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| <i>MASSES:-</i> | | <i>SATURDAY</i> | 6.00pm | Brian Illing | |
| | | <i>SUNDAY</i> | 9.00am | Mary Cooke | |
| | | | 11.00am | People of the Parish | |
| | | | 6.30pm | Efrem Rodrigues rip | |
| <i>MON</i> | 8.15am | Maria Rodrigues rip | | | St Francis Xavier |
| | 9.30am | Sean Hanlon rip | | | |
| <i>TUE</i> | 9.30am | Holy Souls | | | St John Damascene |
| <i>WED</i> | 8.15am | Brian Illing | | | |
| | 9.30am | Deacon Braz Menezes – 2 nd anniv | | | |
| <i>THU</i> | 9.30am | Francis Abreo | | | St Nicholas |
| <i>FRI</i> | 9.30am | Kathleen Denahy | | <i>Exposition after Mass</i> | St Ambrose |
| | 7.00pm | Mother St Albert | | <i>Exposition after Mass</i> | |
| <i>SAT</i> | 9.30am | Wilma DeSouza – 2 nd anniv | | | The Immaculate |
| | 11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm | Confessions | | | Conception |
| | 6.00pm | Thanksgiving (60 th anniv Helen & Stan) | | | |
| <i>SUN</i> | 9.00am | F Pereira - thanksgiving | | | 2 nd Sunday of Advent Year (C) |
| | 11.00am | Rita & Con Murphy (anniv) | | | |
| | 6.30pm | People of the Parish | | | |

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

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.

Amigos Social Group celebrate the feast of *St Francis Xavier* **today** at 12.30pm Mass at Stephen's followed by a gathering in the parish hall. Music by 'Inacio'. Entrance: members free non-members £2. Food & drink on sale. All welcome

First Holy Communion 2019: There will be a meeting for parents of First Holy Communion children attending St. Stephen's parish **next 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is tomorrow, **Monday 3rd December**, at 8.15pm in the small hall. All welcome to attend. Minutes from the last meeting are now available on the parish website. If you would like a paper copy please contact Lorraine in the office.

Christmas leaflets: There are bundles of leaflets, with details of all the Christmas services for the churches of Welling, in the church porch. Please consider taking a bundle to deliver in the next week or so. Your help is very much appreciated

Take some time to reflect this Advent: Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk

Faith Sharing and Prayer Group meet on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm to 9pm in the small Chapel. Praise, Eucharistic Adoration, Bible study, Catechesis, Prayer and Fellowship. All are welcome.

Joan Connolly rip: We are very sad to hear that Joan Connolly has died. Her funeral will be on Friday 7th December at 10am at St Anthony's Church, Edgware. Received into the church at 6pm the evening before. The church is a 5-minute walk from Edgware station. Please keep Joan and her family in your prayers.

Baptism: If you would like your child to be baptised at St Stephen's between 1st March and 30th June 2019 please attend the Baptism Preparation classes with Fr Romanus on Thursdays 7th February and 21st February at 7.30pm in the small hall.

Bexley Winter Shelter will run from 3rd January to 31st March 2019. Volunteers are still needed! A training session will run on Thursday 13th December at 7pm at Trinity Baptist Church (1st Floor), Bexleyheath – please enter via the side door. Contact Eileen 07907 088546 or email mf.bws2019@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Flyers are available on the table on the porch so you can let homeless men know how to be referred & access the shelter.

Many Thanks for last Sunday's collection: £1340.52. The second collection for Catholic Youth Services came to £470.68. **The Knights of St Columba** will be handing out their *Keep Christ in Christmas* posters next weekend and collecting for Missio.

St. Stephen's Carol Concert is on Sunday 16th December in the parish hall at 4pm. Please come and support them. There will be a collection for CAFOD and free refreshments afterwards 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.

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.

Salvation Army Concert at the Methodist Church, Bellegrave Road, Welling in aid of the Salvation Army on Tuesday 4th December at 8pm followed by refreshments. Free admission, a collection will be taken. Everybody very welcome to hear this large and expert band.

St Stephen's 2019 Diaries are available at the back of the church (£1). Please put money in the box on the wall above the lost property shelf

The Nigeria Community would like to invite all parishioners to their Christmas and New Year party on Saturday 12th January 2019. Mass at 6pm followed by refreshments in the hall. All welcome - come with your dancing shoes and there will be plenty to eat.

Deepdene Seniors Learning Skills Club would like to thank the parishioners for their support in helping raise £200 for our Club. The Co-Op has accepted our bid for funding from them. On this occasion all you are required to do is to register your Co-op card online at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/24654> and select our club as the charity you support. After that every time you shop at any of the Co-op stores and buy their own brand products, automatically the Co-Op will credit our club with a contribution from them. The funding cycle will end next year on 26th October 2019. We look forward to your continued help.

More Dates for your Diary

4th Dec: *Let It Be Done Unto Me*: CaFE course at Our Lady of the Angels, Erith 7.30pm

5th Dec: Film Night: *St Dominic* in St John Fisher Bexley Church Hall, admission free. 7.30pm

7th Dec: Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice: *Carol Concert* 7pm at Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Tickets £20 inc drink & mince pie. www.communityhospice.org.uk

8th Dec: St Lawrence's Charitable Fund Anniv Mass 6.30pm at St Lawrence's Church, Sidcup followed by refreshments & a talk by Sr. Maria McGuinness on the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. All welcome.

11th Dec: *Let It Be Done Unto Me*: CaFE course at Our Lady of the Angels, Erith 7.30pm

13th Dec: Bexley Deanery Developing World *Coffee Morning* after 9.30am Mass in the small hall. All welcome

21st Dec: Praise & Praise after 7pm Mass. All welcome.

2018: 12th / 13th Jan: SPUC White Flower Appeal

2nd Mar: Flame at Wembley

9th Mar: Study Day – Denis McBride: *The Passion Narratives*