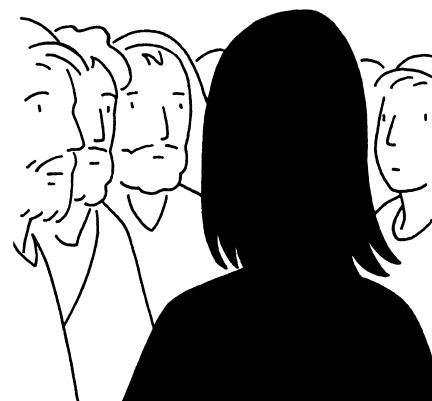


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Is. 22: 15, 19-23; Ps. 138; Rom. 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20	
Saturday 22nd August 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Bernard Gillespie RIP (Social Club)	Sunday 23rd August 2026 8:30am: Marvlyn Edwards thanks- giving and birthday blessings 10:30am: People of the Parish
ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE Monday 24th August 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	Tues. 25th August 2026 (Feria) (ST. JOSEPH OF CALASANZ, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Leonard Moore RIP (Joyce Moore)
Weds. 26th Aug. 2026 (Feria) (BLESSED DOMINIC OF THE MOTHER OF GOD) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Thanksgiving (Avil Fernandes) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom	ST. MONICA Thursday 27th Aug. 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Junior McGreevy RIP (C. Bell)
ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Friday 28th August 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mary Ellen Nolan RIP FM	THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Saturday 29th August 2026 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Jer. 20: 7-9; Ps. 63; Rom. 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27	
Saturday 29th August 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: James Alfred Saunders RIP FM	Sunday 30th August 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: George, Hermine and Robert Galibardy RIP
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Nora Quirke, Harry Snelders, Percy Evans, Dick Hennessy, Sr. Imelda, Thomas Morrissey, John Alfred Hurst, A. Bushell, Mary Olive, Mary Theresa Cahill, Sr. Frances Joseph, John Poynter, Vincent D'Mello, James Saunders, Patrick McGovern, Mary Davis.	
PETER AND THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM.	
Christ chose Peter as the rock on which He would build His Church. Peter was a man of faith and it is upon faith that Christ always builds. When we proclaim: 'You are the Christ' we also ask for a deepening of our faith. Through faith we fix our eyes on God who is infinite wisdom and it is for His good purposes that we were chose to be members of Christ's Church on earth.	

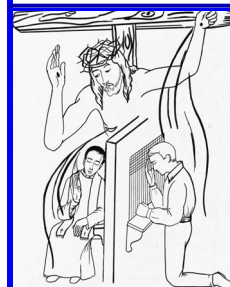


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He said to them,
'But who do you say that
I AM?'



Simon Peter replied,
'You are THE CHRIST,
THE SON of
the living GOD.'



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 15TH/16TH AUGUST 2026:
Gift Aid: £191; Card: £20.65; Loose Plate: £150.08 ATTENDANCE: 195
As always, **thank you** for your generosity, *Fr. David*.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

On life's pilgrimage, it's a source of great comfort that God has invited us to be members of His Church built upon the rock of Peter. There is a very human aspect to Peter's life story to which we can easily relate. His weakness and moments of betrayal are common place in our own lives. However, his deep-seated trust in the person of Christ more than compensates for any failure as will a similar trust on our part.

The question put by Jesus to Peter: 'Who do you say that I am?' resulted in an inspiring declaration of faith. As followers of Christ this question confronts us daily and calls us to judge ourselves as to how we are living our lives.

PARISH DIY TEAM

We are looking to set up a **Parish DIY Team** to help to carry out the necessary repairs and renewals in the Church and Parish Centre as and when they occur.

If you have 'Trade', or good DIY skills and would like to be a part of this essential and very important team then please

make yourself known to Alex Rees,
Alan Hughes and Dexter Pereira.

Thank you.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since the Sixteenth Century the Catholic Church has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her Divine Son), virtue and inner life.

**SEASON OF CREATION: A JOURNEY OF EDUCATION AND
ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION**

WEBINAR: 1 OCTOBER 2026 6-7PM

Laudato Si calls for education to promote environmental citizenship; an education which is, by its very nature, a lifelong journey of formation. Pope Francis suggested that education is designed not merely to promote knowledge but also to "**instil good habits**". In this sense, education is a way of shaping how we live in relationship with God, Creation and one another.

Held to celebrate the Season of Creation, this webinar will explore the theme chosen by the World Council of Churches, "*Immersion in Living Water*", through the lens of education – not as something confined to schools or academia, but as a lifelong journey of formation, ecological conversion, and daily habits and actions. The event is aimed at educators in schools, students, parents, parishioners and all those who wish to respond to the Church's call to care for Creation.

To sign up on Zoom use this code:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tlm34x6bSeyLLDdYfEYURQ#/registration>

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

INTERNATIONAL MASS AT 10:30AM AND PARISH CELEBRATION.

CHURCH GARDEN WORK PARTY:
**PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE DATE
OF THE NEXT CHURCH GARDEN
WORK PARTY.**

**WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR
CONTINUING HELP TO KEEP OUR
CHURCH GARDEN AND GROUNDS
TIDY AND BEAUTIFUL.**

100 CLUB WINNERS:

AUGUST 2026

£50

3: JOHN FERNANDES

89: ANNE-MARIE BAIN

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 greatly appreciated. Thank you

CHURCH VOTIVE CANDLES: Please note that from the **1 SEPTEMBER 2026** the suggested donation for the Candles will be **50P** each.

**SAVE THE DATE especially for our Parish Readers
LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FORMATION DAY**

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026, 10AM TO 2PM

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARY, CARLTON ROAD, ERITH DA8 1DN

For Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Woolwich

The theme for the Formation Day will be

"Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist"

The day will provide an opportunity for prayer, formation and reflection upon these important ministries in the life of the Church.

Further information will be provided shortly.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Lorraine Bradley, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Sean Tansey, Sue Towers and Tricia Farrelly.
PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?