



*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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Parish Hall

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ecclus. 3: 19-21, 30-31; Ps 67; Heb. 12: 18-19, 22-24; Lk 14: 1, 7-14

Saturday 27th August 2016

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Bridie Curran RIP (Bull)

Sunday 28th August 2016

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Fr. Ignatius (Trombetti)

The Passion of St. John the Baptist Monday 29th August 2016

9:15am: James Alfred Saunders RIP
followed by Novena

Saints Margaret Clitheroe, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs

Tuesday 30th August 2016

9:15am: Annie and Matthew Lawless
RIP (Jaber)

Wednesday 31st August 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Mary Ellen Nolan RIP

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Thursday 1st September 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: SMA Fathers (Private)

Friday 2nd September 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Elizabeth Greatorex RIP
followed by Exposition

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Saturday 3rd September 2016

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis. 9: 13-18; Ps 89; Philem. 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14: 25-33

Saturday 3rd September 2016

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Mai Cahill RIP (Maureen)

Sunday 4th September 2016

8:30am: Kay Gillespie RIP (Gillespie)
10:30am: For the People

Anniversaries of Death

James Saunders, Patrick McGovern, Barry Wilson, Ernie Carpenter, Winifred Cox, Molly Boshell, Mary Hadfield, Eric Gray, William Stevens, John Arrowsmith, James Loughrey, Thomas O'Connell, Elizabeth Greatorex, Mgr. James McGettrick, D. Carroll, Kate Canning, Mabel Coligan†

Behave humbly

God's blessing comes to those who behave humbly. Jesus warns us against seeking honour from among men. We are to be humble like him if we are to find favour with God. Jesus our leader will bring us to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God, only if we follow him humbly.

Collections

Gift Aid: £313.00; Cash: £163.00

The Building Fund total is currently £883.75
Thank you all very much for your generosity.

There will be no Parish Surgery until the 13th September.

Monday Morning Mass moved to 7pm from 5th September

As from **Monday 5th September 2016**, I will be teaching at the Seminary in Wonersh. Therefore, the **Monday morning Mass** will now be celebrated at **7p.m.**, **preceded by exposition with evening prayer of the Church at 6.30p.m.** and the **Novena** will take place after **Wednesday morning Mass**.

Second Collection

Next weekend, 3rd/4th September, there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service (CES). The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis in his letter dated 6th August 2015 declared 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, as the Orthodox Church has done since 1989.

According to Pope Francis,

“The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

Building Fund

The majority of the refurbishment works have now been completed in the Church, hall and social areas. The cost of these works has been substantial, some of which has been paid from our savings, the Building Fund collections, the 100 Club and also the loan received from another parish. There are still outstanding payments and loan repayments which have to be made and we do of course need to replenish our savings. I would like to thank you all very much for all of your generous donations to the parish funds to date. Your input with any fundraising ideas would be appreciated.

Building Fund Donation

We have received a donation of £1,000.00 for the Building Fund. We are very grateful and thankful for this very kind act of generosity by an un-named parishioner.

Mass Requests

If you would like to have a Mass said for the anniversary of a deceased family member or friend, for anyone who is ill or to celebrate a special occasion, please complete a Mass Request Envelope, which is available in the Church, and please leave it with Father Ignatius or in the Parish Office. The Diocesan Guidelines recommend a minimum offering of £10 per intention. If you would like a specific date for your Mass request, please notify the parish secretary as soon as possible to ensure availability.

To all Young Readers

Thank you to all of the young readers who participate in the 10.30 Mass.

I am inviting you all to join me for a discussion in the Liturgy Room immediately **after 10.30 Mass on Sunday 11th September** to arrange and organise a young readers' rota. I look forward to seeing you there. Fr. Ignatius.

Church Cleaning

The new (hopefully correct) rotas are now available in the entrance to the Church.

We are still looking for volunteers to help keep the Church clean and tidy. It is your Church so could you spare an hour or so once every four weeks to help keep it as you would wish to see it. If so please contact Father Ignatius or Valerie Hull (01322 271058) for details of what is involved.

Home/Garden Help

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

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.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic? Would you like to know more about your faith? Are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed?

The RCIA is the liturgical and catechetical process designed for adults attracted by Christ and his teaching. It supports them as they seek to respond more deeply and to enter into the Communion of the Church. You are very welcome to speak to Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible.

Altar Servers

I would like to invite any young children in the parish who have received First Holy Communion, and especially those children who received First Holy Communion this year, to consider becoming an Altar Server.

If this is a ministry that you would like to undertake, then please complete a form on the table in the Church entrance and return it to Fr. Ignatius.

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. 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.

100 Club

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

DR KILDARE is coming to the Social Room on Saturday 10th September!

The entertainment starts at 8pm. Dr. Kildare is Gerry Kelly's professional name. He is the ex-lead singer and guitarist with the Joe Dolan Band and is coming to entertain us for the Social Club's 7th Anniversary of its re-opening. His repertoire includes a variety of songs including Rock 'n' Roll, Country and Irish. It has been a few months since we have had live entertainment in the Social Room so, please put the date in your diaries and come along to support this event. Bring your family and friends and help us make this a night to remember! You are welcome to bring your own food: hot, cold, nibbles whatever you like. Please remember that all the events held at the club are free to members and their families and friends and monies raised through the club go to support the parish with much needed funds.

Day of Renewal at Aylesford Priory on Saturday 10th September 2016

9.30am: Rosary; **10am:** Praise; **10:45:** Speaker Ros Powell

12:30pm: Lunch (Sacrament of Reconciliation); **1:30pm:** Praise;

2pm: Healing Service; **4pm:** Mass of Thanksgiving

Day for Catechists: Saturday 24th September at St. George's Cathedral

Please see notice board for further information.