



*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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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Gen 18: 1-10; Ps 14; Col 1: 24-28; Lk 10: 38-42

Saturday 16th July 2016 6:30pm: For the People	Sunday 17th July 2016 8:30am: Regina Bernard RIP (Foley) 10:30am: Private Intention
Monday 18th July 2016 (Feria) 9:15am: D. Ramsammy RIP (Lewis) St. Joseph's Yr.6 Leavers Mass	Tuesday 19th July 2016 (Feria) 9:15am: Frances and Bernard Cusack RIP (Youngs)
Wednesday 20th July 2016 (Feria) 9:15am: Abigail Eileen Callahan RIP	Thursday 21st July 2016 (Feria) 9:15am: Margaret and Michael Murphy RIP
Saint Mary Magdalene Friday 22nd July 2016 9:15am: Sheila McKie RIP (McKie) followed by Exposition	Saint Bridget, Religious Saturday 23rd July 2016 10:00am: Mass (Convent)
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Gen 18: 20-32; Ps 137; Col 2: 12-14; Lk 11: 1-13	
Saturday 23rd July 2016 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: For the People	Sunday 24th July 2016 8:30am: Private Intention 10:30am: Barry Frederick Colman RIP (Colman)

Anniversaries of Death

Bill Baillie, Gerard Gaffney, Kay Meehan, Anne Potter, Charles Taylor, Anne Handford, Henry Ward, Douglas Jones, John Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer, Syd Furse, Abigail Callahan, John Monahan, Dennis Johnson, Gladys Wilkinson, Edwin Thorpe, Robert Barter, Hannah Callahan, Tommy Fahy, Colin Dyer, C. Meddings, Frances Squires, Vesta Doyle, Dennis McSweeney, Rev. John Aher, Sr. Fedelma†

Christ our welcome guest

Christ was welcomed by Martha and Mary in different ways. Martha was anxious to prepare a meal for him while Mary kept him company listening to all he had to say. We need to listen to Christ with love. It is love that opens our hearts to his message when he comes to share his life with ours.

Collections

Gift Aid: £280.00; Cash: £152.00
 Building Fund: Gift Aid: £267.00; Cash: £218.00
The Building Fund total is currently £6,446.00
Thank you all very much for your generosity.

There will be no Parish Surgery this week.

Second Collections

This weekend 16th/17th July there is a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea which is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers' worldwide providing practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number**

Calling all Parents and Children of the 2016 First Communion Group

The commitment forms that your children and their parents signed at the beginning of the programme this year, are available for you to collect from the table by the church entrance. May God bless you all as you continue to support each other in the commitment you have made. Keep your commitment forms in a safe place as a memento of your undertaking. Thank you. And on behalf of all the catechists thank you for your kind gifts.

Calling all Children (and Parents) who are eligible for First Communion 2017

Preparation begins for this important sacrament in the Autumn 2016. Children as well as parents please watch this space next week for further information. Meanwhile if you think you may be eligible consider why you may wish to join the programme.

Blessings

Please let us know the dates of birthdays and of any special anniversaries and we will put these in the newsletter and Father Ignatius will give a Blessing at the end of a weekend Mass.

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.

St. Mary's Community Club

The Club is open to relax with friends on Friday and Saturday evenings 7.30-11.00pm and Sunday Lunchtimes 12.00-2.00pm. Making use of the Community Club facilities is to be encouraged for Family Events, Baptisms, maybe a Funeral or as a means of socializing with parishioners. The Club is a great asset and benefit to the Parish and should be enjoyed by all. Community Club bookings can be made via Trish at the bar.

100 Club Winners: 46: Josie Coward; 76: Pauline Regan

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.

Gift Aid

May I remind all parishioners that it is very easy to become a member of the Gift-Aid Scheme. As long as you are a Tax Payer, you need only fill in the form available in the Church entrance with a few details and pass it to me. Please note every £1.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £1.25 to St. Mary's. Peter Phillips

MISSIO - Invitation to Sunday Mass

To all promoters and contributors on Saturday 10th September 2016 at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 36 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7EG. Coffee from 10.30am. Talk by Mill Hill Missionaries. Lunch provided. Mass at 4.30pm. Please advise Peter Tite on 01322 558220 if you are going to attend.

Home/Garden Help

Elderly parishioners seek home/garden help; 1-2 hours per week. May suit a retired couple. Please contact 01322 525206.

Our Lady's Film Group: St. Paul the Apostle

The film will be showing on Wednesday 20th July, 6.45pm for 7.00pm start (latecomers welcome) at St. John Fisher Church Hall, 48 Thanet Road, Bexley DA5 1AP. Free admission. **All are welcome.**

Clergy Support Fund Campaign

The Clergy Support Fund Campaign has been launched to support the sick and retired priests. A priest will normally retire from full time parish ministry when he reaches 75 years of age. Many continue to work in some form of ministry. When a priest resigns from his parish ministry or a full time ecclesiastical appointment the Diocesan Finance Office establishes his likely income and needs on an individual basis and ensures he has sufficient financial resources to afford the necessities of life, live in properly heated and adequately maintained accommodation and can pay for some recreation and travel.

There are currently 70 retired priests in our Diocese and this number is expected to increase to about 93 by 2018. The costs of supporting them are currently met by the Diocese, partly through an annual contribution from each parish, but the increase in numbers will create more pressure on these costs. A summary of the costs, income and shortfall over five years is given below. Archbishop Peter Smith has therefore identified the need to continue to support sick and retired priests as a major priority for our Diocese. There will be more important news about the campaign to follow shortly.

Sick and retired diocesan priests: Summary of income and costs

Year	2014	2018
Estimated number of retired priests	70	93
Estimated Income	495,000	495,000
Estimated Expenditure	1,297,000	1,477,000
Shortfall	802,000	982,000
Cumulative shortfall over 5 years		4,505,000