

<i>MASSES:-</i>				
	<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Nick Mythen – 5 <sup>th</sup> anniv.	
	<i>SUNDAY</i>	8.30am	Mary Sanger – anniv.	
		10.00am	Holy souls	
		11.30am	Tommy McAlea – 1 <sup>st</sup> anniv.	
		6.30pm	Parishioners	
<i>MON</i>	10.30am	Mary Connell - birthday		
<i>TUE</i>	9.30am	John Wittebol rip - birthday		
<i>WED</i>	8.15am	Amanda Coutinho – thanksgiving		St. John Chrysostom
<i>THU</i>	<i>No Mass today</i>			<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
<i>FRI</i>	9.30am	Ludovico Fernandes – anniv	<i>Exposition</i>	Our Lady of Sorrows
	7.00pm	Sebastian Tavares (Abreo)	<i>Exposition after Mass</i>	
<i>SAT</i>	10.30am	Mary Lynch – anniv		Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
	11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm	<b>Confessions</b>		
	6.00pm	Mrs. Chrissy Sugrue		
<i>SUN</i>	8.30am	Intention of Fernandes family (Du Toit)		24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A
<i>17<sup>th</sup></i>	10.00am	Akhilomen thanksgiving & Oseaghe birthday		
	11.30am	Norah Gorey		
	6.30pm	Parishioners		

**Fr. Romanus** has travelled to Nigeria for the month of September. He will spend time with his mum (Alice Ozuomba) who is ill, and catch up with family and friends. He arrived safely early on Thursday. There is a changed programme of weekday Masses and a priest from Woolwich is helping today.

**The Pilgrim** newspaper for our diocese is out now 50p. Available in the porch

**Drama Group:** Next production is a comedy "*Out of Focus*" by Peter Gordon on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm in the parish hall. Tickets: Adults £6 Children £4 available from 020 8303 4723 or 020 8319 1992

**World's Biggest Coffee Morning** for Macmillan Cancer Support is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September in St Stephen's church hall from 11am until 2pm. Selling tea, coffee, cakes and various rolls and fillings for lunch, with all profits going to the charity - there will also be games/raffles to take part in. Do try to come along and support the event. If you cannot attend on the day but would like to donate homemade cake to sell, please let me know. Suzanne Umney 020 8306 7527.

**Evensong** to commemorate the Centenary of the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3pm at Westminster Abbey. Evensong will include chosen readings and music reflecting this special centenary. To apply online for up to six free tickets follow the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evensong-to-commemorate-the-centenary-of-the-birth-of-blessed-oscar-romero-tickets-35349736012#tickets>

**Parish Christmas Meal at Aylesford:** Join us at The Friars on *Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December* for lunch in the Pilgrims' Hall at 12.30pm. £28 per person. Menu on noticeboard. If you want to come please write your name and phone number on the list at the back of the church – indicating if you need a lift, or would be willing to take passengers. Non-refundable deposit of £5 in an envelope with your name & 'Parish Lunch' written on it to Lorraine in the office please.

**Evangelisation Group** meets next Saturday after the 10.30am Mass. We start with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Our teaching is from **God is No Thing** a book by Rupert Shortt.

**Becoming a Catholic** A group meets on Thursdays at 7.30pm of adults who would like to be baptized or received into the Church. We study Scripture and Church teaching; and we reflect on our own experience of prayer and of trying to lead a Christian life. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Jim.

**Diocesan Day for Catechists** A great opportunity of renewal for all catechists: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Adult Initiation, Evangelization and Children's Liturgy. Your ministry is highly valued because it helps people to deepen their relationship with God, and initiates them into the sacramental life of the Church. Come and meet others doing the same ministry as you, and discover new ideas and material that you can use in the parish. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at St. George's Cathedral, starting at 11am and finishing with Mass at 4pm. Please contact Lorraine in the office for booking.

**How to be a disciple making disciple:** *Prayer, Faith, Loving Service and the Sacramental Life*. Bishop Mark O'Toole, of the bishops' Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis will lecture at St. Patrick's Church, Soho Square 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 6.30 for 7pm. Admission £5. [guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com)

**Many Thanks** for last Sunday's collection which came to £1446.67. Today the second collection is for the Catholic Education Service. Next week the second collection will be for Home Mission.

**We Care About Women** is a campaign of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children to oppose decriminalising abortion. As part of the campaign SPUC is organising a Mass Constituency-based Lobby and is asking people to make an appointment with their MP to ask him/her to vote against any moves in Parliament to decriminalise abortion. The Lobby is taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. Decriminalising abortion means removing all legal restrictions. Please contact SPUC for comprehensive materials on the issue and how to organize a local meeting with your MP. SPUC on 020 7091 7091 or [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk).

**Annual Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers** will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, SW16 2HY. Registration at 10.30am. The theme for the day is '*The Gospel of Mark; believing in and following Jesus Christ strengthened by the Eucharist*'. Please take a Letter / Reply form from the table in porch – includes details of the day. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Rosary Crusade of Reparation:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October assemble by 1.45pm outside Westminster Cathedral. Celebrating the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. For more details see poster / leaflets or go to [www.rosarycrusadeofreparation.blogspot.com](http://www.rosarycrusadeofreparation.blogspot.com).

**The Deanery Developing World Group:** If you know of any group, in any developing world country which would benefit from financial help, please complete an application form and apply. It must be a project which does not receive help from any of the large companies or charities. Forms from May on 020 8303 6947 or Lorraine in the office. Applications must be submitted for consideration by the end of Sept.

**The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS):** This course is an introduction to the teaching & beliefs of the Catholic Church, and is suitable for teachers, governors & others working in Catholic education, catechists & those who wish to undertake a programme of personal formation in the faith. An introductory presentation on the CCRS will be offered on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at The Angelus Centre (Bexley Rd, Erith) & on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at the CCF, Tooting Bec Rd (both 7pm for refreshments, 7.30pm start). Please contact [ccrs@ccftootingbec.org.uk](mailto:ccrs@ccftootingbec.org.uk) to register your interest.

**Rock and Roll Bingo Night:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October in St Stephen's church hall 7.30pm. The Guides are raising money towards their 2018 holiday. Come and enjoy a fun night of bingo - some musical and some not. Cash prizes. Tickets £5 each (under 16's free accompanied by an adult). Game cards are £1. Bring your own refreshments. Tickets from Suzanne Umney 020 8306 7527. Please book in advance.

**Deputy Headteacher** St Thomas' Catholic Primary School in Canterbury is looking to appoint one from January 2018. For further information, please contact the school on 01227-462539. Advert & application form available on [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com). Closing date: Monday 2nd October at 12noon.

### **More Dates for your Diary**

11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Sep: Line Dancing in the hall 1.45pm £4pp All welcome.

14<sup>th</sup> Sep: Bexley Deanery Developing World *Coffee Morning* after 9.30am Mass in the small hall. All welcome.

15<sup>th</sup> Sep: Charismatic Prayer Meeting at 8.15pm in the church. All welcome.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sep: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the small hall 8.15pm – All welcome

27<sup>th</sup> Sep: Padre Pio – Part 1 of a film of his life at 7 for 7.30pm at St. John Fisher Church Hall, Bexley

30<sup>th</sup> Sep: Welling Community Choir concert 7.30pm at Salvation Army, Welling. Free admission.