

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ezek. 18: 25-28; Ps. 24; Phil. 2: 1-11;

Matthew 21: 28-32

Saturday 26th September 2026

5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions

6:30pm: Edmund Laszcz RIP FM

Sunday 27th September 2026

8:30am: People of the Parish

10:30am: Mary, Jude and Brian Doyle RIP

(Doyle) *SJS singing Parish International Day*

Monday 28th September (Feria)

(St. Wenceslaus, Martyr)

9:15am: Holy Souls

**Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels**

Tuesday 29th September 2026

9:15am: Wellbeing Bernard Saunders (Jim)

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday 30th September 2026

9:15am: Fr. James Joseph Hay RIP n/s

11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

Debbie RIP (LSU)

**St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Thursday 1st October 2026

8:45am: Adam Christopher Quinn RIP

**10:30am: Requiem Mass of
Adam Christopher Quinn**

The Holy Guardian Angels

First Friday (Harvest fast Day)

Friday 2nd October 2026

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration

9:15am: Sylvia Wood RIP FM

First Saturday

Saturday 3rd October 2026

7:30am First Saturday Devotions

8:30am Private Intention (DG)

11am: No Holy Mass at Shalom

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is. 5:1-7; Ps. 79; Phil. 4: 6-9;

Matthew 21: 33-43

5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions

6:30pm: Thanksgiving (Arielle Fernandes)

Sunday 4th October 2026

8:30am: Monica Murrell RIP (Coombs)

10:30am: People of the Parish

Sacrament of Penance - Confession

Saturday 5pm to 6pm also, whenever the

Church is open, and on request.

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Anniversaries of Death

Elizabeth Stickings, Emily Downey,

James Irwin, Thomas McDermott,

Eric Burgess, Alan Simpson,

Joan O'Donovan, Mary Patterson,

Mrs. Watson, Cecil Richardson,

Edward Carron, Mrs. Lucas,

Margaret Marjurum, Patrick Regan,

John Kelly, Edith Dowdswell,

Sylvia Wood, James McGrory,

John Barr, John Saunders,

Rt. Rev. Howard Tripp.

**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,

Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington,

Marie Rogerston, Pat McGrory,

Patrick Taylor, Pauline White,

Richard Hilsden, Sean Tansey

and Tricia Farrelly.

*Please, do you know of anyone else who,
with their permission, ought to be on this list?*

**Bexley Interfaith Forum
Enriching communities,
fostering peace and harmony**

Interfaith Exhibition

Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm

(during Interfaith week)

Geddes Place URC Church

near the Clock Tower,

Bexleyheath.

CHRIST CAME TO FORGIVE SINNERS.

We all need God's forgiveness, and it was for this reason that Christ came humbling Himself to the death of a cross. When we renounce sin, we will truly live. We remember that we are in constant need of forgiveness and so we must never take our salvation for granted.



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

No matter who we are, we possess the freedom, the God given 'Free-Will', to say 'yes' or 'no' to God and the ability to repent and change the direction of our lives. One way or another, we are responsible for our conduct and accountable for our behaviour. **One day we will stand before the judgement seat of God answerable for our goodness and our failings.** The Good News is that we can change the direction of our lives for the better. The Gospel is telling us that actions speak louder than words and points out that there must be a connection between what we say and what we do. **Jesus Christ gave us the Sacrament of Forgiveness in the Confession of our sins when we turn back to do God's will.**

Our Repository/Church Shop

Come and visit our Repository.

We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books, and many other items.
The shop is open throughout the week before and after Holy Mass.

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01372 457 651

Sunday Offerings
19th/20th September 2026

Gift Aid: £242.50;
Loose Plate: £188.34; Card: £38;
Attendance: 230
Home Mission:
Card: £28; Loose Plate: £127.83
*As always, thank you for your
generosity, Fr. David*

Second Collections:
10th/11th October for
The Building Fund.

*Gift-Aiders please use one of the envelopes
from the back of your box/bundle.*

17th/18th October for **Missio**.
This is the Church's official support of
foreign missions. The collection goes in
its entirety to support, churches,
hospital, schools and vocations in
countries where the Church is new,
young or poor.

**OCTOBER: the Month of the Holy
Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
In praying the Rosary, we meditate
on the Mysteries of Christ's life,
suffering, death and resurrection.
Join our Parish Rosary Group in
praying the Rosary before weekday
and Sunday Masses, **from 8:15am
from Monday to Friday before the
Most Holy Eucharist, with the
Angelus at 9:00am and Benediction.**



SJS ROSARY: ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
will be praying the Rosary in
the **Prayer Room at 8.30am**
before the start of School on
Wednesdays 7th, 14th and 21st October.
Parents and children are invited to attend.

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

You are warmly invited to join an
experimental 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 of 12th December. There is no
commitment to attend all sessions – join us
whenever you can.

See: [https://aecsouthwark.church
suite.com/events/tnpn4hqd](https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd)
for details/to sign up
or email spirituality@rcaos.org.uk
for further information.

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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.

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Pope Leo XIV
Prayer Intention for October 2026
***For collaboration between
different religious traditions***

Let us pray that believers in different
religious traditions might work
together to defend and promote peace,
justice and human fraternity.

Important Dates for your Diary:
Sunday 18th October 3:00pm:
SERVICE OF HEALING

Saturday 21st November
PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Church Flowers

We have a collection box near the
Sacristy to help us to continue to have
the beautiful flowers in our Church
throughout the year. Any contributions
that you could make are appreciated
and gratefully received. Thank you.

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***Of your Charity, please pray for
the repose of the souls of***

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.

Sr. Anne McCarthy (LSU) of Shalom
who died on the 20th September 2026.
Funeral details to be advised.

Sue Towers who died on the 21st
September 2026. Funeral details to be
advised.

*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.*

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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.

St. Mary of the Crays
Community Social Club

Would you like to become a member of
our Social Club? It is open to relax with
friends on Friday and Saturday
evenings and Sunday lunchtimes.
Making use of the Community Club
facilities is to be encouraged for family
events, Baptisms, Birthdays, maybe a
Funeral and to socialise with friends
and parishioners. The Club is a great
asset and benefit to the Parish and
should be enjoyed by all.

The next **Bingo session** will be
Sunday 4th October from 12.15pm.
Just £7 gets you into all 6 games, with
the snowball now at £175.
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 to 3pm on Sunday.*
*We look forward to seeing you and
your family there.*

100 Club

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.

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.