



*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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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
Monday 15 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention followed by Novena
Tuesday 16 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention
Wednesday 17 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention followed by Stations of the Cross
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross
Thursday 18 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention
CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 19 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Bill and Eileen Snelders RIP F
2nd Sunday of Lent (C)	Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18; Ps 26; Phil 3: 17 - 4: 1; Lk 9: 28-36	
Saturday 20 th February 2016	6:30pm	For the People
Sunday 21 st February 2016	8:30am	Josie Tremain (Tremain)
	10:30am	Private Intention

Anniversaries of Death

Kitty Clemas, James Durkin, James Talty, Frederick Talbot, Kathleen Gillespie, Jimmie Gately, Mavis Toomey, John O'Brien, Paul Ward, Francis Murray, William and Emily Field, Terence Picking, Teresa Lynch, Patrick Connolly. †

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: £399.00; Cash: £189.00
Poor Parishes: Gift Aid: £130.00; Cash: £ 110.00

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

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Second Collection

This weekend 13th/14th February there is 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

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

Stations of the Cross: *Wednesday mornings* after Mass and ***Wednesday evenings***, at 7.30pm.

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.

Year of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage to St. George’s Cathedral

Thank you to all those who have registered to take part in St Mary’s Pilgrimage to St George’s Cathedral on the 19th March. We have 34 pilgrims so far. The coach will accommodate 49-53 places so there are 15-19 spaces still left if there is anyone who still wishes to register. 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.

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.

Lectio Divina

Prayer Group meets on 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.

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 this weekend. Membership renewal is now £5.00 per member and your new card is valid until March 2020.

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

100 Club Winners

19: Siobhan Youngs; **30:** Anne Russell

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.

Playgroup Craft Fair: Saturday 27th February 2016

The Playgroup are having a Craft Fair on Saturday 27th February.

To raise money for parish funds, we will be having a Tombola stall at the fair. If anyone has any new gifts appropriate for the Tombola, please leave them in the reception area.

For any further information, please contact me on 01322 529638.

Many thanks. Bernadette Hughes

Churches Together in Crayford: Lent Lunches

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.