in Crayford.

WHEN?

THE ANGELUS:
at 09:00, 12:00 & 18:00 daily,
5 minutes **BEFORE EACH HOLY MASS,**
to announce THE CONSECRATION OF
HOST AND CHALICE in
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass,
and **to 'toll' at Funerals.**

A DAY WITH MARY

is hosting an
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
from Wednesday 29th July
to Friday 31st July 2026
at St Mary's Catholic Church,
West Croydon
Further information is available
at www.adaywithmary.org/symposium

FROM THE DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:

**WAF - WORLD APOSTOLATE OF
FATIMA SYMPOSIUM:**
Fatima & First Saturdays Devotion.
Join Sr Angela de Fátima Coelho
and Fr Lawrence Lew OP at Belmont Ab-
bey (21 Nov) or London (22 Nov)
for Mass, Rosary, and talks on
the Fatima message. Free; register via:
[worldfatima-
englandwales.org.uk](http://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk).

COULD YOU BECOME A GOVERNOR?

Governors work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved across the schools within the Archdiocese. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector, and it is an opportunity to develop the skills you have and to improve the futures of children today. Register your interest by visiting rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-be-a-governor.

**SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC
YOUTH SERVICE.**

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has [a number of upcoming activities](https://form.jotform.com/251393822250352) for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, sign up for its network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork. For queries on youth activities, email youth@rcaos.org.uk

**ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH,
LONG LANE, BEXLEYHEATH**

**Celebrates 90 years
of Parish Life with:**

SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2026 10:00AM
SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING.

followed by Blessing
and Inauguration of
THE MARIAN GROTTO.
thereafter Celebration Lunch
and Entertainment
in the Church Hall.
Please see Poster in
the Narthex/Reception Area for
further and contact details.

SOUTHWARK YOUTH SERVICES

SATURDAY 11th July:
Senior Youth Day 11:00am - 5:30pm
For youngsters aged 10-14.
Venue: St John Fisher School, Chatham,
Kent, City way, Rochester, ME1 2FA
Charge of £5 per Child. Lunch included.
Please email: youth@rcaos.org.uk
for more details.

There is a coach going from St Anselm's,
Dartford, at 10:00am with a limited
number of seats.
Email: dartford@rcaos.org.uk
to book a seat on the coach after booking a
place for the trip. Further details available

on Hand Bills and the Notice board
in the Church Reception Area. Link for
booking: [https://form.jotform.com/
251393822250352](https://form.jotform.com/251393822250352), or:
[https://rcaos.org.uk/mission/
southwark-catholic-youth-service/
event-booking/](https://rcaos.org.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/event-booking/)

This is an excellent day of good input on The
Faith, with sports and creative activities. A
chance to make new friends. It ends with Holy
Mass for Sunday in the late afternoon.

6. Here is an invitation for those adults who are **NOT YET: BAPTISED,** or perhaps **CONFIRMED,** or have not yet **Received Our Lord for the First time in HOLY COMMUNION,** or begun to meet our Lord in the Sacrament of **CONFESSION,** who are adults, that is 18 years old and above:

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:
also known as: RCIA,
a. k. a: JOURNEY IN FAITH

RCIA is for any Adult who wishes to become a Catholic, or complete their

Initiation as Catholics, through the Sacraments of:

- 1) BAPTISM/ Christening,
 - 2) CONFIRMATION and Reception of the Most Holy Eucharist/
 - 3) HOLY COMMUNION,
- And, of course, Penance, Pardon and Peace,
- 4) CONFESSION.

Please give your name to Fr David as soon as possible.

WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS SUFFERING IN PURGATORY?

"[The next night] I saw my Guardian Angel, who ordered me to follow him. In a moment I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. **They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; ONLY WE CAN COME TO THEIR AID.** The flames which were burning them did not touch me at all. My Guardian Angel did not leave me for an instant. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. **They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was LONGING FOR GOD.** I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in Purgatory. The souls call her

"THE STAR OF THE SEA."
(STELLA MARIS)

She brings them refreshment. I wanted to talk with them some more, but my Guardian Angel beckoned me to leave. We went out of that prison of suffering. [I heard an interior voice] which said, **MY MERCY DOES NOT WANT THIS, BUT JUSTICE DEMANDS IT.** Since that time, I am in closer communion with the suffering souls."

From the Diary of St Faustina Kowalska, Notebook One, No: 20

"JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!"

3. **+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +**
Newsletter Supplement: 5th July Anno Domini 2026
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)
Pages 99 - 101 in the Parish Mass Book
(Music in Parish Mass Book begins page 205,
Gloria: page 208, Preface Dialogue page 15,
Holy, holy /Sanctus page 16,
Mystery of Faith: "WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, ..." page 17,
Lamb of God/Agnus Dei page 216)

Pope Leo XIV
monthly prayer
intention for July 2026:

FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE:

Let us pray for

THE RESPECT AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE IN ALL ITS STAGES, RECOGNIZING IT AS A GIFT FROM GOD.

Did you know that the Dedication and Title of the Cathedral Church of the Archdiocese of Westminster is: THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD (OF JESUS)?
FEAST DAY IS FIRST JULY according to the Traditional Calendar.

A VERY IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026 MARCH FOR LIFE U. K.
Around Westminster:
GREAT NEWS:
14 BISHOPS WILL ATTEND this year including our own Archbishop John Wilson and Bishop Paul Hendricks.
PLEASE COME AND JOIN THEM!! PLEASE SEE THE MARCH FOR LIFE U. K. WEBSITE

O God, Who by the Precious Blood of Your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of Your Mercy, so that, ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits.
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.