



*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 of Lent (C)	Josh 5: 9-12; Ps 33; 2 Cor. 5: 17-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32	
Saturday 12 th March 2016	6:30pm	For the People
Sunday 13 th March 2016	8:30am	Private Intention
	10:30am	Fiona Plunkett RIP (Davies)
Monday 14 th March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Costello Family (Youngs) followed by Novena
Tuesday 15 th March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am 11:00am 7:00pm	Exposition Mary Bridget Tobin RIP Funeral Service of Mary Bridget Tobin Mass for Deceased Blackheath and Chislehurst Catenians
Wednesday 16 th March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am 7:30pm	Exposition Sheila Flanagan RIP (Flanagan) followed by Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland Thursday 17 th March 2016	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention
Friday 18 th March 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Albert South and Winn Miller RIP F
Holy Week Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)	Is 50: 4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2: 6-11; Lk 22: 14-23: 56	
Saturday 19 th March 2016	6:30pm	For the People
Sunday 20 th March 2016	8:30am	Private Intention
	10:30am	Mary Day RIP (Whelan)

Anniversaries of Death

Brian Shandley, Arthur Gillespie, William Scanlon, William Handford, Mary Donnelly, William Ryan, Len Williams, Arthur Wilkinson, Winn Miller, Elizabeth Mullane, Fr. Vivian St. Clare Hill, Kathleen Boulding, Albert South, Mary Kenneally. †

The Lord who forgives

Christ came to show compassion and forgiveness for sinners. He condemned sin but let the woman guilty of adultery go free with the reminder that she was to sin no more. None of us is perfect since we can only hope that we will be saved. We suffer in this life but we can accept the loss of everything as so much rubbish if only we can have Christ and be given a share in his resurrection. In this way God, through Christ, is doing something new and is calling us from sinfulness to a life of service.

Collections

Gift Aid: £403.00; Cash: £150.00

The Building Fund total is currently **£3,807.00**
Thank you all very much for your generosity.

This weekend 12th/13th March 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.

No Parish Surgery this Tuesday because we have a Mass for Deceased Catenians at 7pm.

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.*

Holy Week and Easter Triduum Programme of Services will be available for collection at the end of Masses this weekend. Please may every family take a copy. You may also collect a copy for neighbours and friends.

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 14th March at 8pm** in the Reception area. Please, may all concerned make every effort to attend. Thank you.

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

There are still 6 spaces left if anyone would still like to register to take part in the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to St George’s Cathedral on the 19th March. Please contact Josie Coward on 01322 272934.

100 Club Winners

1. Father Brendan; 81. Sue Towers

The 100 Club is a great way of raising funds for the parish so if you would like to join then please see Jim Saunders.

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 29th March and will take 2-3 weeks to complete. **Meanwhile please use the toilet facilities upstairs.** Thank you.

