



*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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3rd Sunday of Lent (C)	Exod. 3: 1-8, 13-15; Ps 102; 1 Cor. 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9	
Saturday 27 th February 2016	6:30pm	For the People
Sunday 28 th February 2016	8:30am	Private Intention
	10:30am	Andy Bradley RIP (Bradley)
	12:00pm	Baptism of Daniel Gaffney
Monday 29 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Thanksgiving (Conlon) followed by Novena
St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales Tuesday 1 st March 2016	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Marion Gillespie (McKie)
Wednesday 2 nd March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am 7:30pm	Exposition Tom O'Hare RIP (Homer and Magee) followed by Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Thursday 3 rd March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Fred Miller RIP (Hull)
24 Hours for the Lord and Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 4 th March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Mary Kelly (Youngs) St. Joseph's Yr. 1 and Yr. 4 attending
4th Sunday of Lent (C)	Josh 5: 9-12; Ps 33; 2 Cor. 5: 17-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32	
Saturday 5 th March 2016	9:00am	Mass to conclude 24 Hours for the Lord
	6:30pm	Private Intention
Sunday 6 th March 2016	8:30am	For the People
	10:30am	Jean Jossa (Coward)

Anniversaries of Death

Andrew Bradley, Michael Hoey, Dennis Hughes, John McGinty, Sarah Mitchem, Henry Hoskins, Ellen Estherby, Ruth Looker, Edwin Brown, John Rayner, L. Bourke, Danny Boshell, Brendan Hession, Sidney Davies, Patricia Hine, Margaret Macklin, Jill Sweby, Michael Clinton, Fred Miller, Michael Gaffney, Luigi Cascarini. †

God said: "I am who I am"

God the creator of all things is faithful to his word. He is the one who acts, who intervenes in our lives, so that we turn to him in repentance. Despite God's goodness to the Jews in the desert many of them fell away from their belief. The events that happened to them in the Old Testament are a warning to us lest we make the same mistakes.

Collections

Gift Aid: £471.00; Cash: £216.00

The Building Fund total is currently **£3,702.00**

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Mary Tobin RIP May She Rest in Peace †

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Tobin of 74 Dale Road, Crayford who died on the 22nd February 2016. Funeral details to follow.

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 *in the evenings at 7.30pm.*

Parish Surgery commences 1st March 2016

I will be available in the new Parish Lounge every Tuesday evening from 7-8pm to receive parishioners and to treat matters that may require my attention. No prior appointment is necessary. Fr. Ignatius.

Day Off

Fr. Ignatius will not be available after Mass on Thursdays from 1st March 2016.

24 Hours for the Lord (Eucharistic Exposition) Friday/Saturday 4th/5th March 2016

Pope Francis has asked that all Catholic Churches hold this event annually, and that it should include the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We will begin it here in our Parish with Exposition at 8.30am on Friday 4th and conclude with Mass at 9am on Saturday, 5th March. Confession will be available before the Mass, from 8am.

A form has been prepared to arrange cover for the Church over the 24 hour period. Please could as many parishioners as possible sign up– if you can’t cover an hour then half an hour would be fine.

Mothering Sunday: 6th March 2016

Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday in Lent since at least the 16th century. Mothering Sunday is a chance to say thanks for all the things our mothers do for us.

This is the most special day for celebrating the life and love which mothers give to their children

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

Thank you to 39 pilgrims who have registered so far to take part in Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to St George's Cathedral on the 19th March. There are 10-14 spaces still left if there is anyone who still wishes to register. If you would like to take part, please sign up on the sheets provided on the notice board at the Church entrance. For more details please see Fr. Ignatius or contact Josie Coward on 01322 272934. Thank you.

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.

Gift Aid Boxes for 2016/2017

I have received the new Gift Aid boxes starting from the **10th April**, and I propose to make them available for you to collect early in March, **probably starting on Saturday 13th March**.

I am making this early start so that you have plenty of time to get your new boxes before your present ones finish.

May I ask you all please to do your best to collect these boxes **before 5th April**. I will have them on display in the Church Hall so you can pick them up as you enter.

If anyone would like to get their boxes earlier, please let me know. You can contact me at Church, or on 07842966681.

Thank you all for your generous donations to St. Mary's through our Parish Gift Aid Scheme. Peter Phillips

St Mary's Social Club forthcoming events

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 forthcoming events

Friday 4th March: Women's World Day of Prayer at Crayford Baptist Church at 8pm

Saturday 12th March: Lent Lunch 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.