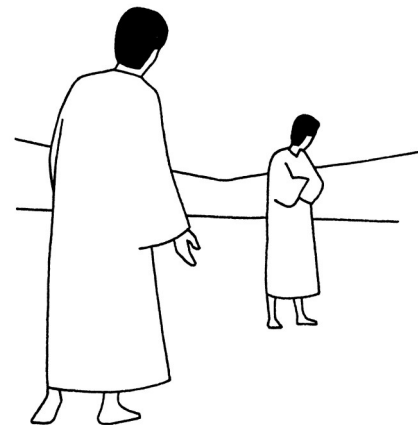


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Ezek. 33: 7-9; Ps. 95; Rom. 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20	
Saturday 5th September 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Mark Dudley recovery and Dudley Family (Foy)	Sunday 6th September 2026 8:30am: Donald Ukwunnah RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 7th Sep. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls <i>& Birthday Thanksgiving for Francis Gummert</i>	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tuesday 8th September 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. David Quarmby RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Brian Egan RIP (LSU)
Weds. 9th Sep. 2026 (Feria) (ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Casper 16th Anniversary of Ordination (Chiororo) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom	Thurs. 10th Sep. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Thanksgiving (Gjoni)
Friday 11th Sep 2026 (Feria) (ST. AMBROSE BARLOW, PRIEST AND MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Vicente Quispe and Juana Paredes, with SJS whole school attending. <i>(Remember 9/11 2001)</i>	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY Saturday 12th September 2026 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom <i>(Remember the Battle of Vienna in 1683)</i>
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)	(EDUCATION SUNDAY) Sunday 13th September 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Arthur Clark RIP (Clark)
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Brendan Cunningham, Maura Sharp, Mathew Lawless, Elizabeth Murphy, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, K. Lynch, Arthur Mills, Clemence Duggan, Dennis Scannell, Christopher Fisher, Bet Robinson, Elizabeth Cope, Mary Bridget Flynn, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Graham Collins, Doug Finch, Peter Faria, Allan Moore.	
CORRECT EACH OTHER IN CHARITY.	
We live together in society and we must be prepared to correct and encourage each other. No man is an island. If Christ be among us then we will help each other in true Christian charity. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.	



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"If your brother
 sins against you,
 go and tell him his fault,



between you
 and him alone."

Matthew 18:15



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 29TH/30TH AUGUST 2026:
Gift Aid: £194.10; Card: £5; Loose Plate: £173.17 ATTENDANCE: 201
As always, **thank you** for your generosity, **Fr. David**.

SECOND COLLECTION:

This weekend: for the **Building Fund**.

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

Next weekend: Education Sunday:
for 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.

19th/20th September: 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

No man is an island and in Christ we are all brothers and sisters and members of the one family. Life is short and we all have to take seriously the duty of doing good while we can by helping those who are weak or in need of our assistance. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour. If we can have the ability to convey a genuine concern, a little honest talking can often clear the air and change the situation for the better. It is worth remembering that none of us is perfect, so when we point out the faults of others, we should be prepared to hear about our own. Christ himself emphasised the importance of being reconciled with our brothers and sisters.

**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.

**Pope Leo XIV prayer
intention for September
2026:**

**For the care of water:
Let us pray for a just and
sustainable management
of water, a vital
resource, so that
everyone may have**

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: Kennal 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.

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.

**THE SEVEN SORROWS
OF MARY**

- ◆ The prophecy of Simeon.
(St. Luke 2:34, 35)
- ◆ The flight into Egypt
(St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
- ◆ The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple.
(St. Luke 2: 43-45)
- ◆ The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
- ◆ The Crucifixion.
- ◆ The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
- ◆ The burial of Jesus.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The next **Bingo Session** will be **this Sunday 6th September from 12.15pm**. Just £7 gets you into all 6 games, with the snowball now at **£157**. 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 Sunday.** We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

100 CLUB WINNERS SEPTEMBER 2026

63: VALERIE HULL 99: BRUNO OBASI
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

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?