



*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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm

Parish office

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

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5th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)	Is. 6: 1-8; Ps 137; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Lk 5: 1-11	
Saturday 6 th February 2016	6:30pm	For the People
Sunday 7 th February 2016	8:30am	Private Intention
	10:30am	George Aprahamian RIP (Saunders)
	12:00pm	Baptism of Jeffrey Ray Anand
Monday 8 th February 2016 (Feria)	9:15am	Sinead Hickey (Francis) followed by Novena
Tuesday 9 th February 2016 (Feria)	9:15am	Private Intention
Ash Wednesday	8:30am	Exposition
Wednesday 10 th February 2016	9:15am	Rev. Edmund Carroll RIP F - St. Joseph's School in attendance
	8:00pm	Private Intention
Our Lady of Lourdes	10:30am	Exposition
Thursday 11 th February 2016	11:00am	Barbara Barker (Barker)
Friday 12 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am	Exposition
	9:15am	Albert Barker (Barker)
	8:30pm	Stations of the Cross
1st Sunday of Lent (C)	Deut. 26: 4-10; Ps 90; Rom. 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13	
Saturday 13 th February 2016	6:30pm	For the People
Sunday 14 th February 2016	8:30am	Frederick and Violet Coward (Coward)
	10:30am	Private Intention

Anniversaries of Death

Patrick Foley, Albert Cowdell, John Harrington, Peg Wills, Daniel Dunning, Robert Russell, Rev. Edmund Carroll, Thomas Coligan, Winifred Joyce, William Leahy, Patrick Leahy, Hildegarde Bertram, John William Milburn "Bill". †

The Lord hears our voice

In the midst of all our troubles God hears us and will lead us into a promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow him. There is no temptation which cannot be overcome if we are open to the spirit who tells us Jesus is Lord whom God raised from the dead. God, through the risen Jesus, is always with us just as in the Old Testament he rescued the Jews out of their bondage in Egypt.

Collections

Gift Aid: £371.00; Cash: £149.00

The Building Fund total is currently £3,267.00

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Second Collections

This weekend 6th/7th February there is a second collection for Poor Parishes which enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

Next weekend 13th/14th February there will be a second collection for the Building Fund.

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.

The Season of Lent:

“The purpose of Lent is to open our hearts to the life-giving grace and mercy of God who will reveal to us the truth about ourselves, our motives, and our priorities in life. All that we do in Lent, our prayer, our fasting and our almsgiving are means to this end – not ends in themselves. The end and purpose of Lent is to grow closer to God our Father, to appreciate how much he loves us, and to allow God’s grace to change us for the better.

My dear brothers and sisters, during this Lent let’s ask God’s help to look at ourselves with great honesty, confident that he loves us just as we are, and that he will always show us his mercy and compassion as, with the help of his grace, our lives will be changed for the better. Each day of Lent, may our prayer be this: ‘Lord, open my ears that I may hear; open my eyes that I may see; open my heart and rekindle within it the fire of your love’” – **Archbishop Peter Smith, Pastoral Letter (Lent 2016)**

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday, 10th February (a day of fast and abstinence): Mass and distribution of ashes: 9.15am and 8pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8.30am every weekday during Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday mornings after Mass beginning on the 17th February and **Friday evenings**, commencing on 12th February at 8.30pm.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of the Sick: 11th February

In commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with Mass on Thursday, 11th Friday at 11am. All are warmly welcome. Could parishioners who may need a lift contact Fr Ignatius or the parish office.

Young People in Secondary School

We need young people from our parish to join other young people for a Deanery youth event. **When:** Sunday 21st 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.

Year of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage

If you are interested in taking part in St Mary's Pilgrimage to St Georges on 19th 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. We will depart from here at 9.45am and leave the Cathedral at 3.45pm. For more details please see Fr. Ignatius or contact Josie Coward on 01322 272934. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Church Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Church Council on Tuesday 9th February 2016. If there are any matters that you would like considered during the meeting, could you please notify these in writing through the suggestion box at the entrance of the Church.

Family Fast Day

Friday 19th 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 22nd, 23rd and 24th April 2016 on Parish Visitation. Further details to be announced nearer the time.

Food Bank Update

Thank you all very much for your continued support of Food Bank. We have had a recent communication from the Food Bank manager. Firstly, she also sends her grateful thanks for your donations and has given us an update of the most needed items. These are displayed on the boxes in the reception area. She has also given us a list of food items where they have large amounts in storage following a bumper Harvest and Christmas appeals and they have asked if we could refrain from donating these items at present. A list of these is also attached to the food box. Thank you for your generosity.

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 6th/7th and 13th/14th February. Membership renewal is now £5.00 per member and your new card is valid until March 2020.

Saturday 13th February: Family Bingo Night starts at 8.00 pm

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

Saturday 23rd 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 13th February at St Mary of the Crays Church Hall for 12:30

Saturday 12th 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.