



*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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Parish Hall

For enquiries and bookings
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 8: 4-7; Ps 112; 1 Tim 2: 1-8; Lk 16: 1-13

Saturday 17th September 2016

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Mrs. Nina Franz (Lyons)

Sunday 18th September 2016

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Bridie Curran RIP (Davies)

Monday 19th September 2016 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church
7:00pm: For the People (Healing Mass)

Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday 20th September 2016

9:15am: Eddie and Annette Staunton

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Wednesday 21st September 2016

9:15am: Cathy McKie followed by Novena

Thursday 22nd September 2016

(Feria)
9:15am: Margaret Mizen (Confirmation Catechists)

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest

Friday 23rd September 2016

9:15am: Edward Patrick Hennessy RIP followed by Exposition

Our Lady of Walsingham

Saturday 24th September 2016

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 6: 1, 4-7; Ps 145; 1 Tim 6: 11-16; Lk 16: 19-31

Saturday 24th September 2016

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Doris M. Day RIP (Connor)

Sunday 25th September 2016

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Katie Gedge (Whelan)

Anniversaries of Death

Michael Talty, Michael Maguire, Sr. Mary Kostka, Harry Stanton, Suzanna Bull, Eileen Armstrong, Billy Davies, Sammy-Jo Hopkins, A. H. Victor Freeman, Catherine Driscoll, Peter Bracken, Edith Donnelly, E. Rayner, Rev. J. Mathew, Gerard Byrne, J. D. Bourke, Arthur Stainer, Frank Connaughton, Mr. Watson, Delia Connolly✠

The call to social justice and peace

The Christian is called by Christ to be a person who is on the side of the oppressed. The poor must never be exploited by the rich for the sake of material gain. Money and power need to be put into proper perspective in our lives. We cannot serve God and money.

Collections

Gift Aid: £331.00; Cash: £173.00
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £308.00; Cash: £157.00

Building Fund Total

The Building Fund reached £3,081.55 but after deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£2,428.75.**

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

The Parish Surgery will be on the 20th September, 7-8pm.

Second Collection

This weekend there is a second collection for Home Mission Sunday which is themed **PROCLAIM the joy of love**. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those who we know are distant from the life of faith. Commemorative prayer cards are available to take away. Please support the work of Home Mission through your prayers and generosity. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

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.

Clergy Support Fund Presentations

There will be Clergy Support Fund Presentations this week as follows: -

- ❖ Tuesday 27th September: 7.30pm in the Social Room
- ❖ Saturday 1st October: 7.30pm in the Hall
- ❖ Sunday 2nd October: 11.30am in the Hall

We look forward to seeing everyone who has expressed an interest and who has been invited to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2017

Bishop Patrick Lynch has written to say that he will be visiting our Parish on Thursday 27th April, 2017 to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Young people: if you are currently in School Years 8, 9 and above, please start to give consideration as to whether or not you would like to be included in the preparation programme to receive this important Sacrament. Further information and application forms will be available in the forthcoming weeks, but initially you should start to prepare yourselves by giving serious thought as to whether you are prepared to make the commitment of attending the Confirmation sessions and partaking in weekly Mass and Holy Communion with your parents and family members.

Parish Bring and Share Lunch in the hall on Sunday 25th September

It has been suggested that we meet together as a parish in order to celebrate the first anniversary of Fr. Ignatius joining us at St Mary's. Everyone is welcome so, please come and bring with you either a plate of food to share or some food for yourself and some to share with others. Hot or cold, whatever you would like to bring. The hall will be set up so that you can put the food on the table before Mass if you wish. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided so, if you want anything else to drink, please bring this too! Tina Saunders

Parish Donations

The parish has received £2,000.00 from the social club and £500.00 from an unnamed parishioner. We are very grateful and thankful for these acts of generosity.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

St. Mary's Community Club presents Andy's Quiz Night

Saturday 22nd October from 8.30pm with fish and chip supper; 6 people per team; £6 per person including entry; Entry forms available from the club

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 in **the Church reception area at 7.30pm on Friday 23rd September** where you can bring along any ideas for the progression of music ministry. Everybody is welcome. Thank you. Alan Hughes.

Year of Mercy Event

'Year of Mercy' event coming up on Wednesday 28th September, 2016, at 7.00pm at St. John Fisher Parish Hall, Bexley. See flyers at Church entrance for full details.

Day for Catechists: Saturday 24th September see notice board for further details

Laurie Goodwin RIP: It is with sadness that we heard on Thursday 15th that Laurie Goodwin passed away in Cyprus. May he rest in peace. Please remember him in your prayers, his wife Pat and their families.