

Special dates– May 2009
The year dedicated to St Paul

- 1st St Joseph the Workman
4th English Martyrs *Diocesan Feast*
13th Our Lady of Fatima
14th St matthias *Apostle Feast*
24th **Ascension** *Feast of the Lord*
27th Augustine of Canterbury *Diocesan Feast*
28th St John Vianney Bexleyheath consecrated 1975
31st **Pentecost** Easter Season Ends Ordinary Time continues

Diocesan News

‘Celebrate Love’ has a non-residential weekend for married couples to help them rekindle their passion and joy of being ‘in love’. Led by married couples it explores practical and spiritual aspects of relationship and intimacy. Suitable for couples of all ages, it is presented in the context of the Catholic faith, though all faiths are welcome. Book places for West Malling on 6-7 June or information 020 7931 6064 or www.rcdow/celebratelove

Christian Education Centre Tooting Bec News

New Catholics Mass Sat 16 May at St George’s Cathedral 11am
Diocese Celebration ‘Year of Paul’ 27 June The Friars 11am
RCIA Study Day ‘One of Us’ 13 June CEC 10-4pm £30 each or £50 per parish details Martin.Foster@cbcew.org.uk
‘Confident in our Faith’ 4 pillars of Faith course through the year Sessions at CEC £10 each. Mary Boley CEC 020 8672 7684

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Deanery Notices

For Bexley”

Newsletter of events in RC Deanery of Bexley

Archdiocese of Southwark

Pope Benedict XVI has declared that a special year for priests will start on 19 June 2009 to 19 June 2010. He said it was precisely to encourage priests in this striving for spiritual perfection on which, above all, the effectiveness of their ministry depends. The year marks the 150th Anniversary of the ‘Curé of Ars’, St John Vianney. Benedict stressed the need to form candidates to the priesthood. “The centrality of Christ leads to a correct valuation of priestly ministry, without which there would be no Eucharist, nor even the mission, nor the Church”.

A full text is at the Vatican Information Service on the Vatican website
Link from rcsouthwark.org.uk site

Vatican speeches March 2009 ‘to participants in the plenary assembly of the Congregation for the Clergy March 16 2009

Lesnes Abbey Annual Procession

With Bexley and Greenwich Deaneries

On the feast of Corpus Christi

**14 June 3pm at Lesnes Abbey ruins
with a Renewal of Commitment for Special
Ministers of Holy Communion**

50th Jubilee Open Day

St John Vianney Heathfield Rd Bexleyheath

On 9 May 10am to 4pm

There will be an exhibition at Bexleyheath Library until 5th May showing the parish's history and place in the local community

Prayer Group welcomes new members

A charismatic prayer group has started at St Lawrence's Community Centre, Hamilton Rd Sidcup (beside the church). Mondays 8-9pm new members welcome to come and see. Tony 020 8300 6656

Website www.bexleydeanery.org.uk

post your comments and news to the subscribers

See on the Web

www.sdc.me.uk for Catholic school and parish resources especially for children and young people
www.ascentmovement.org.uk promotes parish based groups for those of middle and later years offering spirituality, friendship and mission. Non-Catholics

welcomed as full members. Home members are also supported by the local group.

Parishes in Bexley Deanery

St John Fisher Bexley 01322 524813

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www.freewebs.com/stjohnfisherchurch

St John Vianney Bexleyheath 020 83031957

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 Bostall Park 020 83032189

St Mary of the Crays Old Road Crayford 01322 523492

www.stmarycrays.org.uk

Our Lady of the Angels Bexley Road Erith 01322 402060

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

St Lawrence of Canterbury Sidcup 020 83002480

Fax 020 8308 9880 saintlawrence@hotmail.co.uk

www.rc.net/uk/southwark/stlawrence

St Stephen's Deepdene Road Welling 020 83034422

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