



*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)

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### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm

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### **Parish office**

9:30am-11:30am, Monday,  
Wednesday, Friday  
Enquiries: 01322 556527/  
office@stmarycrays.org.uk

Fr. Ignatius: 01322 523492

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### **Parish Priest**

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### **Parish School**

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Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DZ

[www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk](http://www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk)

### **Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings contact  
01372 457651

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016

8:30am: For the People  
10:30am: Katie Gedge (Whelan) with the  
Baptism of Karina Lukacovic during Mass

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer  
of the Church  
7:00pm: Edmund Laszcz RIP

### Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016

9:15am: Una Macklin (Hughes Family)

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Catherine McKie (Hughes  
Family) followed by Novena  
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

### Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

9:15am: Billy Davies RIP (Davies)

### Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

9:15am: Private Intention  
St. Joseph's Yr. 1 and Yr. 6 attending

### Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**Hab. 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4; Ps 94; 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14; Lk 17: 5-10**

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Fred Reed RIP (Flynn)

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

8:30am: Jane Stainer (Stainer)  
10:30am: For the People

## Anniversaries of Death

Alfred Bushell, Bill Wilks, Reginald Stafford, Samuel Yeo, William Tunstall, Frank Waugh, Eddie Laszcz, Elizabeth Stickings, Emily Downey, James Irwin, Thomas McDermott, Eric Burgess, Alan Simpson, Joan O'Donovan, Mary Patterson, Mrs. Watson, Cecil Richardson, Edward Carron, Mrs. Lucas, Margaret Marjorum, Patrick Regan, John Kelly, Edith Dowdswell, Sylvia Wood, James McGrory✠

## The rich and the poor

Christ drives home the dangers of inequality in the distribution of wealth. The rich man will be punished in the next life because of his indifference to the poor man who lay hungry at the gate of his house. Luxury and holiness are very rarely found together. We must share our goods just as we are obliged to try and share our faith in Christ with others through the manner in which we live our lives.

### Collections

Gift Aid: £400.00; Cash: £141.00  
Home Mission: Gift Aid: £31.00; Cash: £116.00

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7-8pm.**

## **Second Collections**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, and this weekend the Bishops have asked all parishes to have a second collection to help in the developments of England's National Shrine to Our Lady, to upgrade existing buildings and build new facilities, to help serve the increasing numbers of pilgrims, who continue to walk in the Walsingham Way, since the shrine was established in 1061. Full details are given at [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk). Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Ballamoré project.

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

## **Sacrament of Confirmation 2017**

Bishop Patrick Lynch has written to say that he will be visiting our Parish on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Clergy Support Fund Presentations**

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

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

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

## **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.

## **St. Mary's Ballamoré**

Since the end of the Ebola outbreak, the numbers of children at the school has doubled. It re-opened after nearly a year's closure – as did the rest of the schools throughout Sierra Leone. Several of our families have since taken in some of those orphaned by the horrific disease. They have little themselves but are willing to share what they have and care for these children. The school not only educates but supports these families where they can with basic food top ups. A new temporary structure has been erected during the past six weeks to accommodate the numbers of new children. Father Ignatius has kindly allowed an appeal and collection to be taken at next weekend's Masses to continue the work of Ballamoré and the support of these children who have so little – not even government help. What is also needed very much are sponsors for individual children. If you would like to consider this please text or call Mary Cox on 07704 550748 or let me know after the Mass next week. Thank you. Finally, thanks so much to those people who have been such a great support over the past very difficult years. Your support has been invaluable and very much appreciated.

### **Blessings**

Please let us know the dates of birthdays and of any special anniversaries 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care**

A coffee morning is being held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care Charity on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Church hall. **The coffee morning will start at 8.30am, breaking from 9.15am for Mass and Exposition, re-commencing at 10am.** Donation of cakes or biscuits would be welcome. Transport can be arranged; please contact Bernadette Hughes 01322 529638

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

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 £5.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £6.25 to St. Mary's. Thank you. Peter Phillips.

### **The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Rosary Crusade of Reparation**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Assemble by 1.45pm outside Westminster Cathedral (Ambrosden Avenue)

Procession to Brompton Oratory, London SW7

See poster on notice board and flyers in Church entrance for full details