



## *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  
Enquiries: 01322 556527/  
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### **Parish Priest**

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### **Parish School**

St. Joseph's Primary School  
Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DZ

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

### **Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
contact 01372 457651

**Mary, Holy Mother of God**  
**Num. 6: 22-27; Ps 66; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016**

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6:30pm: Pat O'Neill RIP (P&M Keenan)  
**11:00pm:** Exposition  
**11:30pm:** For the People

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017**

8:30am: Angela Brunt RIP (Homer)  
 10:30am: Private Intention

**Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2017**

9:15am: Moira Sharp RIP

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2017 (Feria)**

9:15am: Rev. Fr. Noel Hanrahan, Breda, Joan and Family (Hanrahan)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 (Feria)**

9:15am: John O'Connor RIP (Youngs) followed by Novena  
 10:00am: Mass (Convent)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 (Feria)**

9:15am: Bridget Dermody

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 (Feria)**

9:15am: Isla Fishwick (Saunders)  
 St. Joseph's Yr. 3 and Yr. 4 attending

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 (Feria)**

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

**The Epiphany of the Lord (A)**

**Is 60: 1-6; Ps 71; Eph. 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matt 2: 1-12**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017**

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
**Confirmation Mass of Intention**  
 6:30pm: Catherine McKie (Lyons)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017**

8:30am: For the People  
 10:30am: William (Billy) McGagh

**Anniversaries of Death**

Lily Watts, Sarah Walsh, Johnny Walsh, David Daly, Joan Stapleton, Francis Waugh, James J. Johnson, Sybil Magdalene Hart-Davis, Natasha Bastone, Frederick Davis, Jane Foley, Ann Charters, Stanley Patrick Geraghty, Bernard McHugh, Margaret O'Sullivan, Dan Shine, George Caborn, John McGrath, Derek Whitaker, James Morrison, Margaret Mary Glover✠

**God sent his Son born of a woman**

Mary is the mother of Christ and the mother of the Church. By the power of the Spirit she is linked to God in a unique way. She is also our spiritual mother who encourages us to say 'yes' to God as our Father.

**Collection**

Christmas Offering: Gift Aid: £1,194.00; Cash: £956.00

**Building Fund Total**

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£2,062.35.**

***Thank you all very much for your generosity.***

**Parish Surgery: Resumes on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

## Happy New Year

I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year 2017. May I also take this opportunity to thank you all very much for your very kind and generous Christmas offerings. Fr. Ignatius.

## 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.**

## Morning Prayers

**From this week and throughout the year there will be Morning Prayers at 8.50am on weekday mornings preceding Mass, to include Monday mornings during the school holidays.**

**Exposition with Evening Prayer will continue on Mondays at 6.30pm during term time.**

## Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

As a fresh and unstained New Year opens before us we go through a gateway to walk a path we have not known before. The old year may have had its days of sorrows, misfortune, loss and pain but all that was good about it we still carry with us as memories that can always warm and gladden our hearts. We feel a twinge of sadness about its passing and a reluctance as we look towards the future, for each New Year is a time of great expectation.

As a mother, Mary was the great giver who formed Christ and made him fully human. She will form us and bring us close to her Son if, in the coming year, we put ourselves under her protection. Even our sorrows and sacrifices will be turned into joys and gladness beyond our imagining. There is surely no better way of starting the year than celebrating the day that Mary became the mother of God.

## Confirmation 2017

Please see below a reminder to all Candidates and Parents:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Candidates please meet in the Church at 4pm or as soon as you can to go through the details relating to your Enrolment Mass the following evening. (We should be finished by 5pm).

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January:** Candidates and Parents please be seated in Church by 6.25pm in preparation for the start of Mass at 6.30pm. (Readers ensure you have your readings with you).

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January:** Confirmation Sessions recommence, please be in the Social Room ready to start at 7.15pm and remember to enter the Church quietly as Mass will be taking place.

Any queries please contact Bernice McKie - 07831 851818.

### **Christmas Crib Offerings**

This year our Christmas Crib Offerings will be collected and shared between the following: -

- ❖ **The Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund** in the Southwark Diocese which provides immediate support to those children and families who are most in need.
- ❖ **Friends of the Holy Land** for the poorest Christian families in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

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### **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.

### **Get-Together for Parish Ministries**

There will be a Get-Together for all in Parish Ministries on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in the hall, starting with Mass at 7pm.

### **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 you to ensure that the Gift Aid donations you make to St. Mary's (and Gift Aid donations to other charities) do not exceed the total amount you have paid in income and other taxes on your earnings. If you are not sure of the amount you have already paid to St. Mary's, I will be pleased to advise you accordingly.

May I take the opportunity to thank you all for your generosity with your Gift Aid donations. Peter Phillips 07842966681

### **Last Year's Christmas Tree**

Does anyone remember taking down the Christmas Tree in the Church last year? If so, have you any idea where the tinsel and baubles (all silver) were put, as they could not be found for this year. We would be grateful for any information as we would like to use them again. Val & Cathy