

<i>MASSES:-</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Samuel, Eveline & Noel Devaux
	<i>SUNDAY</i>	9.00am	Maggie McManus - birthday
		11.00am	Jose Manuel & Jose Silva
		6.30pm	Mary James (Brett)

This afternoon we welcome Kai Simpson into the church through the sacrament of Baptism.

<i>MON</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls (Robinson)	St Peter Claver
<i>TUE</i>	9.30am	Franklin Rodrigues	
<i>WED</i>	9.30am	Souls in Purgatory	
<i>THU</i>	9.30am	John Wittebol	Most Holy Name of Mary
<i>FRI</i>	9.30am	Amanda Coutinho rip	<i>Exposition after Mass</i> St. John Chrysostom
	7.00pm	Thanksgiving Fr Romanus	
<i>SAT</i>	10.30am	Eternal Rest of Violeta Coelho	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Funeral Theresia Acha Ep. Nkea</b>	
	6.00pm	Nick Mythen rip (anniv) & Siobhan Mythen rip	
<i>SUN</i>	9.00am	Ludovico Fernandes - anniv	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C
	11.00am	Norah Gorey - anniv	
	6.30pm	People of the Parish	

**Next Sunday** at 11am Mass we welcome VE into the church through the sacrament of Baptism.

**Children's Liturgy** will begin again next Sunday at 9am Mass and run every other week for children aged 3 to 7/8yrs old. Please bring your children to the Fr Nevatt room (back of the parish hall) by 8.50am. New volunteers are welcomed – only on the rota once a month. Please contact Lorraine in the office to find out more – email: [adminparish@saintstephens.co.uk](mailto:adminparish@saintstephens.co.uk) or telephone 020 8303 4422.

**Fr Romanus:** Mass of thanksgiving will be on *Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September* at 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome. We are very grateful to Fr Romanus for his presence and his ministry in our parish over the last two years. In order to show our appreciation and gratitude a special collection is being organised. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please put your donation envelope in the collection or post through the presbytery letterbox.

**Readers:** A new rota will begin on 29<sup>th</sup> September. We would be grateful if current readers could confirm with Lorraine in the church office that they are still willing and able to continue their liturgy ministry so the rota is up to date (thank you to those readers who have already responded). New readers are always welcomed - if you would like to join this ministry please contact Lorraine in the church office and let her know your contact details and which Mass you would like to read at. Please email [adminparish@saintstephens.co.uk](mailto:adminparish@saintstephens.co.uk) or telephone 020 8303 4422.

**Deanery Developing World Group:** Thanks to your generosity we have completed seven projects since October 2018. Our AGM will be in October and any new projects will be considered. If you know of any small independent project in any country of the developing world that would benefit from a donation of £1000 please contact the church office for an application form. Forms must be returned by 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** is on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, 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.

**Many Thanks** for last Sunday's collection: £1,250.64. Today the second collection will be for the Catholic Education Service. Next week the second collection will be for Home Mission – to support the Bishop's Conference national work of evangelisation.

**Make The Most Of Your Money – Student Finances** is a leaflet for young people (and their parents!) who hope to attend university in the Autumn and focuses on basic money-handling skills. This and other leaflets in the *Managing Money* series are available for free download through the Facebook page, search 'Make the Most of Your Money'.

**The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS):** An introductory presentation on the CCRS is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at CCF Tooting Bec and on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at The Angelus Centre, Bexley Road, Erith DA8 1DN 7.30pm. Please contact [ccrs@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ccrs@rcaos.org.uk) to register your interest. 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](mailto:office@ccftootingbec.org.uk). Details at [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> September & 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ccrs@rcaos.org.uk) or 020 8672 7684. Course fee £25. See poster or go to [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk)

**An Introduction to Liturgy:** Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:ccrs@rcaos.org.uk) or 020 8672 7684. Course fee £25. See poster or go to [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk)

**Food Bank:** Needed – tinned meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, long life milk & fruit juice and toiletries. Please put your donations in the box in the porch. Many thanks for your continued generous support.

**Rock and Roll Bingo** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the parish hall. Start at 7.30pm tickets £5 each. Bingo played to music, a fun night for all ages, and cash prizes to be won. To book please contact the church office. Bring your own drinks and eats.

**McMillan Coffee Morning** on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 11am - 3pm. Come and have coffee and cake or try our lunch time sandwiches all in aid of McMillan. If you cannot attend but would like to donate a cake please contact the church office.

**SVP Dinner /Dance:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October in the parish hall 7pm – 11pm. 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 £15pp from the church office. Bring your family and friends. Donations welcomed.

**Quiz Night** in aid of the Girl Guide unit on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October in the parish hall 7.30pm start, £5 each - maximum people in a team is 8. To book a team please contact the church office. Bring your own drinks and eats.

### **More Dates for your Diary**

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Sep: Greenwich & Bexley Comm Hospice Free Will Week [communityhospice.org.uk](http://communityhospice.org.uk)

12<sup>th</sup> Sep: Deanery Projects Coffee Morning after 9.30am Mass

21<sup>st</sup> Sep: Bexley Interfaith Social Event 6.30pm at Kemnal Park Cemetery BR7 6RR. [www.bexleyinterfaithforum.org](http://www.bexleyinterfaithforum.org)

28<sup>th</sup> Sep: *A Day with Mary* at English Martyrs Church, Strood 9.15am [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: *A Day with Mary* at St Mary of the Crays, Crayford [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)

9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Southwark Spirit Comm 10.30am–3.30pm St John Fisher Bexley '*Your Word is Life*' [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk)

9<sup>th</sup> Nov: *A Day with Mary* at Westminster Cathedral, London [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Raymond Friel – parish study day 10.30am in the hall.

30<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parish Christmas Bazaar 11am – 1pm in the parish hall.

7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Study Day: '*Year of the Word*' - '*The Gospel and its place in our daily lives*' by David Wells 10.30am – 3pm at St Stephen's, Welling.