

<i>MASSES:-</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Donald & Rowena Govia rip - birthday
	<i>SUNDAY</i>	9.00am	Brian Illing – well-being (Vine)
		11.00am	Holy souls
		6.30pm	Janine Cunningham - birthday
<i>MON</i>	8.15am	Julio Desouza	<u>Transfiguration</u>
	10.30am	Holy souls JD	<u>of the Lord</u>
<i>TUE</i>	9.30am	Maggie McManus - birthday	
<i>WED</i>	8.15am	Obiekwe & Florence Ejike	St. Dominic
	10.30am	Fr. James Pereira JD	St. Teresa Benedicta
<i>THU</i>	9.30am	Ceasar Fernandes	
<i>FRI</i>	9.30am	Ludovina DeMello - birthday	<i>Exposition</i> St. Lawrence
	7.00pm	Naomi Samuel – birthday thanksgiving	<i>Exposition after Mass</i>
<i>SAT</i>	10.30am	Moon Roopnarine rip – birthday	St. Clare
	11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm	<b>Confessions</b>	
	6.00pm	Kathleen Rabbett	
<i>SUN</i>	9.00am	Miss F. Pereira - thanksgiving	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B
<i>12<sup>th</sup></i>	11.00am	Joao Lemos	
	6.30pm	Chantal & Patrice Sandion – 40 <sup>th</sup> wedding	

**Our New Parish Priest** is to be Canon Edward Perera, who is currently Parish Priest of Tolworth (previously of Lee). He came last week to meet the team and to find out all he could about the parish, and is very much looking forward to coming here. But won't arrive until the last week of September because his replacement at Tolworth has not yet been announced, and because he has a pilgrimage and some holiday booked. I'm sure you will give all your support to Fr. Romanus as he looks after the parish in the meantime.

**Fr. Jim** would like to thank you for all your cards and offerings and good wishes, and will sorely miss everyone at Stephen's. Let us keep each other in our prayers. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr Jim, please put your money in a marked envelope and place it in the collection or post it through the presbytery letterbox.

**Parish Coffee Morning Today** in the small hall after 9am Mass. Join us for a cuppa & chat.

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

**No Children's Liturgy** during the summer break. In order for it to continue in September, we need volunteers, especially volunteers willing to read the Gospel story & lead a discussion with the children. It is hoped that each group of volunteers will only be on the rota once a month. If you are interested in helping out and would like to find out more please contact Lorraine in the office.

**The Rosary – A Chain of Prayer** 6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August. Join us in prayer **before** the **10.30am Mass** and **after** the **9.30am Mass** as witnesses to the Catholic Faith, to protect the sanctity of life, in combating abortion and euthanasia through the Rosary and with 10 days of prayer. See poster.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** New rota is available on the table at the back of the church. Please pick up your copy today. New rota begins next week - 12<sup>th</sup> August.

**Many Thanks** for last Sunday's collection which came to £993.88. The second collection for *Spark in the Park* came to £311.59.

**Deepdene Seniors Learning Skills Club** requires an *Administrative Assistant with Management Duties* from September 2018 to work 3.5 hours weekly (Mondays only) during term time on a year's fixed term contract to ensure the smooth running of the club's activities and sessions. Competency in Microsoft Office 10 and Book-keeping essential Accountancy experience desirable, but not essential. For an application form and further details email [deepdeneclub@gmail.com](mailto:deepdeneclub@gmail.com). Closing Date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Bexley Foodbank:** Many thanks for your support. Urgently needed: *Jam, Noodles, Long life juice, Squash, Mashed potato, Sponge puddings, Pasta sauce, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned fruit, Tinned meat & fish, Toiletries - toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, Size 5 nappies*. Donations in the box in the porch. Thank you.

**Young Catholic Adults Weekend** 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September at Douai Abbey with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge. There will be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (on the beauty of silence in the Mass plus social media and evangelisation) & socials. Book by 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. Info at: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>

**Divine Mercy Pilgrimage** on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 5pm at The Friars, Aylesford Priory at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, led by Bishop Patrick Lynch and Marian Father. Info: 020 89980925 email: [info@divinemercury.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercury.org.uk) or go to [www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk](http://www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk). See poster & leaflets.

**SVP Dinner /Dance:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October in parish hall. To raise funds for the needy in our own locality. Dancing to *Harmonics* band, licensed bar, curry style food by *Maggies Kitchen* and Raffle. Tickets £15 on sale soon. Bring your family and friends.

**Goan Pilgrimage** to The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 11am – 6pm (arrive by 10.45am). Rosary at 11am followed by Benediction, Mass at 12.30pm (Confessions available). Food & refreshments on sale, music & entertainment. See poster.

**Education is the key to escaping poverty** The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has for many years supported poor students in India to escape poverty by helping them to get a good education. Sponsors are being sought to assist in this project and if you would like to get involved sponsorship forms can be found in the main porch to the church which contain more details of the project and suggested donations. Kindly return completed sponsorship forms to the presbytery marked for the attention of John Vine. Many thanks in advance for your continued support of the SVP in this parish and its help for needy people.

**Film Night** on Wed 12th September when a dramatic movie on *St Vincent de Paul* will be shown in St John Fisher Bexley Church Hall. The movie reveals how the saint's unwavering commitment to the poor made him one of the greatest humanitarians in history and how he rose to become a trusted advisor to queens and princes. Bar open, admission free, charity stall, all welcome. Arrivals 7pm for 7:30pm start.

**Deepdene Seniors Learning Skills Club:** ASDA in Bexleyheath Broadway has nominated us as one of the three charities they will be funding. So every time you shop there please post a green token in the Deepdene Club voting box from now until 30<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for your support.

**The Southwark Brethren** is a long standing charity which helps sick and retired Priests who are in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to: Rev Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Rd Wallington Surrey SM6 9AY. A Standing Order and Bequest Form is available on the table in the porch. If you are a tax payer please apply for a Gift Aid form to make your donation go further. Last year the charity was able to help 46 retired Priests and also help 3 working Priests who had serious sickness to help their situation.

### More Dates for your Diary

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

11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Aug: Marriage & Family Life Pilgrimage at Walsingham. [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) or 01328 801007

12<sup>th</sup> Aug: Pilgrimage of the Sick at The Friars, Aylesford 11.30am Mass

13<sup>th</sup> Aug & 10<sup>th</sup> Sep: Line Dancing in the parish hall 1.45pm £4pp. All welcome (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in the month)

17<sup>th</sup> Aug: Praise & Praise after 7pm Mass. All welcome.

20<sup>th</sup> Aug: Prayer and Worship Night for *Evergreen Care Bexley* at St John's Church, Welling 8pm. All welcome.

24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug: Cath Assoc Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Archbishop Peter Smith [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk)

1<sup>st</sup> Sep: Reflection & Prayer: *St Jude: From Darkness to Light* with Fr Francis Kemsley at National Shrine of St Jude, Faversham. Mass 11am, talk 11.45am, prayer 12.30pm, conclusion 1pm. [www.stjudeshrine.org.uk](http://www.stjudeshrine.org.uk)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sep: Polish National Pilgrimage at The Friars, Aylesford 12noon

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Sep: National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool