

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 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Elsie Clark RIP (Clark) 12:30pm: Baptism of Lotachi Adira Okoli
ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Monday 21st September 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Margaret Bala RIP 4pm: Reception into Church Margaret Bala RIP	Tues. 22nd Sep. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: No Holy Mass 10am: Requiem Mass Margaret Bala RIP
ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA [PADRE PIO], PRIEST Weds. 23rd September 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. John Buckley RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Brendan Hayden RIP (LSU)	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM Thurs. 24th September 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls <i>(Pray for the Conversion of England)</i> 
Friday 25th Sep 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maria F Fernandes RIP	Sat. 26th Sep. 2026 (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Ezek. 18: 25-28; Ps. 24; Phil. 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32	
Sat. 26th September 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Edmund Laszcz RIP FM	PARISH INTERNATIONAL DAY Sunday 27th September 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: International Mass Mary, Jude and Brian Doyle RIP (B. Doyle) - SJS & others singing
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Eileen Armstrong, Billy Davies, Sammy-Jo Hopkins, Sister Mary Angela Hayden, A. H. Victor Freeman, Catherine Driscoll, Peter Bracken, Edith Donnelly, E. Rayner, Rev. J. Mathew, Derrick Butt, 'Kay' Kathleen Tracey, Gerard Byrne, J. D. Bourke, Arthur Stainer, Frank Connaughton, Mr. Watson, Delia Connolly, Alfred Bushell, Bill Wilks, Reginald Stafford, Samuel Yeo, William Tunstall, Frank Waugh, Eddie Laszcz, Herbert Koralage Silva.	
GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS.	
We judge by human standards. If we want our judgements to be the right ones then we must pray for guidance so that we may always judge generously. God rewards everyone individually according to His judgement and not ours. We need, therefore, to see people through God's eyes.	



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"Call the labourers
 and pay them
 their wages,
 beginning with the last,
 up to the first."



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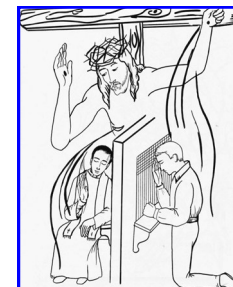
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE -
CONFESSION -

SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
 also, WHENEVER
THE CHURCH
IS OPEN, and
ON REQUEST

"Wash me
 from my iniquity,
 cleanse me
 of my sins."



SUNDAY OFFERINGS 12TH/13TH SEPTEMBER 2026:

Gift Aid: £226.40; Card: £57; Loose Plate: £191.14 ATTENDANCE: 255
Catholic Education: Gift Aid: £109.16; Card: £33; Loose Plate: £113.15

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

SECOND COLLECTION:

This 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.

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The parable shows the generosity of God in throwing open the doors of the kingdom of heaven to Gentiles and sinners on equal footing with the Jews. This Gospel fills us with an inspiring image of a generous, gracious and forgiving God whose love for us has no bounds and whose mercy extends both to those who have laboured all their lives in His service and to those who have broken faith but turn to Him in their dying hour. Before the Almighty we all stand like beggars and can never boast that we have earned our salvation. Everything we have is a free gift of His love and mercy. We cannot explain His generosity, but one thing is certain — God's ways are not our ways.

**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/tnpn4hqd> for details/to sign up or email spirituality@rcaos.org.uk for further information.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Next Sunday 27th September:
International Mass at 10.30am
and Parish Celebration
21st November: Christmas Bazaar

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL, CRAYFORD
MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY
START DATE: OCTOBER 2026
CLOSING DATE: 5 October 2026
Monday to Friday 12:15pm-1:20pm
5.5 hours per week/38 weeks
Please see notice board.
Application form and further
information at
[www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/
vacancies](http://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/vacancies)

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 August 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.

CHURCH GARDEN WORK PARTY:
PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE DATE OF THE
NEXT CHURCH GARDEN WORK PARTY.
PLEASE, WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR
CONTINUING HELP TO KEEP
OUR CHURCH GARDEN AND GROUNDS
TIDY AND BEAUTIFUL.

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

DONATION TO
THE CTiC
FOOD BANK
A Big THANK
YOU on behalf
of the **CTiC**
FOOD BANK to
the **SUNDAY**
8.30AM TEA
CLUB for their
donation of
£150.00,
which is greatly
appreciated.
Thank you
very much. Alex

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC
BOYS' SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the St Columba's Catholic Boys' School Open Day on **SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026**, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Come and experience life at St Columba's, meet students, staff, tour the school, and hear from the Headteacher at 10.30am or 11.30am. St Columba's is proud to be one of the highest-performing schools in Bexley for boys of all abilities. The Open Day is an excellent opportunity for families with children approaching secondary transfer to discover all that St Columba's has to offer. To register or find out more, please visit www.st-columbas.co.uk. We look forward to welcoming you and your family.

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?