



*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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Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Ps 29; Apoc. 5: 11-14; Jn. 21: 1-19

Saturday 9th April 2016

6:30pm: For the People

Sunday 10th April 2016

8:30am: Private Intention

10:30am: Jim McGrory RIP (McGrory)

Monday 11th April 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Kirsty Evans RIP (Evans)

followed by Novena

Tuesday 12th April 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Jerome Manuel Desouza RIP

(Desouza)

Wednesday 13th April 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Patricia Hanrahan (Staunton)

Thursday 14th April 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Eugene Cusack RIP (Youngs)

Friday 15th April 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Kazimierz Wiedeholtz RIP

(Connor) followed by Exposition

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Ps 99; Apoc. 7: 9, 14-17; Jn. 10: 27-30

Saturday 16th April 2016

6:30pm: Sheila and Tom Flanagan

RIP (Flanagan)

Sunday 17th April 2016

8:30am: Margaret Coligan RIP

(McKie)

10:30am: For the People

Anniversaries of Death

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Eileen Churchill, Fr. Tony Lawson, Baby Kirsty Evans, Gladys Keens, Monica O'Neill, Rose Locke, Violet O'Neil, James Taylor, Nancy Lester, Dennis Kenneally, Cyril Jenkins, Lilian Bryan, Bennie Curran, Eileen McMahon, Baby Bridie Stuchbury, Ivan Taylor, Edward Cox, Tom Byrne, Ada and Frank Daletta✠

We are witnesses to the resurrection

The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection. He is the lamb to whom all praise, honour, glory and power must be given for ever and ever. We will suffer opposition and misunderstanding because of our belief but Christ is always with us once we dare to follow him.

Collections

Gift Aid: £420.00; Cash: £157.00

The Building Fund total is currently **£4,407.00**

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Parish Surgery will resume on the 12th April between 7-8pm.

Because of the refurbishments in the reception area the Surgery will be held this week in the Presbytery, 111 Old Road.

Second Collections

This weekend 9th/10th April 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.

Next weekend 16th/17th April there will be a second collection for Ecclesiastical Education. This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

The Liturgy of the Word at Mass

The Liturgy of the Word is a very important part of the Eucharistic celebration. Its main part is made up of readings from Sacred Scripture, while the Homily, the Creed and the Universal (bidding) Prayer develop and conclude it. In it God speaks to us through the Scriptures, preparing us to encounter Jesus in a special way at the *Breaking of the Bread* during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. And so it is very important for us to be attentive and reflective during the readings. To encourage this, the following changes to our mode of celebration of this part of the Mass will come into effect as from next weekend: -

1. **Short pauses after the first and second readings:** there will be a pause for silent reflection before the Responsorial Psalm or the Gospel Acclamation.
2. **Responsorial Psalm:** the reader will read the Psalm verses while all listen meditatively, and give the response at the end of each stanza as prescribed in the Mass Book. This means that the current practice of reading the Psalm in chorus will hereby be discontinued.

Parish Visitation by Area Bishop

Bishop Patrick Lynch will be coming to St. Mary of the Crays on the 21st, 23rd and 24th April. The itinerary for his visit is as follows: -

- **Thursday 21st April:** visiting the Schools within the Parish
- **Saturday 23rd April:**
 - **12 noon:** Mass at LSU
 - **3.30-4.30pm:** Meeting with the children
 - **6.30pm:** Bishop Lynch will be presiding over the Mass
 - **7.30-9pm:** Meeting with parishioners in the hall
- **Sunday 24th April:**
 - **8.30am:** Bishop Lynch will be preaching at this Mass
 - **10:30am:** Bishop Lynch will be presiding over the Mass
 - **After 10.30 Mass,** there will be a Reception in the hall; bring and share.

Lectio Divina: The prayer group takes place on Monday evenings 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 Aiders: Thank you all for your generous donations to St. Mary's through our Parish Gift Aid scheme. Due to changes in all taxpayer's personal allowances in the new Tax year, it is very important that you ensure the donations you make to St. Mary's, and any other charity, through your Gift Aid membership does not exceed the total amount of Tax you yourself pay on all your income from all taxed sources. If, during the year ahead any Gift Aiders are not sure of the total donations they have made to date I will be quite happy to provide you with this information. Please contact me if you would like to have any more information regarding the working of our Gift Aid scheme. **May I please remind you that the Gift Aid boxes for 2016/2017 are available for collection in the hall.** Thank you.
Peter Phillips 07842 966681

100 Club Winners: 50: Joe Horner; **36:** Bernadette Youngs

If you would like to become a member of the 100 Club, please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way of raising funds for the parish and the building fund. Your continued support is very greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Mass in celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage
at St George's Cathedral on 18th June 2016**

If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th / 25th / 40th / 50th / 60th + wedding anniversary this year, please give your names on the form provided and write very clearly so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. The form needs to be returned by the 30th April so please complete as soon as possible.

St Mary's Community Club Forthcoming events

Andy's St. George's Day Quiz Night; Saturday 30th April at 8.30pm

with fish and chip supper; 6 people per team, £6 per person including entry

Entry forms are available in the Social Club

Caitlin would like to celebrate her 21st birthday with a parish get together on Sunday 8th May in the social room after the 10.30 Mass. All are welcome and if you would like to contribute with a plate of food to share it would be gratefully received. Looking forward to seeing you there.....the Colman family

A Week of Accompanied Prayer: Sunday 8th – Saturday 14th May 2016

Churches together in Crayford have combined to offer you the opportunity of a Week of Accompanied Prayer in the parish. Please take a leaflet after Mass for further information. If you would like to take part, please complete the application form and return it to Tina Saunders or Father Ignatius by Sunday 10th April.

Gill Collins RIP (Geraldine Mary Collins) May She Rest in Peace✠ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Geraldine Mary Collins who passed away on Good Friday, 25th March 2016. The Funeral will take place on Wednesday 20th April at 11am followed by Burial at St. Paulinus Cemetery at 12 noon.

Daphne Carragher RIP May She Rest in Peace✠ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Daphne Carragher, a former parishioner, who has passed away. The Funeral will be held on Tuesday 19th April at 11.30am at Our Lady of the Angels Church, Erith.