

Pentecost (Year C) 7 th June 2019
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<i>MASSES:-</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Nicholas Family	
	<i>SUNDAY</i>	9.00am	Thanksgiving – Hannah & Hailey Sousa Fernandes	
		11.00am	People of the Parish	
		6.30pm	Obiekwe & Florence Ejike and Eji Nwobodo rip	
<i>MON</i>	8.15am	Holy Souls		Mary Mother of the Church
	9.30am	Siobhan Mythen rip		
<i>TUE</i>	9.30am	Parishioners		St Barnabas
<i>WED</i>	9.30am	Elizabeth Murphy		
	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Siobhan Mythen		
<i>THU</i>	9.30am	Pauline Robinson rip – anniv		Jesus the Eternal High Priest
<i>FRI</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls		<i>Exposition after Mass</i>
	7.00pm	Sheila Duggan rip - anniv		<i>Exposition after Mass</i>
<i>SAT</i>	10.30am	First Holy Communions		
	2.00pm	First Holy Communions		
	6.00pm	Confirmations		
<i>SUN</i>	9.00am	Jason Rodrigues - birthday		Most Holy Trinity (C)
	11.00am	Cecilia Truc Ngu rip		
	6.30pm	Obiekwe & Florence Ejike and Eji Nwobodo rip		

Next Saturday is a special day of Sacramental celebrations in the life of the parish. First of all, we celebrate First Holy Communion in our parish. Forty-two young people will be making their First Holy Communion during the two masses at 10am and 2.30pm. First Holy Communion is a very special day in our lives and in our journey of faith. Then in the evening at the 6.00pm Mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Twelve young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and we welcome Bishop Patrick Lynch ss.cc. to St. Stephen's. I am sure that all of us remember so vividly and with gratitude, our own First Holy Communion Day and the day we were Confirmed, even though it was many, many years ago. I certainly remember.

I invite you today to remember and pray for our young people in a special way during this week and also for their families. Thank you and God Bless you. *Canon Edward*

First Holy Communion Gifts and Cards: If you are looking for that special present for First Holy Communion then visit our Repository today at the back of the church after Mass and you will find the perfect gift.

Lesnes Abbey Procession on 30th June at 3pm, Abbey Wood DA17 5DH. The parishes of Bexley and Greenwich join up to process with the Blessed Sacrament at the Old Abbey site finishing with Benediction. First Holy Communion, Confirmation groups and servers from all parishes are specially invited. Bring friends and family. Why not have a picnic after (no BBQ's).

Last Chance!!!! Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday 13th July at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Email mflse@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Please provide both of your names, the anniversary you are celebrating, your home address and telephone number and include the location of your parish in the title of your email. **Closing date 10th June.**

Many Thanks for last Sunday's collection: £1,256.24. The second collection for World Communications Day came to £306.70. Today the second collection is for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales.

Baptism: If you would like your child to be baptised at St Stephen's between 1st July and 31st October 2019 please attend the Baptism Preparation classes with Fr Romanus on *Thursdays 20th and 27th June at 7.30pm* in the small hall.

Children's Liturgy Next Week at 9am Mass and will run every other week for children aged 3 – 7/8yrs old. Please bring your child(ren) to the Fr Nevatt room (back of the parish hall) at 8.50am.

General Meeting of the Nigerian Catholic Community on Sunday 16th June after 11am Mass in the small hall. All members are encouraged to attend as very important matters will be discussed.

CAFOD Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday 15th June 1pm - 3.30pm at John & Freda Vine's house, 35 Danson Road, Bexleyheath (nr. Crook Log). £5 entry. Raffle. All donations welcomed.

Diocesan Youth Day in the beautiful grounds of the Ayleford Priory Saturday 22nd June 10am – 6.30pm. A great opportunity to meet other young people, The day finishes with a BBQ and Mass. Open to young people School years 7-11 Booking in advance scys@rcaos.org.uk

Afternoon Tea: Sunday 23rd June in aid of *Bexley Young Carers* and *Mencap*. £5 a ticket includes tea, scone, sandwiches and cakes 3-5pm. Tables must be booked in advance, contact Suzanne to book 020 8306 7527. If you cannot attend but would like to donate a raffle prize, please also let me know.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): An introductory presentation on the CCRS is on Tuesday 10th September at CCF Tooting Bec and on Thursday 12th September at The Angelus Centre, Bexley Road, Erith DA8 1DN 7.30pm. Please contact ccrs@rcaos.org.uk to register your interest. Copies of the CCRS brochure are available on the table in the porch. See poster for details of the introductory evening and two of the specialist modules. For more information please contact the CCF 020 8672 7684 or office@ccftootingbec.org.uk. Details at www.ccftootingbec.org.uk. The course is an introduction to the teaching and beliefs of the Catholic Church and is managed in this Archdiocese, on behalf of the Bishop's Conference, by the Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF).

An Introduction to Canon Law: Saturdays 21st September & 5th October 10.30am – 4pm at the Centre for Catholic Formation, Tooting Bec SW17 8BS. Participants will explore the Church's law and its relationship with Scripture, Tradition and the Church's teaching. If you want to find out more or wish to register please contact ccrs@rcaos.org.uk or 020 8672 7684. Course fee £25. See poster or go to www.ccftootingbec.org.uk

An Introduction to Liturgy: Saturdays 9th & 23rd November 10.30am – 4pm at the Centre for Catholic Formation, Tooting Bec SW17 8BS. Participants will explore principles and practice of the Church's liturgy. If you want to find out more or wish to register please contact ccrs@rcaos.org.uk or 020 8672 7684. Course fee £25. See poster or go to www.ccftootingbec.org.uk

Guided Walk to see the hidden Pilgrimage treasures in Canterbury – price £10. Starting at St Nicholas Hospital, Harbledown on Thursday 13th June 1pm – 3.30pm. For more details see poster or go to <http://augustinecamino.co.uk/special-events/>

Workshop: Everything Pilgrimage at Canterbury Cathedral on Friday 14th June 9am – 5.30pm £12. From history to heritage, practical advice & discussions, come along & immerse yourself in all things pilgrimage with pilgrim experts. For more details see poster or go to <http://augustinecamino.co.uk/special-events/>

The Friars Summer Fayre Sunday 23rd June 11am – 4.30pm Adults £4.50 Under 12's Free. Featuring the spectacular Knights of the Crusade medieval re-enactment, Doctor Diablo's Circus sideshow, beer tent, numerous gift stalls, live music, dance groups, cream teas, BBQ, Pimms & prosecco and much more! Mass Relic Chapel 5pm. Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX.

World Refugee Day: Thursday 20th June. Mark the day on Kent's white cliffs coast in solidarity with refugees in Calais organised by 'People Not Walls', a partnership of organisations in France and the UK working in solidarity for the rights of refugees. Programme for the day on poster. Coach transport available. For more info see poster or contact Marie 020 7928 9742 or Domenica 07801898215.

More Dates for your Diary

13th Jun: Deanery Projects Coffee Morning after 9.30am Mass

16th Jun: Catholic History Walks: *The River & Tower* 3pm at Monument Station £5 www.catholichistorywalks.com

18th Jun: Catholic History Walks: *Richmond* 7pm meet at St Elizabeth's Church £5 www.catholichistorywalks.com

22nd Jun: CAFOD's Summer Pilgrimage 12.30pm St Francis de Sales Church, Hartley DA3 8DW

23rd Jun: Martyrs' Walk meet 1.30pm for 2pm start at St Sepulchre's Churchyard. www.catholichistorywalks.com

25th Jun: *Communicating the Word in our Communities in Preparation for the 'Year of the Word'* – a day for catechists, teachers & readers 11am – 3.30pm at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, Mayfair W1K 3AY. Bring a packed lunch. To book: admin@catholicassociationofpreachers.org.uk