

Special dates– September 2008

The year dedicated to St Paul

- 3rd St Gregory the Great *Diocesan feast*
- 4th St Cuthbert
- 8th Birth of Mary *patron of Europe*
- 14th **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
- 24th Our Lady of Walsingham
- 29th Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels

What is.....

The Christian Unity Commission?

Since the changes introduced at Vatican II, the Church has looked for ways to work closer with the other Christian denominations. The term ‘ecumenism’ has been used for this mission in the Catholic Church as a response to Jesus’ prayer to the Father ‘that they may be one’. To facilitate this effort the Bishops Conference in England and Wales encouraged each diocese to establish a body or forum able to promote and improve relationships and co-operation with other Christians especially in formation, outreach and evangelisation. The CUC in Southwark works with Churches Together groups, the Bishops Conference and other Christian bodies to embed ‘working toward Unity’ into all aspects of the life of Catholic community. Look for the bulletin ‘Together in Christ’, which contains news, events and personal witness with a unified touch.

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Deanery Notices

For Bexley”

Newsletter of events in RC Deanery of Bexley

Archdiocese of Southwark

Everyone back to work!

The schools are open again and some of our children are anxious as they move into a new environment with fresh challenges and new friendships to make. For others university or a trade may beckon.

Most of our parishes will be offering courses and instruction starting this month. These may include learning about the Catholic Church for those wanting to be baptised or received into Communion from another church. Café and ‘Landings’ are other courses for those returning to the church or for deeper study. Many of these courses need the support of committed people to befriend and accompany those on the course. It may be someone to make teas or to tell their story as witness to their own journey of Faith. Our duty to love our neighbour involves helping and encouraging the mission of the church to take Jesus to others and bring them to Faith in Him. If your parish doesn’t have a course on offer, why not ask your parish priest if you could take some training as a Catechist. Once trained you will be equipped to help in the serious Mission we are all expected to support.

MISSA CANTATA on Saturday 6 September at 10.30am at
Our Lady of the Rosary Blackfen Memorial Mass for Fr
Patrick Bailey

The Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian chants followed by
Benediction. Confessions from 11

No other news sent in so keep up
to date with changes by visiting
the website. You only need to
Google 'bexleydeanery' to find it

See on the Web

www.bexleydeanery.org.uk

*the official website for the Catholic
Churches in the Bexley area. Links to each
parish and the Dean's blog*

www.motherteresa.org

*for the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Center.
Prayers, history, testimonies, photos*

www.sidcupchurches.com

*the Churches Together in Sidcup webpage
with calendar of events, articles and links to
the churches in the Sidcup area*

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parish@stjv.org.uk www.stjohnvianney-bexleyheath.org

Our Lady of the Rosary Blackfen 020 83002697
rosary@freeuk.com www.rosary.freeuk.com

St Thomas More Bostal Park 020 83032189

St Mary of the Crays Old Road Crayford 01322 523492
www.rc.net/southwark/stmarycrays

Our Lady of the Angels Bexley Road Erith 01322 402060
Fax 01322 402061 ola@btinternet.com

www.our-lady-of-angels.org.uk

St Lawrence of Canterbury Sidcup 020 83002480

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