



*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)

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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Third Sunday of Advent (A)

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

Saturday 10th Dec 2016

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Jack Lawless RIP (Redmond)

Sunday 11th Dec 2016

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Rita RIP (McAleavey)

Monday 12th Dec 2016 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds and Prayer for the Sick of the Parish
9:15am: Lucia Lincoln RIP
7:30-8:30pm: Parish Carol Service

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday 13th Dec 2016
8:30am: Exposition & Lauds
9:15am: Bill Redmond RIP

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday 14th Dec 2016

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds
9:15am: Mary Kearns RIP (Youngs) followed by Novena
10:00am: Mass (Convent)
12:00pm: Funeral of Mary Kearns

Thursday 15th Dec 2016 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds
9:15am: Mike Griffiths RIP (Murrell)

10.00 a.m: Mass (Convent)

Friday 16th Dec 2016 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds
9:15am: Hector A. Arevalo Bartra RIP (Blakesley)

Saturday 17th Dec 2016

10.30a.m: Diaconate Ordinations (Wonersh)

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 7: 10-14; Ps 23; Rom 1: 1-7; Matt 1: 18-24

Saturday 17th Dec 2016

6:30pm: Private

Sunday 18th Dec 2016

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Kathleen (Kay) Phillips (Phillips)

Anniversaries of Death

Leo Birnie, Elizabeth Frost, Edward Taylor, Barry Little, Joseph Barr, Thomas Stapleton, Bill Redmond, Patricia Leary, Leslie Hall, Henry Davis, Joseph Byrne, Vera Loom, Tina Holmes, Annie O'Neil, René Holloway, Mercy Easton, Sr. Weseloh, Winifred Ward, Angel and Jerry McCarthy, Mgr. Joseph Harris✚

Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon!

God sends his own Son to save us. Joy and gladness are ours and the time for sorrow and lamenting is over. Christ is standing at the gates and we know he is the one for whom we have been waiting. Do not lose heart. Take courage! Your God is coming!

Collection: Gift Aid: £500.00; Cash: £116.00

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.**

Organist Required

An Organist is needed for the Mass at the Night of Christmas. If anyone can help, please contact Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible.

Parish Surgery: Tuesday 13th December at the Presbytery, 7-8pm.

Second Collections

This weekend there is a second collection for the Building Fund.
Next weekend there will be a second collection for Church flowers for Christmas. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

Advent Message from Archbishop Peter Smith

"Advent is a fruitful time for us to examine the depth and strength of our faith in God and in his providence and to ask for God's grace and help to remain faithful disciples. In the person of Jesus Christ, whose birth we will celebrate at Christmas, we see made visible the God we cannot see; the God who asks to be invited into our innermost lives in order to share his love with us. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice, I will come in to him..." (Rev. 3:20). But the door to our hearts can only be opened from the inside, and Christ will not force his way in – he waits with great longing and patience for us to invite him to come in. He longs to take away our fears and anxieties and convince us of his unconditional love for each one of us – a love which is steadfast and enduring and which will never fail whatever the storms of life bring" -**Pastoral Letter for Advent 2016.**

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).
- ❖ **Parish Carol Service:** Monday, 12th December 2016, 7.30-8.30 pm
- ❖ **SJS Junior Carol Service:** Monday, 19th December 2016, 9.30 am

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.

Christmas Masses Schedule

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

Christmas Offerings

Christmas offerings are by custom given for the support of Priests in parish ministries. Together with the Easter offering, it forms the main source of income of parish clergy in the diocese who do not receive a wage throughout the year. Envelopes are available in the Church.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Church for the Christmas season on **Friday 23rd 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. Any enquiries please phone Liz Doherty 0208 311 2319 or Josie Coward 01322 272934. Thank you.

Christmas Posters

Please take a Christmas Poster to share the Peace and Joy of the Christmas Season

Rite of Election and Call to Conversion (RCIA)

St. George's Cathedral, Southwark: Saturday 4th March 2017

100 Club Winners: 52: Barrie O'Sullivan; 35: Cathy Bull

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 16th December from 8.30pm.

Christmas and New Year Opening Times

23rd Dec: open as usual; **24th Dec:** open 7.30pm to 10.00pm;

25th Dec: Closed; **30th Dec:** open as usual;

31st Dec: open 7.30 to Midnight; **1st Jan 2017:** closed

Bring & Share on Sunday 1st 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? 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 21st December at 7.30pm. See notice board for full details

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on the 13th December. Parishioners are welcome to send items for consideration via the letter box.

New Year Event: Greater Things

Youth 2000 New Year Retreat: 'Greater Things' 29th Dec 2016-1st Jan 2017

Please see poster on notice board and flyers for more information

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 19th November 2016. **Funeral:** 14th December at 12 noon. **Burial:** St. Paulinus Church at 1pm