



*St Mary of the Crays
Catholic Church*

YEAR OF MERCY

Mass is celebrated

Monday (term time only)
Exposition 6.30pm and Mass at 7pm
9:15am - all other times

9.15am on Tuesday - 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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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Exod. 32: 7-11, 13-14; Ps 50; 1 Tim 1: 12-17; Lk 15: 1-32

<p>Saturday 10th September 2016 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Bridie Curran RIP (Hull)</p>	<p>Sunday 11th September 2016 8:30am: Daniel & Stephanie (Hanrahan) 10:30am: For the People</p>
<p>The Most Holy Name of Mary Monday 12th September 2016 6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church 7:00pm: Private Intention</p>	<p>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Tuesday 13th September 2016 9:15am: Allan Moore RIP</p>
<p>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Wednesday 14th September 2016 9:15am: Terri Keenan (Bull) followed by Novena</p>	<p>Our Lady of Sorrows Thursday 15th September 2016 9:15am: Private Intention</p>
<p>Saint Cornelius, Pope & Saint Cyprian, Bishop: Martyrs Friday 16th September 2016 9:15am: Leonard Moore RIP followed by Exposition</p>	<p>Saturday 17th September 2016 (Feria) 10:00am: Mass (Convent)</p>

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Amos 8: 4-7; Ps 112; 1 Tim 2: 1-8; Lk 16: 1-13

<p>Saturday 17th September 2016 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Mrs. Nina Franz (Lyons)</p>	<p>Sunday 18th September 2016 8:30am: For the People 10:30am: Bridie Curran RIP (Davies)</p>
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Anniversaries of Death

Graham Collins, Doug Finch, Peter Faria, Allan Moore, Jim Benyngne, Mary Clifford, Herr Kornelius Kones, Parents of Mr. and Mrs. J. McAleese, Sr. Agnes O'Driscoll, Gladys Storrie, May Davies, Harry Penny, Irene Lintott, Christopher Gohery, Lily Young, Mary Davies, David Edwards, Michael Donnelly, Pauline Mullan†

Christ welcomes and forgives sinners

The story of the prodigal son is one of the most famous ever told by Jesus. The father in this story is merciful to his wayward son because he loves him and forgives him his past misdeeds. We should have no fear in returning to him no matter what we have done in the past. Our forgiveness is to be found in Christ who came into this world to forgive sinners.

Collections

Gift Aid: £465.00; Cash: £127.00
 Catholic Education Service: Gift Aid: £71.00; Cash: £90.00

The Building Fund total is currently £2,616.55
Thank you all very much for your generosity.

The Parish Surgery will be on the 13th September, 7-8pm.

Second Collection

This weekend there is a second collection for the Building Fund.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday. This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country in the support of parish evangelisation.

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

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.

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.

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, together with your Mass Stipend, please leave it with Father Ignatius or in the Parish Office. If you would like a specific date for your Mass request, please notify us as soon as possible to ensure availability.

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.

Healing Mass

The Mass at 7pm on Monday 19th September will be a Healing Mass, during which there will be Exposition, anointing and laying of hands. If there are any parishioners who will need transport then please advise Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible.

Home/Garden Help

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

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.

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.

Thank You

To my dear friends at St. Mary of the Crays. Thank you all for your very kind prayers, Masses and best wishes over the last few months. My recovery is going really well and it's all helped by the love and positivity from you all. I'm a very lucky lady. My love and prayers back to you – thank you again. Janet.

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.

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

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

Do you have a musical talent?

Do you have a musical talent or just an interest in singing and the music played at Sunday Masses and other occasions? Please come to a meeting on Friday 23rd September where you can bring along any ideas for the progression of music ministry. Everybody is welcome. Thank you. Alan Hughes

Christians against Poverty

Debt problems can happen through a variety of causes. They may result in personal difficulties which can weigh us down but there is help. Christians against poverty (CAP) is a charity completely free to use. Its aim is to help lift the burden of debt and has done so for thousands of others. On Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 7.30 in the Angelus centre next to Our Lady of the Angels, Bexley Road, Erith DA8 1DN, we are holding an introductory evening to explain how the charity can help. If you wish to come along please email (ola@btinternet.com) to register your interest for catering purposes.

Day for Catechists

Saturday 24th September at St. George's Cathedral

Please see notice board for further information.