



*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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<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)</b>	<b>Josh 5: 9-12; Ps 33; 2 Cor. 5: 17-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32</b>	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	6:30pm	Private Intention
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	8:30am	For the People
	10:30am	Jean Jossa (Coward)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Maureen Gatrell RIP followed by Novena
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Kitty Birrane (McGrath)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am  7:30pm	Exposition Private Intention followed by Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention St. Joseph's Yr. 2 and Yr. 5 attending
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)</b>	<b>Is 43: 16-21; Ps 125; Phil 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11</b>	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	12:00pm	Baptism of Adam Blakesley
	6:30pm	For the People
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	8:30am	Private Intention
	10:30am	Fiona Plunkett RIP (Davies)

### **Anniversaries of Death**

W. McHugh, Louise Herreng, Ethel Davis, Harry Sparrowhawk, Thomas Caraccio, Helen Bye, George Ward, Michael Teal, Sara Fisher, Irene Small, Joseph Cerutti, Maureen Gatrell, Charles Cooper, Edith Looker, Dick Whyte, Francis Lintott, Daniel O'Halloran, William Griffith, Maria Theaves, Albert Winterton, Reg Clemas, Edward O'Loughlin, Billy Chandler, John Hennessy, Margaret Hoey, Miriam Nutt, Amy Gumm. †

### **God reconciles us to himself in Christ**

Christ is our new creation. In him we are reborn. When we were dead through sin Christ came to reconcile us to the Father. Now we are ambassadors for Christ and are privileged to proclaim the Good News. Christ takes away our shame if only we will return to the Father's house as prodigal children confessing our weakness and waywardness.

#### **Collections**

Gift Aid: £437.00; Cash: £177.00

**The Building Fund** total is currently **£3,807.00**

***Thank you all very much for your generosity.***

**Mary Bridget Tobin RIP May She Rest in Peace †** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Bridget Tobin of 74 Dale Road, Crayford who died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016. The Funeral will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 11am followed by Burial at St. Paulinus Cemetery at 12 noon.

**Next weekend 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March** 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**

**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.*

### **Mothering Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

I would like to wish a happy Mothering Sunday to all Grandmothers, Mothers and Mothers to be in the Parish. Father Ignatius

### **Parish Surgery**

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 now be available after Mass on Thursdays

### **Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Sacristans**

In preparation for Holy Week/Easter Triduum, a meeting for all Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Sacristans will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm** in the Reception area. Please, may all concerned make every effort to attend. Thank you.

### **Refurbishments of Downstairs Toilet Facilities**

Now the reception area has been refurbished, we now move on to the next stage, which is to refurbish the toilets and shower room on the ground floor. The toilets will have all existing fixtures removed to be replaced with new ones. The walls will also be tiled and the floors will have new covering. The shower room is to be refurbished and will become the new Parish Repository. All this work will begin on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and will take 2-3 weeks to complete. **Meanwhile please use the toilet facilities upstairs.** Thank you.

### **News of our First Communion Candidates**

This weekend our First Communion candidates have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please remember them all in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey. They will be receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in June. The children are continuing their preparation for this Sacrament on alternate Sundays in the social room. Please also pray for their families and catechists. Thank you.

John, Dianne, Theresa, Monica, Bernadette and Anne (First Communion Catechists)

### **Tombola**

Thank you to all who donated prizes for the Tombola at the Playgroup Craft Fair on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We raised £105.00 for the Building Fund. Thank you. Bernadette Hughes.

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

Thank you to the 41 pilgrims who have registered so far to take part in Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to St George's Cathedral on the 19<sup>th</sup> March. There are still about 10 spaces left if there is anyone who still wishes to register. 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.

### **Gift Aid Boxes for 2016/2017**

I have received the new Gift Aid boxes starting from the **10<sup>th</sup> April**, and I propose to make them available for you to collect early in March, **probably starting on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March**

St. Patrick's Day event; 12.00 to 4.00pm.

Music from Emerald Disco and a Bacon and Cabbage Lunch to be served in the

Church Hall between 1.30-2.30pm; Tickets: £10; Children (12 and under) £5

Tickets Also available from Trish in the bar. Last date to buy tickets Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

St George's Day Quiz and Fish 'n' Chip Supper starting at 8.30pm.

More information to follow.

### **Churches Together in Crayford forthcoming events**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.