



*St Mary of the Crays  
Catholic Church*

## **YEAR OF MERCY**

### **Mass is celebrated**

9:15am on Monday -Friday

Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am (with  
children's liturgy)

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### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm

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### **Parish office**

9:30am-11:30am, Monday,  
Wednesday, Friday

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### **Parish School**

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<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (C)</b>	<b>Jer. 1: 4-5, 17-19; Ps 70; 1 Cor. 12: 31 - 13: 13; Lk 4: 21-30</b>	
<b>Feria</b> Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	6:30pm	Private Intention
<b>Feria</b> Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	8:30am	Jean Jossa RIP (Hughes)
	10:30am	For the People
<b>Feria</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2016	9:15am	Norah Rose Holmes RIP and Novena
<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016	9:15am	Les Cope RIP (Cope)
<b>Feria</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2016	9:15am	Charlotte Dalley (Gillespie)
<b>Feria</b> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	9:15am	Private Intention
<b>Saint Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	9:15am	Private Intention followed by Exposition
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (C)</b>	<b>Is. 6: 1-8; Ps 137; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Lk 5: 1-11</b>	
<b>Feria</b> Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	12pm	Baptism of Evie Jesse Lee
	6:30pm	For the People
<b>Feria</b> Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	8:30am	Private Intention
	10:30am	George Aprahamian RIP (Saunders)
	12pm	Baptism of Jeffrey Ray Anand

### **Anniversaries of Death**

William Looker, Elsie and Herbert Parker, Harry Murrell, Charles Foley, Laraine Selwood Taylor, Christina Gleeson, Sister Harrison, Ellie Hesslon, Mary Houlahan, Bridie Griffin, Violet Coward, Leslie Cope, Charlie Riley, John Lynch, George Fielder, John Goffrey, Peter Berzolla, John Gavin, Henry Finch. †

### **The greatest gift is love**

We are a people not only of faith and hope but especially of love. Love is the greatest gift which the spirit of Christ gives to the members of his Church. This gift is also given to those outside the Church and for this we should thank God. Love breaks down human barriers and divisions. Love will bring about Christian unity and greater Christian witness if we are open to the spirit.

### **Collections**

Gift Aid: £475.00; Cash: £280.00

Racial Justice: Gift Aid: £53.00; Cash: £132.00

**The Building Fund total** is currently £3,267.00

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

## **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

There will be blessing of candles in the hall followed by procession to the Church for the Mass.

**Lenten Schedule:** The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday, which is a day of fast and abstinence. There will be two Masses at 9.15am and 8pm and the ashes will be blessed during the Mass.

Stations of the Cross will take place from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February after 9.15 Mass and also on Friday evenings, commencing 12<sup>th</sup> February, at 8.30pm every week during Lent.

**Second Collection: Next weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> February 2016** there will be a second collection for Poor Parishes which enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

Gift Aiders can use the special envelopes available at the back of the Church. Please ensure that you put your Gift Aid number on this envelope.

## **Young People in Secondary School**

We need young people from our parish to join other young people for a deanery youth event. **When:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 5pm. **Where:** St. Stephen's, Welling. **What's happening:** You've seen it on the TV now, this is for you "Q & A" with a knowledgeable host. A panel of young people and questions from you, the audience. Then an opportunity to share in the Youth Mass with lots of other young people, making it your own special Mass. Please see the entrance area for more information or contact Bernice McKie on 01322 227812 or [bernicemckie@aol.co.uk](mailto:bernicemckie@aol.co.uk).

## **Year of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage**

If you are interested in taking part in St Mary's Pilgrimage to St Georges on 19<sup>th</sup> March as advertised in last week's newsletter, please sign up on the list provided on the notice board so that we can book the coach according to numbers. For more details please see Fr. Ignatius or contact Josie Coward on 01322 272934. Thank you.

## **Family Fast Day**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 is Family Fast Day. Let us make a special effort on this day to focus our attention on the poor and needy in the world. In our modern world we can easily witness much poverty, suffering, malnourishment, disease and so many people suffering needlessly. Do consider donating money saved by your fasting to CAFOD who helps to alleviate many of these needs.

**Lectio Divina:** Prayer Group has now resumed. We meet Mondays at 7.30pm in the reception area where we read the Gospel of the forthcoming Sunday and this is followed by a silent period of prayer, (Lectio Divina). To find out more contact Barry O'Sullivan on 01322 554041 or Josie Coward on 01322 272934 or just come along, everyone very welcome. Thank you.

### **Parish Visitation by Area Bishop**

Bishop Patrick Lynch will be coming to St. Mary of the Crays on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 for his Parish Visitation as follows: -

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April visiting the schools and meeting with the head teachers

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>/Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting some key parishioners

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation during 6.30pm Mass and preaching at the Sunday morning Masses.

**Book Club:** We continue on our journey of discovery of our Catholic faith with two small booklets from the CTS collection: 'Corporal Works of Mercy' and 'Spiritual Works of Mercy'. For more information contact Barry O'Sullivan on 01322 554041 or Josie Coward on 01322 272934 or just come along. We meet next on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to discuss these two titles at 8.00pm in the reception Area. Everyone welcome. Thank you.

### **St Mary's Social Club**

**Membership Renewal:** Membership cards are now available for you to collect from Trish during Social Club opening hours or you can collect your card from a member of the Committee after the Masses on the weekends of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February. Membership renewal is now £5.00 per member and your new card is valid until March 2020.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Family Bingo Night starts at 8.00 pm

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** St. Patrick's Day event. Music from Emerald Disco and a Bacon and Cabbage Lunch; 12.00 to 4.00pm

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** St George's Day Quiz and Fish 'n' Chip Supper starting at 8.30pm.

**More information to be announced prior to each event**

### **Churches Together in Crayford: Lent Lunches**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at St Mary of the Crays Church Hall for 12:30

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at Crayford Baptist Church -Lunch at 12:30. However, the church will be open from 11:00 to 12:30 for a Lenten Prayer Journey: participants will be invited to engage with a number of Prayer Stations individually and at their own pace.