



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

For enquiries and bookings
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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Is 8: 23-9: 3; Ps 26; 1 Cor. 1: 10-13, 17; Matt 4: 12-23

<p>Saturday 21st Jan 2017 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Irene Lawlor RIP (Crawley)</p>	<p>Sunday 22nd Jan 2017 8:30am: Nell Saunders RIP 10:30am: For the People</p>
<p>Monday 23rd Jan 2017 (Feria) 6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer & Prayer for Sick Parishioners 7:00pm: Janet Francis (Francis)</p>	<p>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Dr. of the Church Tuesday 24th Jan 2017 9:15am: Stella Phillips (Phillips)</p>
<p>The Conversion of St. Paul Wednesday 25th Jan 2017 9:15am: Tom and Sheila Flanagan RIP (Flanagan) followed by Novena 10:00am: Mass (Convent)</p>	<p>St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops Thursday 26th Jan 2017 9:15am: Holy Souls</p>
<p>Friday 27th Jan 2017 (Feria) 9:15am: Winn Challis RIP followed by Exposition</p>	<p>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church Saturday 28th Jan 2017 10:00am: Mass (Convent)</p>

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Zeph. 2: 3, 3: 12-13; Ps 145; 1 Cor. 1: 26-31; Matt 5: 1-12

<p>Saturday 28th Jan 2017 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Thanksgiving (Brommett)</p>	<p>Sunday 29th Jan 2017 8:30am: Relatives and Friends of the Greatorex Family (Homer) 10:30am: For the People</p>
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Anniversaries of Death

Kathleen Dowling, William Young, Gladys Cain, Constance Dodge, Nell Saunders, Edith Looker, Alexander Coyles, Francis Waugh, Sr. Carmel Thérèse, Bill Barter, Arthur Forsdyke, Sr. Barbara Campbell, Hannah Dwyer, Mary Mathews, Winifred Challis, Margaret Hoey, Kathleen Mitchell✠

Christ is our light and our help!

Christ lightens our darkness and helps us to see the real meaning of life. When he calls us to follow him we must learn to put aside our differences. It is in true Christian charity that we are able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, and it is for this purpose that Christ calls us to follow him.

Collections

Gift Aid: £459.00; Cash: £103.00

Building Fund Total

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£2,379.55**.

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th-25th January 2017

This year's theme is **Reconciliation – the love of Christ compels us (cf. 2 Corinthians 5: 14-20)**.

This biblical text emphasizes that reconciliation is a gift from God, intended for the entire creation. "God was reconciling the world (*kosmos*) to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us" (v. 19). As a result of God's action, the person who has been reconciled in Christ is called in turn to proclaim this reconciliation in word and deed: "The love of Christ compels us" (v. 14, NIV). "So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (v. 20). The text stresses that this reconciliation is not without sacrifice. Jesus gives his life; he died for all. The ambassadors of reconciliation are called, in his name, to give their lives similarly. They no longer live for themselves; they live for him who died for them.

For more information, see from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity at: -

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/weeks-prayer-doc/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_20160531_week-prayer-2017_en.html.

As a parish we will mark this week with a special intention at all Masses.

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 24th January at 8pm. If there are any matters that you would like the Parish Council to discuss please place a note in the suggestion box on the table in the Church entrance. Thank you.

Morning Prayers

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 and Evening Prayers on Mondays

Exposition with Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Prayer for the Sick will continue on Monday evenings during term time.

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.

Donation Received

We have received a donation of £500.00 for the Building Fund from an unnamed parishioner. We are very grateful and thankful for this act of generosity.

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.

Repository

Come and visit our Repository. It is located next to the Parish Office. We have many cards, Missals, Rosary Beads, Crucifixes, prayer books and other literature. If you find an item that you would like, please place your money in the payment box in the wall in the reception area marked 'Repository'.

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.

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

Will the Gift Aider who uses Envelopes number 120 please contact Peter Phillips at your convenience either on 07842966681 or phillips4rangers@gmail.com.

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

The Club is open to relax with friends on Friday and Saturday evenings 7.30-11.00pm and Sunday Lunchtimes 12.00-2.00pm. Making use of the Community Club facilities is to be encouraged for Family Events, Baptisms, maybe a Funeral or as a means of socializing with parishioners. The Club is a great asset and benefit to the Parish and should be enjoyed by all. Community Club bookings can be made via Trish at the bar.

Churches Together in Crayford

CTiC would like to invite you to their Christian Unity Week of Prayer Service on Sunday 22nd January 2017 at 6.30pm in our Church. Please come along and support this event as we are hosting it this year!

Also, you are invited to join us for Prayer with Supper on Wednesday 25th January 2017 in St Paulinus' Youth Hall for 7.30pm. We have moved this unity prayer session from Saturday morning to an evening in the hope that more people will come along and support it. Soup and a light supper will be served. Please add your name to the list on the notice board in the reception area if you are interested to give us an idea of numbers. Thank you. Tina Saunders.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call: 27th-29th January 2017 in New Cross

Please see the notice board for further details.