



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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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>
<p>Monday 30th Jan 2017 (Feria) 6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church and Prayer for the Sick 7:00pm: Norah Rose Holmes RIP</p>	<p>Saint John Bosco, Priest Tuesday 31st Jan 2017 9:15am: Holy Souls</p>
<p>Wednesday 1st Feb 2017 (Feria) 9:15am: Patricia Hanrahan (Staunton) followed by Novena 10:00am: Mass (Convent)</p>	<p>The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) Thursday 2nd Feb 2017 9:15am: Jack Lawless RIP (D'Mello) 10:30am: Mass (Convent)</p>
<p>Friday 3rd Feb 2017 (Feria) 9:15am: Thanksgiving for new great grandson (Redmond) followed by Exposition</p>	<p>Saturday 4th Feb 2017 (Feria) 11:00am: Mass (Convent)</p>

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Is 58: 7-10; Ps 111; 1 Cor. 2: 1-5; Matt 5: 13-16

<p>Saturday 4th Feb 2017 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Oliver Coyne (Whitaker)</p>	<p>Sunday 5th Feb 2017 8:30am: Steven McCreight RIP (Ives) 10:30am: For the People</p>
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Anniversaries of Death

Con Murphy, Paul Walker, Norah Holmes, William Looker, Elsie and Herbert Parker, Harry Murrell, Charles Foley, Laraine Selwood Taylor, Christina Gleeson, Sister Harrison, Ellie Hesslon, Mary Houlahan, Bridie Griffin, Violet Coward, Leslie Cope, Charlie Riley, John Lynch, George Fielder, John Goffrey, Peter Berzolla†

How happy are the poor in spirit!

Jesus gives us the beatitudes and tells us how happy we would be if we were poor in spirit because then the kingdom of heaven would be ours. Poverty of spirit means having a correct standard of values in which we put Christ first and everything else is subordinate to him. We are rich in Christ because we know that everything of lasting value comes from him.

Collections: Gift Aid: £348.00; Cash: £148.00

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.*

Parish Surgery: 31st January in the Presbytery; 7-8pm

Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Racial Justice which supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

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

Thursday 2nd February 2017

The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas

There will be a Candlemas Procession from the hall to the Church to celebrate the Mass of the Presentation of the Lord.

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.

Can you please help me find my Missal?

My Missal has gone missing. It has a black leather cover and is usually on the shelf at the end of the fourth seat from the top or at the back of the Church where the books are kept.

My Missal holds many personal Prayer Cards and is very precious to me. If you have seen it could you please contact me on 01322-555106 or 07950-552489. Thank you very much.

Christina Redmond.

2017 Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion St. George's Cathedral, Southwark: Saturday 4th March 2017

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.

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.

Fundraising for the Building Fund

I am having a stall to raise money for the Parish Building Fund at the Playgroup Craft Fayre on Saturday 4th March. If you have any unwanted gifts that would be suitable for a tombola or a raffle could you please leave them in the box in reception area. If you would like me to collect anything please call me on 01322 529638. Thank you. Bernadette Hughes

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

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.

Divine Mercy Retreat

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 11th February 2017 at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR.

Programme: -

11am: Enthronement of Image of Merciful Jesus; **11:30am:** Talk on Divine Mercy; **12:30pm:** Holy Mass; **1:15pm:** Lunch (please bring packed lunch); **2pm:** Praise and Worship; **2:15pm:** Divine Mercy Talk; **3pm:** Hour of Divine Mercy; **3:45pm:** Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus and Relic of St Faustina; **4pm:** Departure

All welcome. Bring your family and friends to the Merciful Jesus. No advance booking or registration is required.

London Evenings of Faith: February and March 2017

All are welcome to a series of talks on 'Reasons for believing' which will take place at 7:30pm on alternate Tuesdays from 7th February 2017 (subsequent talks are on Tuesday 21st February, 7th March and 21st March). Talks are held in the basement of 24 Golden Square, London W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly Circus). Full dates and details are available at www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith.