

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is. 25: 6-10; Ps. 22; Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20;
Matthew 22: 1-14

Saturday 10th October 2026 (*St Paulinus*)
5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions
6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary
6:30pm: Wellbeing Dudley and Bernie Francis
(Foy)

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Sunday 11th October 2026
8:30am: Monica Murrell RIP (Doherty)
10:30am: People of the Parish

Monday 12th October 2026 (Feria)
(St. Wilfrid, Bishop)
8:00am: Adoration and Holy Rosary
9:15am: Fr. John Bielawski RIP n/s
11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
Justo Felix Vasquez RIP (LSU)

St. Edward the Confessor, King
Tuesday 13th October 2026
8:00am: Adoration and Holy Rosary
9:15am: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 14th October 2026 (Feria)
(*St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*)
8:00am: Adoration and Holy Rosary
8:30am: SJS Rosary in the Prayer Room
9:15am: Monica Murrell RIP (sister)

**St. Teresa of Jesus [of Ávila],
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
Thursday 15th October 2026
8:00am: Adoration and Holy Rosary
9:15am: Franco Trombetti RIP (Antoinette)

Friday 16th October 2026 (Feria)
8:00am: Adoration and Holy Rosary
9:15am: Sue Towers RIP

Saturday 17th October 2026
11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
12:30pm: Baptism: Grace Lauren D'Souza

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is. 45: 1, 4-6; Ps. 95; Thess. 1: 1-5;
Matthew 22: 15-21

5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions
6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary
6:30pm: James Griffith RIP (Janet Brommett)

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Sunday 18th October 2026 (St Luke)
8:30am: Susan and Kevin Gilmer RIP
(Coward)
10:30am: People of the Parish
3:00pm: Healing Service

Anniversaries of Death

Sr. Patricia Daly, Sheila Murray,
Olive Currie, Ellen Griffin,
Veronica Harrington, Ted Tracey,
Kathleen Harling,
Mary Theresa McAleavey,
William Jarvis, Ian Gray, Elsie Stevens,
Austin Kitterick, Thady Kitterick,
Prudence Lewis, May Davies,
Josephine McGovern, Delia Staunton,
John P. Farrelly.

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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,
Fr. Etienne De Souza, 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?*

Important Date for your Diary:
Next Sunday 18th October at 3pm
Healing Service

N. B.: Saturday 21st November Christmas Bazaar

Raffle tickets will be available after
weekend Masses. The Raffle will be
drawn in the social club on Sunday
22nd November.

Bexley Interfaith Forum Enriching communities, fostering peace and harmony

Interfaith Exhibition

Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm
(during Interfaith week) Geddes Place
Church near the Clock Tower
Bexleyheath

The Lord has prepared a banquet for me.

God invites us all to share in the
wedding feast of His Son. He knows
our poverty and wants to share His
riches with us. In this banquet we will
be happy and every tear will be wiped
away from our eyes.



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The banquet referred to is eternal life
in the kingdom of heaven and Jesus is
saying that, while God the Father has
opened the doors of heaven and
invited everybody into His kingdom,
entrance is by no means automatic
and should not be taken for granted.
Our invitation to God's kingdom was
issued for the first time as we wore
our baptism robe. Yet baptism was
only the beginning of that call to
spend our lives like Christ. We are
invited every day to follow God more
closely and our response is the work
of a lifetime.

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Sacrament of Penance - Confession Saturday 5pm to 6pm also, whenever the Church is open, and on request.

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01372 457 651

Sunday Offerings

3rd/4th October 2026

Gift Aid: £252.50; Card: £165;

Loose Plate: £168.95

Attendance: 249

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

Second Collections:

This weekend for the Building Fund.

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

Next weekend 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

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.



SJS Rosary before School

St. Joseph's School will be praying the Rosary in the **Prayer Room at 8.30am** before the start of School on Wednesdays 14th and 21st October. Parents and children are invited to attend.

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

Sr. Anne McCarthy (LSU) of Shalom Convent, who died on Sunday 20th September 2026.

Funeral details to be advised.

Sue Towers who died on Monday 21st September 2026.

Funeral: Eltham Crematorium on Friday 16th October 2026 at 1.15pm.

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.

100 Club

Winners: October 2026

5: Manojan Selvaratnam;

11: Maureen Saunders

Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund.

For those members who pay by cash or cheque, your club membership of £60 is due for renewal and payable now.

Cheques should be made payable to "100 Club".

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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.

Curry Night:

17th October 2026 at 8pm.

Please check at bar for details.

The **next Bingo session** will be **Sunday 1st November from 12.15pm**. Just £7 gets you into all 6 games, with the snowball now at £191. 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.

Youth Day at John Fisher School, Purley

Saturday 17th October 11am-5.30pm

Cost £5. Free Coach transport from

Dartford. **For 10-14 years.**

This great initiative of the Southwark Youth Service is a day of prayer, activities including sport, as well as lunch. We commend it to youth in the parish. To book a place turn to the Diocesan website:

<https://scvs.org.uk/youth-under-18/youth-days-10-14-years/>

There is a free coach from St. Anselm's Dartford, leaving at 9.30am. Please email Fr. Stephen Boyle to book it:

dartford@rcaos.org.uk

You may contact him for more details about the day.

Dates to remember

in November

All Saints Day:

Sunday 1st November celebrated in honour of all the Saints, those known and unknown.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation, as is every Sunday,

and there will be Holy Mass on Saturday at 6.30pm and on Sunday at 8.30am and 10.30am.

All Souls Day:

Monday 2nd November, the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. Holy Mass will be at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

Remembrance Sunday:

8th November

Remembrance Day:

Wednesday 11th November.

Remembrance Service at 11am at Crayford Waterside.

Parish Remembrance Service:

Sunday 15th November at 3pm.

Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Bexley Deanery

To be advised

Diocesan Mass for Deceased Clergy

Date to be advised

12.30pm at St. George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HY.

Blessing of the Graves:

Sunday 8th November

St. Paulinus, Crayford at 12.30pm

Dates to be advised:

Hillview, Welling
Kemnal Park, Sidcup
Bexleyheath,
Brook Street, Erith
Sidcup