

<i>MASSES:-</i>		<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Living & dec'd benefactors of Parish	
		<i>SUNDAY</i>	9.00am	Trudy Coutinho Thanksgiving	
			11.00am	Matthew Thuy Vu	
			6.30pm	People of the Parish	
<i>MON</i>	8.15am	Michael Samuel – birthday thanksgiving			
	10.30am	Guy & Eileen Shoebridge			
<i>TUE</i>	9.30am	Alfred Micallef			St Illtud
<i>WED</i>	8.15am	Holy Souls			St Willibrord
	10.30am	Susie DeSouza – 2 nd anniv			
<i>THU</i>	9.30am	Sebestine Pereira & Aiden Perera rip			All Saints of Wales
<i>FRI</i>	9.30am	Theodore Zuzarte			<i>Exposition after Mass</i>
	7.00pm	Baptista Rodrigues			<i>Exposition after Mass</i>
<i>SAT</i>	10.30am	Eileen Morris - 10 th anniv			St Leo the Great
	11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm	Confessions			
	6.00pm	Terry Rush - anniv			
<i>SUN</i>	9.00am	Thanksgiving			32 nd Sunday Year B
	11.00am	Mary Daly - anniv			
	6.30pm	Mary Ann & Peter McDermott (good health)			

First Holy Communion 2019: There will be a meeting of the parents of First Holy Communion children attending St. Stephen's parish on **Saturday 8th December at 10.30am in the parish hall.** At that meeting the preparation programme dates for the children and parents, and the dates for registration will be shared. It is important that parents attend this meeting if they want their children to make their First Holy Communion in 2019.

Communion Dresses & Suits were kindly donated to the parish which has helped some families with the expense involved in their child(ren)'s special day. We would like to build up a bank of dresses / suits in different sizes and would appreciate any that are no longer needed or just hanging in wardrobes. If you would like to donate please bring your clothing to the school office.

Children's Liturgy Today at 9am Mass for children aged 3 to 7/8yrs old. Please bring your child(ren) to the Fr Nevatt room (back of the parish hall) by 8.50am.

Parish Coffee Morning Today after 9am Mass in the small hall. All welcome for a cuppa & chat.

SSNCC Welling (Nigerian Group): Meeting today after the 11am Mass in the small hall. This will be an opportunity to welcome new members and to elect new officers. All welcome.

Faith Sharing and Prayer Group on **Wednesday 7th November** and every **First Wednesday of the month** in the small Chapel. **from 7.30pm to 9pm.** A time for Praise, Eucharistic adoration, Bible study, Catechesis, Prayer and Fellowship. All are very welcome

Catholic Legacy Week 1-7th November: Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet; contact Your Catholic Legacy on 020 7095 5370; or contact Adrian Radford, the Diocesan Financial Controller, by email: adrianradford@rcaos.org.uk

Bexley Winter Shelter is in urgent need of volunteers to help run this 12 week project from the New Year. They have a different venue in Bexley each night. Last year we had 3 churches in Welling that took part. They require cover for the 3 shifts: **7pm-10pm** to set up the hall, beds and to eat/socialize with the guests (last year we had approx 10 male guests per night). The night shift arrives at **10pm** and sleep in a different room until **7am**, when the morning shift appears to prepare breakfast and a packed lunch, before closing up at **8.30am**. Training sessions available for all volunteers on Wednesday 14th November at 7pm at Belvedere Baptist Church or Saturday 24th November at 2pm at Welling Baptist Church.

Lenten Study Day: We are delighted to inform you that Fr. Denis McBride CSSR has agreed to lead a study day on Sat 9th March 2019. He will speak on *The Passion Narratives*. Fr. Denis is one of the great Scripture Scholars we have in our country. This day is for all parishioners and especially for the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists etc. Please keep the day free and invite others too. It is open to all in Bexley Deanery.

Christmas Raffle Tickets are on sale! 50p a ticket or £2.50 per book. Please take some to sell to family & friends. Monies & counterfoils to the presbytery as soon as possible in a sealed envelope please.

Parish Christmas Bazaar is on **Sat 17th Nov** 11am – 1pm. We are appealing for **good quality clean toys, toiletries & bottles (preferably alcoholic)** to be donated during the next 2 weeks. Donations can be left at the Presbytery or in the box in the Church porch. Many thanks in advance for your donations.

Remembrance Sunday: 11th Nov: The Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers will be having their church parade at 9am Mass followed by refreshments in the hall – proceeds to Help the Heroes charity. Bacon and sausage rolls, tea & coffee, cakes, various games stalls and books & jigsaw puzzles to buy. Please come into the hall after Mass to give your support.

Many Thanks for last Sunday's collection which came to £1163. Today there is a retiring collection towards the expenses of the bazaar. Next week the second collection will be for the Archbishop's Administration Fund.

Joy Illing & family would like to thank you all for the Masses and sympathy cards they received for Brian. Thank you to all who celebrated his Requiem Mass with us.

Visit to Greek Orthodox Church on 7th Nov has been rescheduled for 2019 as building works have started earlier than expected. Rev Gerald looks forward to welcoming us to their improved premises in due course.

Choir practices for Carol Service on 16th December: the choir leader from St John's will work with the combined choirs of St Stephen's to prepare for the carol service. If you enjoy singing, please feel free to join us for the first practice on Monday 12th November at 7pm in the small hall.

Let It Be Done Unto Me: An inspirational CaFE course starting on 13th Nov at 7.30pm for 5 weeks in the Angelus Centre at Our Lady of the Angels, Erith. How Mary helps us to be filled with God. All welcome.

Children Starting Primary School in September 2019. If you would like your child to attend St Stephen's school please see posters at the back of the church for full details. Please note that you **MUST** apply using the Common Application Form for the borough in which you live - the closing date is 15th January 2019. You should also complete the school's supplementary form. Full details are available from the school office.

Quiz Night in aid of the **Developing World Projects** on Sat 1st Dec at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Tckts:£7 Max per table 8. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Come along for a fun evening and support a very good cause. Tickets from church office

More Dates for your Diary

4th Nov: Blessing of the graves at Kennal Park (A20 entrance) at 2pm. Hillview at 2.30pm

7th Nov: Film Night: *Bl Pope Paul VI* in St John Fisher Bexley Church Hall, admission free. 7.30pm (part 2)

8th Nov: Bexley Deanery Developing World *Coffee Morning* after 9.30am Mass in the small hall. All welcome

11th Nov: Blessing of the graves at : Plumstead Cemetery (Lodge Hill entrance) at 1pm, Bexleyheath Cemetery at 2.30pm. Brook Street, Erith Cemetery at 3.15pm.

16th Nov: **Praise & Praise after 7pm Mass.** All welcome.

17th Nov: Reflection & Prayer: *St Jude: Witness to the Resurrection* with Fr Ged Walsh at National Shrine of St Jude, Faversham. Mass 11am, talk 11.45am, prayer 12.30pm, conclusion 1pm. www.stjudeshrine.org.uk

17th Nov: Solemn Evensong of Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of St Oscar Romero at Westminster Abbey at 3pm