

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Ecclus. 27: 30-28: 7; Ps. 102; Rom. 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35	
Sat. 12th September 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Margaret Bala RIP (Foy)	Sunday 13th September 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Arthur Clark RIP (Clark)
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Monday 14th September 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Professor Fola Esan RIP (Enarhome)	OUR LADY OF SORROWS Tuesday 15th September 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
STS. CORNELIUS, POPE AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS Weds. 16th September 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Shaun Budden RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Rita from your loving LSU community	Thurs. 17th Sep. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mary Hadley RIP (Francis)
Friday 18th Sep 2026 (Feria) (ST. EDITH OF KEMSING) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Patrick Fernandes RIP	Sat. 19th Sep. 2026 (Feria) OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE. 11am: NO HOLY MASS AT SHALOM
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Is. 55: 6-9; Ps. 144; Phil. 1: 20-24, 27; Matthew 20: 1-16	
Sat. 19th September 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls (Gjoni)	Sunday 20th September 2026 HOME MISSION SUNDAY 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Elsie Clark RIP (Clark)
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Jim Bonyng, Mary Clifford, Herr Kornelius Kones, Parents of Mr. and Mrs. J McAleese, Sr. Agnes O'Driscoll, Annette Staunton, Gladys Storrie, May Davies, Harry Penny, Irene Lintott, Christopher Gohery, Lily Young, Mary Davies, David Edwards, Michael Donnelly, Pauline Mullan, Michael Talty, Michael Maguire, Sr. Mary Kostka, Harry Stanton, Suzanna Bull, Bernard Gillespie, Richard Forsdyke.	
FORGIVE FROM YOUR HEART.	
Christ is the perfect example of forgiveness. He died for us when we were still His enemies by sin and through His death we are brought to life. His life and death have an influence on all of us. Now we must forgive each other as Christ forgives us since we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.	

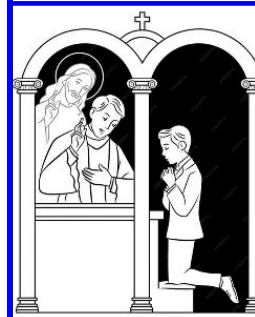


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"... forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive
 those who trespass against us ..."
Matthew 6:12



"Then Jesus said,
 "Father, forgive them,
 they know not what they do!"
Luke 23:34



SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS
PENANCE - CONFESSION -
SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
 also, WHENEVER
THE CHURCH IS OPEN, and ON REQUEST.

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 5TH/6TH SEPTEMBER 2026:

Gift Aid: £241.62; Card: £31; Loose Plate: £139.60 ATTENDANCE: 219

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £448.11; Card: £28; Loose Plate: £109.78

As always, **thank you** for your generosity, *Fr. David*.

SECOND COLLECTION:

This weekend: for Education Sunday - THE **CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**. The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Next weekend: for **HOME MISSIONS**.

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Missions', the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

There is no mistaking the theme of this liturgy which is all about forgiveness and mercy—basic attitudes that every Christian must put into practice. Apart from the command to love one another there is no obligation which Christ taught more forcefully than that of showing forgiveness. What comes through with blinding clarity is that our ability to forgive is the measure of the depth of our Christianity. The forgiveness that we offer others is the indispensable condition which makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to meaningfully pray: *'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'* It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. Our failure to pardon means that we have forgotten God's goodness or have not fully appreciated the unconditional forgiveness we have received from Him.

**ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S
COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB**

Join us on **Saturday 12th**

September from 7.30pm for the **Last Night of the Proms** on the big TVs. We will be open until the end of the show that night.

And on **Saturday 19th September** from 7.30pm for **Dave Havercan's Quiz Night**. £2 per entrant in teams of up to 6 people. Dave is highly recommended by the local branch of the Catenians.

Sadly the fish and chips has had to be postponed to a later date.

Please come and enjoy the social side of the Parish.

The club is open 8.30pm to 11pm on Friday, 7.30-9.30pm on Saturday and 1pm-3pm on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

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

SAT. 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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Sunday 27th September: International Mass at 10.30am and Parish Celebration,
& **Sat. 21st November:** Christmas Bazaar

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls of

MARGARET BALA, who died on the 24th August 2026.

RECEPTION OF HER BODY INTO CHURCH: Monday 21st September at 4pm.

REQUIEM MASS: Tuesday 22nd September at 10am.

COMMITTAL: Eltham Crematorium at 11.30am.

ADAM CHRISTOPHER QUINN, who died on the 14th May 2026.

REQUIEM MASS: Thursday 1st October 2026 at 10.30am.

COMMITTAL: Kemnal Park Crematorium at 12.30pm.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**HOW DO WE PRAY? HOW DO WE BUILD A BETTER,
MORE FULFILLING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?**

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called **TEACH ME TO PRAY** facilitated by **Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission**. The programme will be **online** on Tuesdays, starting **6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm**. Following four online sessions there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. See <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hq4> for details/to sign up or email spirituality@rcaos.org.uk for information.

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honour were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

**BEXLEY INTERFAITH
FORUM MEETING
'How we mark life
transitions'
Wednesday 16th
September at 7.30pm**

Our Lady of the Angels,
Carlton Road,
Erith DA8 1DN
There will be short presentations from each faith/religion on what life transitions are included in their religion.

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, Peter Coward, 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?