Special dates—May 2008

As Easter comes to an end the 'Ascent' of Jesus to the Father in Heaven and the Descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles marks the challenge for the Church to continue Christ's work.

- 1st St Joseph the Worker
- 3rd Philip and James *Apostles*
- 4th The Ascension of the Lord
- 5th Altar servers rally at Aylesford Bank Holiday
- 10th Day for Readers at Erith
- 11th **Pentecost Whit Sunday** solemnity Paschaltide ends
- 14st Ordinary Time sixth week II St Mathias apostle
- 18th Trinity Sunday
- 24th Commissioning and renewal of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at Aylesford
- 25th Corpus Christi
- 27th St Augustine of Canterbury *Diocesan feast*
- 30th The Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 31st The Visitation

What is.....

fulfilling the precept of Holy Communion? A requirement for practising Catholics is that they should go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive Holy Communion at least once a year, and that at Easter or thereabouts. This time period has been set as the period from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. How many times can we receive Holy Communion on the same day? The holy Eucharist may be received a second time only while participating in a Eucharistic celebration.

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Deanery Notices

For Bexley"

Newsletter of events in RC Deanery of Bexley Archdiocese of Southwark

After Pentecost the rhythm of the Church clicks back into Ordinary Time (Summer) and the Green Vestments are worn again. As the weather warms up pilgrimages and outdoor activities encourage us to visit the shrines and grottoes again. We are fortunate to have places like Aylesford and Walsingham available to visit alone or in a group, for a day or a retreat.

Day of Reflection for parents and carers of people with disabilities

Wednesday 7 May (10.30am –2.00pm) At Hartley Hall, Culverley Rd SE6 2LD Give names to your Parish Priest as soon as possible or contact Mary CEC 020 8672 2422

Mass for New Catholics
Saturday 17 May 11.00am
St George's Cathedral
An opportunity to gather with the Diocese to celebrate shared experience of the Eucharist

Deanery Day of Recollection for Readers at Erith on Saturday 10th May

Novena to the Holy Spirit

At 7.30pm on Friday 2nd May to Saturday 10th May at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Blackfen *Note - 8pm on Thursday 8th May*

The Life of Christ

A Deanery Outing to Wintershall nr Guildford
On 28th June 2008
Entrance and coach £22.50
Leave Bexleyheath 7.30am - return 6.30pm
An open-air play in 3 acts follows Christ from
His Nativity to the Resurrection
A cast of 100's with animals in a 30 acre site
Details from Parish DPC rep or Pauline 01322 553928
www.wintershall-estate.com

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people offers links, events and ideas for youth

groups and young adults.

www.lourdes-france.org

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