

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Is. 5: 1-7; Ps. 79; Phil. 4: 6-9;  
Matthew 21: 33-43

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2026**

5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions  
6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary  
6:30pm: Thanksgiving (Arielle Fernandes)  
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*(St Francis of Assisi)*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

8:30am: Monica Murrell RIP (Coombs)  
10:30am: People of the Parish

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026 (Feria)**

*(St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin)*

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration  
9:15am: Mudiappu Jesuratnam RIP

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026 (Feria)**

*(St. Bruno, Priest)*

8:15: Holy Rosary and Adoration  
9:15am: Bernie Youngs RIP (S. Youngs)

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration  
8:30am: SJS Rosary in the Prayer Room  
9:15am: Birthday Thanksgiving (M Enarhome)  
11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026 (Feria)**

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration  
9:15am: Holy Souls

**St. John Henry Newman, Priest  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration  
9:15am: Private Intention (Gjoni)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

*(St Paulinus of York)*

11am: No Holy Mass at Shalom

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Is. 25: 6-10; Ps. 22; Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20;  
Matthew 22: 1-14

5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions  
6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary  
6:30pm: Wellbeing Dudley and Bernie Francis  
(Foy)

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*(St John XXIII, Pope)*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

8:30am: Monica Murrell RIP (Doherty)  
10:30am: People of the Parish

**Anniversaries of Death**

John Duggan, Pat Dean,  
David Callahan, Dennis Eric Ives,  
James Henry Johnson,  
Sr. Ursula Hyland, Margaret Fisher,  
Johanna Nicholls,  
Kathleen Buttifant, Margaret Frost,  
Douglas Dunster, George Edwards,  
Francis Cusack, Margaret Edwards,  
Kathy Hurst, Brian Griffith,  
Joe Shelley, Bill Barter,  
Pauline Parsons.

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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, 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?*

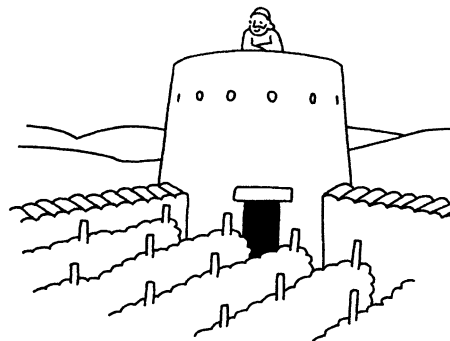
**Parish DIY Team**

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.

**The Lord of the Vineyard.**

God is master of all creation and giver of all gifts. If we do not use these gifts properly, He will take them away from us. If our lives are full of prayer and thanksgiving, then the God of peace will be always with us.



*There was a master of a house who  
planted a vineyard .....*

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in Ordinary Time (A)**

Each of us is a tenant, cultivating a small portion of God's vineyard and when harvest time arrives, we are expected to produce the fruits of right living, by displaying a brotherhood of caring, sharing and showing forth the charity of the Gospel in our daily lives. By doing this we put into practice during the week what we profess to believe at our Sunday morning celebration of the Mass.

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**Sacrament of Penance –  
CONFESSION**

Saturday 5pm to 6pm also,  
whenever the Church is open,  
and on request.

**St Mary of the Crays  
Catholic Church**

114 Old Road, Crayford,  
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**"Welcome Worship Witness"**

*(part of the Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of Southwark)*

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Mr. M. Hannon

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Mrs. A. Truss

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**Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
contact Praetorium on:

**01372 457 651**

### Sunday Offerings

**26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Gift Aid: £249.27; Card: £30;

Loose Plate: £231.03

Attendance: 290

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

### Second Collections:

Next weekend, 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> October:  
**for the Building Fund.**

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

### 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> 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

October is 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. Parents and children are invited to attend.

### Save the Date

*especially for our Parish Readers*

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Formation Day

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Our Repository/Church Shop

Come and visit our Repository. We  
have **Mass Cards**, Prayer Books,  
**Rosaries**, and many other items.  
The shop is open throughout the week  
before and after Holy Mass.

### Youth day at John Fisher School, Purley:

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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://scys.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](mailto:dartford@rcaos.org.uk).  
You may contact him for more details  
about the day.

### Important Dates for your Diary:

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm**

**HEALING SERVICE**

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** after

10.30am Mass. Raffle tickets will be  
available from the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### 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.

### 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 this  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### 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.**

### 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.

### 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.

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

**Sr. Anne McCarthy (LSU)**

of Shalom who died on

the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

Funeral details to be advised.

**Sue Towers** who died on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
September 2026.

Funeral: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at  
1.15pm at Eltham Crematorium.

**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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### 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.