

MASSES:-

<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Graham Hayes
<i>SUNDAY</i>	8.30am	Parishioners
	10.00am	Holy souls
	11.30am	St. Francis Xavier (Amigos)
	6.30pm	Sean Hanlon – anniv.

MON 8.15am Cheryl Fernandes (Lloyd & Brian)

10.30am Holy souls

TUE 9.30am Inez Colaco

WED 8.15am Francis Abreo

10.30am Holy souls

THU 9.30am Kathleen Denahy

St. Ambrose

FRI 9.30am Wilma DeSouza – 1st anniv. *Exposition after Mass*

Immaculate

7.00pm Mother St. Albert *Exposition after Mass*

Conception

SAT 10.30am Holy souls

11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm **Confessions**

6.00pm Cristiane & Claudio Amato – 25th wedding

SUN 8.30am Sebastian Pereira

2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

10th 10.00am Parishioners

11.30am Attilio Fionda

6.30pm Holy souls

We welcome Bishop Pat Lynch & the Amigos Club to 11.30am Mass to celebrate the feast of St Francis Xavier.

Parish Coffee Morning Today after 8.30 & 10am Masses in the small hall. Please join us for a cuppa & chat.

Reconciliation Service Our Advent reconciliation service, in preparation for Christmas, will be on Friday week, 15th December at 7pm. Home & visiting confessors will be available.

Mother & Toddler Group are looking for new leaders to take over from Yok Chung and Emma Shane in January 2018. The group runs on a Tuesday afternoon 1pm – 2.30pm. Our grateful thanks to Yok & Emma for running the group so successfully. If you are interested in becoming a leader please contact Lorraine in the office or speak to Yok & Emma.

Many Thanks for last Sunday's collection which came to £1198.31. The second collection for Catholic Youth Work came to £365.12. **The Knights of St Columba** will be handing out their *Keep Christ in Christmas* posters next weekend and collecting for the local charity – Falcon Spartak – for children with physical impairment and learning difficulties.

Parish Christmas Lunch is this Wednesday (6th). Please could everyone meet in the church car park at 11.15am so we can make sure everyone has a lift who needs one. We plan to leave at 11.30am.

Living Water: the winter/Christmas edition will be due out next month. Please forward any items for inclusion to the editor (gwen@chiosso.co.uk) by 8th December.

Readers Rota: Would **all** readers please contact Helen Woodcock (8317 0591) to confirm as soon as possible which Mass in the new timetable starting on Sunday 31st December they would like to read at.

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

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

First Holy Communions 2018 will be on 13th and 20th May, for children in Year 3 who have been baptised, attend Mass regularly, know their prayers, and know who Jesus is. Please get a registration form from Fr. Jim, and make a date for your child's interview.

St Catherine's Catholic School, Watling St, Bexleyheath would like to invite the senior members of the community to their *Advent Tea Party* on Friday 8th December 1.30 – 3pm. RSVP 01322 556333.

St. Stephen's Carol Concert is on Sunday 17th December in church at 4pm. Please come and support them. There will be a collection for CAFOD and free refreshments afterwards in the small hall as well as a Raffle. If can't come but would like to make a donation please put it in an envelope marked "CAFOD Carols" and post it through the Presbytery door. We hope to see you all there.

Carol Singing at Tesco's on Saturday 16th December from 10.15am to noon to raise money for the *Greenwich and Bexley Hospice*. Please join us. Contact Freda or John on 8303 4723 for more details.

Christmas Pudding Orders from Suzanne and the Guides will be ready to pick up after 10am Mass on Sun 10th December. If you still have to pay for your order - *only cash payment* can be taken – thank you.

Bexley Foodbank are collecting items for Christmas. They specifically need Christmas cake, mince pies, tinned ham, children's selection packs, large bars of chocolate, boxes of biscuits, boxes of chocolates, snacks/nibbles, small jars of coffee, sugar & long-life fruit juice. Food is a big part of our Christmas celebrations; let's help a struggling family enjoy Jesus' birth as much as we will. Please help if you can

Film Evening on Wed. 6th Dec, at St. John Fisher, Thanet Road, Bexley at 7.30pm. A documentary on the modern-day mystic **Bl Solanus Casey**. He was a wonder-worker and healer. And his faith, holiness and devotion to the sick and poor touched many lives, and brought an outpouring of grief at his death in 1957

Carol Concert at St Mary the Virgin Church, Welling 13th Dec at 2pm followed by refreshments. All welcome. Contact Betty 020 8856 8954 or bettylillie@btinternet.com to confirm attendance.

Life to the Full is a pamphlet for young people, to encourage them to engage with faith and prayer when looking at decisions and choices. Please take a copy from the table in the porch.

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.

Catholic Singles helps single Catholics of all ages (18+yrs) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

St Stephen's 2018 Diaries are available at the back of the church (£1). Please put money in the box on the wall above the lost property shelf

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages 2018: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

More Dates for your Diary

3rd Dec: Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church, Sidcup 12noon-4pm. Free entry. Crafts & refreshments

4th Dec: Police Community Christmas Carol Concert at Trinity Baptist Church, Bexleyheath 7.30pm. Free entrance.

11th Dec: Line Dancing in the hall 1.45pm £4pp All welcome

14th Dec: Bexley Deanery Developing World *Coffee Morning* after 9.30am Mass in the small hall. All welcome

15th – 17th Dec: Discover Christmas at St John Fisher Church, Bexley stjohnfisherbexley.org

2018: 5th Jan: Film Night: *Medjugorje* in the hall – more details to follow

12th Jan: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the small hall 8.15pm – All welcome

14th Jan: SPUC White Flower Appeal