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| <i>MASSES:-</i> | | <i>SATURDAY</i> | 6.00pm | Amanda Coutinho (Vienna) |
| | | <i>SUNDAY</i> | 9.00am | Daniel Gulliford – recovery (McGranaghan) |
| | | | 11.00am | Kay Owens (Rush) |
| | | | 4.00pm | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
| | | | 6.30pm | Parishioners |
| <i>MON</i> | 10.30am | Mazzini John Treneman | | |
| <i>TUE</i> | 9.30am | Obiekwe & Florence Ejike & Eji Nwobodo | | |
| <i>WED</i> | 10.30am | Diogo Pinto – 1 st anniv. JD | | |
| <i>THU</i> | 9.30am | Anthony Bong Vu | | |
| <i>FRI</i> | 9.30am | Mrs. Muriel Yates | <i>Exposition after Mass</i> | |
| | 3.00pm | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> | | |
| | 7.00pm | Drew Cunningham | <i>Exposition with Prayer & Praise</i> | |
| <i>SAT</i> | 10.30am | Maria & Benjamin Fernandes JD | St. Patrick | |
| | 11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm | Confessions | | |
| | 6.00pm | Thanksgiving - St. Patrick (Perera) | | |
| <i>SUN</i> | 9.00am | Donal O’Hare – anniv. | 5 th Sunday of Lent (B) | |
| <i>18th</i> | 11.00am | Obiekwe & Florence Ejike & Eji Nwobodo | | |
| | 4.00pm | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> | | |
| | 6.30pm | Parishioners | | |

SVP Raffle Tickets will be on sale **today** after all the Masses. This is one of our main fundraising activities which enable us to give support to needy people in our area. Please be generous and buy a book for £5 or a ticket for £1. Many thanks for your continued support and prayers.

Prayer Partners – Confirmation We would like to pair up each of our Confirmation candidates with a “Prayer Partner” who would pray for them during their preparation, between now and the day of their Confirmation on 23rd June. If you would like to be a prayer partner please come forward, when invited, at Mass next weekend when we will allocate one of them to you at random.

Next Weekend we invite the children preparing for Holy Communion to “Celebrate Forgiveness” with us at the start of Mass. It will be an opportunity to praise and thank God because they will have just made their First Confessions.

Our Reconciliation Service for Lent will be on Thursday week, 22nd March, at 7.30pm. There will be extra priests from other parishes, helping to hear confessions. I hope you will take this opportunity to prepare spiritually for Easter. (Other Services of Reconciliation in the Bexley Deanery are: Friday 23rd March at 7.30pm at St Mary of the Cravs, Crayford. Monday 26th March at 7.30pm at Our Lady of the Angels Erith. Tuesday 27th March at 7.30pm at St Lawrence Sidcup.)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayer and adoration between the 2 morning Masses. You are warmly invited to spend a few moments in prayer, but please leave quietly after the 9am Mass and respect the silence before the beginning of the 11am. We particularly want to encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as the Church is preparing for the Eucharistic Congress in September.

Gift Aid Subscribers: Your new boxes of envelopes are available to collect from the back of Church today. Maureen will be available to answer any questions, and to enable new subscribers to sign up for this scheme.

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

Parish Coffee Morning: We would like to thank you for your very generous donations to the Coffee Mornings. This year we are pleased to say that you have contributed £425.08p. The money has been divided between CAFOD and the Welling branch of the SVP. We would also like to mention that since the Coffee Morning started in 2001 you have donated an amazing £7,745.05p. This money has been shared between CAFOD and many other Catholic charities who have been nominated by parishioners who come to the Coffee Mornings. Many many thanks.

Many Thanks for last Sunday's collection which came to £1210.21.

Youth Club in St Stephen's Parish Hall **today 7.30pm – 9pm** for school years 6 & above. £1 entry. Badminton, table tennis, football and other games & activities on offer. Refreshments available. Please come along and join in. For more information please contact Ollie Coker 07754 620274.

Last Chance!!!! Lost Property: Please check the shelves at the back of the church for any lost belongings. We will soon be disposing of any unclaimed items.

The Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes 24th – 31st August 2018 under the leadership of Archbishop Peter Smith. Leaflets and booking forms available on the table in the porch. Information at www.catholicassociation.co.uk or www.tangney-tours.com/CA or tel 01732 886666 or 0800 917357

Guides and Rangers Fund Raising: Next Sunday, 18th March, the girls will be selling raffle tickets for 2 Easter Hampers, homemade cakes and also 'bottles'. These are lucky dip bottles that you can purchase for £1 each. All sorts of bottles to be won. Please do support the group raise vital funds to help with ever rising costs and so that the guides and rangers can continue to have lots of adventures.

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School requires a *teacher* to begin in September 2018. For further details regarding this vacancy and for an application pack please contact the school office 020 8303 9738 or email: admin@st-stephens.bexley.sch.uk. Closing date for applications is noon on Thursday 22nd March 2018. See poster for details.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage at St George's Cathedral, 16th June 2018. If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th + wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend a special Mass where you can renew your vows, please sign up as soon as possible on the list at the back of the church to receive your invitation from the Archbishop. Please write very clearly.

Film Night on Wed 21st March when an inspiring movie on **Bl Miguel Pro SJ**, the famous Jesuit priest who spent most of his short life dodging Mexican police as he ministered to the underground Church during the Mexican revolution & was executed for the crime of being a Catholic Priest, will be shown. **Film Night & Social** on Saturday 24th March. **"The King's Stammer"** - story of King George VI, his impromptu ascension to the throne and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch become worthy of it. St John Fisher Church hall, Thanet Road, Bexley. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Bar open, hot buffet snacks. "Easter-related" charity stall. Free admission. All welcome. *Lift share:* do you know of anyone who would like to come to these events, but needs a lift? Are you in a position to give a lift to others? If so, please contact Helen, 07532-124040; helenmrees2@live.co.uk.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day from 11am to 6pm on Saturday 12th May in St Stephen's Church. Sign-up lists for a particular time-slot, so that we know there will always be someone present, will be available after Easter.

Signs & Wonders: A vibrant worship experience by a family of orphans from Uganda. Free concert on Tuesday 10th April 7.30pm at Welling Methodist Church, 191 Bellegrave Road. Bookings: 020 8301 2220 or email alfphilpott1951@gmail.com or go to watotouk.eventbrite.com

More Dates for your Diary

13th Mar: Zumba Class 6pm in the parish hall £5pp. All welcome (Every Tuesday)

12th & 26th Mar: Line Dancing in the parish hall 1.45pm £4pp. All welcome (2nd & 4th Mondays in the month)

15th Mar: Play Duplicate Bridge in St Stephen's small hall 11.30am – 2pm. £3 to play. All welcome (Every Thurs)

13th Mar: The Three Pillars of Lent course at CCF, Tooting Bec Road. *Almsgiving* with Pierpaolo Finaldi 7.30pm.

16th Mar: Prayer and praise with exposition after 7pm Mass at St Stephen's Church. All welcome.

23rd Mar: Fr. Eric Nimmo's Funeral at noon at St. John Fisher, 141 Kidbrook Park Road.

6th – 7th Apr: 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Our Lady of the Angels Church, Erith

29th Apr: International Day at St Stephens's 11am Mass followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in the hall.