



*St Mary of the Crays  
Catholic Church*

**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  
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**Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
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## Second Sunday of Advent (A)

**Is 11: 1-10; Ps 71; Rom 15: 4-9; Matt 3: 1-12**

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2016</b> 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Jennifer O'Brien RIP (Collins)	<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> 8:30am: Fr. John Ryan 10:30am: Ita Creavin RIP (Cope Family)
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria) 6:30pm: Exposition with Vespers and Prayer for the Sick of the Parish 7:00pm: Brian McMahon RIP (Murrell)	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition & Lauds 9:15am: Holy Souls
<b>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> 8:30am: Exposition & Lauds 9:15am: Janet Brommett (Davies) followed by Novena 10:00am: Mass (Convent) 7:30pm-8:30pm: Penitential Service with Sacrament of Reconciliation	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> 8:30am: Exposition & Lauds 9:15am: Holy Souls
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition & Lauds 9:15am: Zuhair Jaber RIP (Jaber)	<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria) 10:00am: Mass (Convent) 11:00am Mass for the Sick

## Third Sunday of Advent (A)

**Is 35: 1-6, 10; Ps 145; Jas 5: 7-10; Matt 11: 2-11**

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b> 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Jack Lawless RIP (Redmond)	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b> 8:30am: For the People 10:30am: Rita RIP (McAleavey)
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## Anniversaries of Death

Marie Toomey, Eleanor McDermott, Dennis Howie, Dorothy Morrison, Joseph Frost, Winifred Burgess, Angela Cuddy, James Hewitson, Annie Hennessy, Mathew Goldfinch, Sid Hopkins, William Snelders, Rod Rowe, Michael Collins, Mai Harris, Freda Marie Statton, Joseph Towers, John Frederick Harris †

## Prepare a way for the Lord!

We prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ through repentance. We need to change the pattern of our lives in order to be ready when indeed he does come. In the next few weeks we must straighten out our lives so that the Lord will have no obstacle in his path.

## Collections

**20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November:** Gift Aid: £854.00; Cash: £248.00

## Building Fund Total

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£2,805.95. Thank you all very much for your generosity.**

**Parish Surgery: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Presbytery, 7-8pm.**

## Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Building Fund.

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

**Parish Christmas Bazaar:** Net Takings: £2,735.00

### Bazaar Raffle Prizes

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Fabian Carvalho; **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Austin Barradell; **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Walter Dunne; **Five additional prizes:** Liz Doherty; Marion Gillespie; Shane Youngs; Nick Horn; Valerie Hull.

### Donation Received

We have received a donation of £750.00 towards the Church improvements from the Nigerian Catholic Community at Our Lady of the Angels (NICCOLA Erith) for which we are very grateful.

### Mass for the Sick

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 11am there will be a Mass for the Sick. If anyone will need transport then please contact 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.

### Advent Liturgical Programme

- ❖ **Eucharistic Exposition:** 6.30pm on Monday (with Vespers) and at 8.30am on Tuesday to Friday (with Lauds).
- ❖ **Penitential Service with Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. **Visiting priests will be available for confessions.**
- ❖ **Mass for the Sick:** Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 11.00 a.m.
- ❖ **Parish Carol Service:** Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7.30-8.30 pm
- ❖ **SJS Junior Carol Service:** Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 9.30 am

### Christmas Masses Schedule

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	4:30pm	Carols
	5:00pm	Vigil Mass (children)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10:30pm	Carols
	11:00pm	Mass (followed by Reception)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	8:30am	Mass
	10.30am	Mass
<b>Boxing Day</b>	10:00am	Mass

### Christmas Cards

Please support the Parish by buying your Christmas Cards from the Parish Repository in the reception area before and after all Masses from this weekend.

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas**

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Church for the Christmas season on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30am**. Everybody welcome. If you have any greenery such as holly, ivy or any other evergreens that we can use, please leave it in the Church reception area. Please could you bring scissors or secateurs and gardening gloves as these may be very useful. If you have any enquiries please phone Liz Doherty on 0208 311 2319 or Josie Coward on 01322 272934. Thank you.

### **Confirmation 2017 Candidates**

We meet again this Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the Social Room at 7.15pm. Please arrive quietly as Mass will be taking place in the church.

### **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.

### **St. Mary's Community Club**

**Annual Christmas Draw:** If you would like to enter this draw, please see Trish during club opening hours for the chance to win one or more items for your Christmas Stocking. £1 per entry and all monies collected will go towards prizes. The draw will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30pm.

**Cheese and Wine Evening:** Would you be interested in a Cheese and Wine Evening in the Social Room to celebrate Valentine's Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017? Please let Tina know or put your name on the notice board in the Social Room. Thank you.

### **Bring & Share on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 after 10.30am Mass**

Would you like to come and celebrate the New Year by having a communal lunch on New Year's Day? If you have no other plans for lunch on this Sunday, please let Tina Saunders know soonest and we can make plans to organise this in the Hall. Thank you.

### **Churches Together in Crayford (CTiC)**

Carol Singing in the Duke of Wellington Pub, Crayford on 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm. See notice board for full details.

### **Sybil Stevens RIP**

A very heartfelt thank you to everybody at St. Mary's who attended my Aunt Sybil Stevens funeral. £142 was raised for Alzheimersuk.org. If you would still like to donate please contact me asap on 07843 1777001 or j.santo@ntlworld.com. Jackie Santo

### **Mrs. Mary Kearns RIP † May She Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary. Kearns of 90 Ridgeway, Crayford who died at 96 years of age on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016. **Funeral:** 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon. **Burial:** St. Paulinus Church at 1pm