



## *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**

8:30am-10:30am, Monday,  
Wednesday, Friday  
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### **Parish Priest**

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### **Parish School**

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Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DZ

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

### **Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
contact 01372 457651

## Second Sunday of Lent (A)

**Gen 12: 1-4; Ps 32; 2 Tim 1: 8-10; Matt 17: 1-9**

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Bridget Gaughan RIP  
(Whitaker)

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017

8:30am: Relatives and Friends of the Homer Family (Homer)  
10:30am: Shiju Johny on his birthday (George)

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church and Prayer for the Sick  
7:00pm: Mary Lawless RIP (Francis)

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Damar Markhan and Family (Bell)

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Thanksgiving (Flynn) followed by Stations of the Cross  
10:00am: Mass (Convent)  
7:30pm: Stations of the Cross

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Sheila Flanagan RIP (Flanagan) followed by Novena

### St. Patrick, Bishop and Patron of Ireland

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Jerome DeSouza RIP (DeSouza)  
Ronald Eden RIP (Pearce)

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017 (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## Third Sunday of Lent (A)

**Exod. 17: 3-7; Ps 94; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42**

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Albert South & Winn Miller RIP

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017

8:30am: Angela Brunt RIP (Greatorex)  
10:30am: Deirdre Walshe RIP (Walshe)

## Anniversaries of Death

John Hennessy, Margaret Hoey, Miriam Nutt, Amy Gumm, Brian Shandley, Arthur Gillespie, William Scanlon, William Handford, Mary Donnelly, William Ryan, Len Williams, Arthur Wilkinson, Winn Miller, Elizabeth Mullane, Fr. Vivian St. Clare Hill, Kathleen Boulding†

## Jesus is transfigured in glory

On the high mountain Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his apostles. His message to them '*Do not be afraid*' reminds us that when God calls us we must bear the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Christ is everything. For him we are prepared to leave behind all things in order to proclaim his Gospel.

**Collections:** Gift Aid: £506.00; Cash: £148.00

**There will be no Parish Surgery this week**

## Change of Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from **8.30am to 10.30am.**

### **Building Fund Total**

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£2,071.75**. *Thank you all very much for your generosity.*

### **Second Collection**

This weekend there is a second collection for the Building Fund. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your GAD no.**

### **Morning Prayers**

Throughout the year Morning Prayers will be 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.

### **Lenten Message (Pope Francis)**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters*, Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (*Joel 2:12*), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive ... Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like [us] to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. *Lk 16:19-31*). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

**Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2017** (for full text see: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/papa-francesco\\_20161018\\_messaggio-quaresima2017.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/papa-francesco_20161018_messaggio-quaresima2017.html))

### **Lenten Schedule**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 8.30am every weekday during Lent, except on Monday (6.30pm). **Stations of the Cross: Wednesday mornings** after Mass and **Wednesday evenings** at 7.30pm. **Novena:** after Mass on Thursday.

### **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.

### **Children's clothes in the Sacristy**

There are various items of children's clothing and jackets which have been left in the Sacristy. Could parents please check and collect what is theirs. Any still remaining at the end of this month will be sent to the charity shop.

### **Catenian Rosary Collection**

A box is on the wall outside the Repository for the collection of Rosaries; any as long as it is in one piece – new, second hand etc. These will be sent all around the world to where they are needed, including prisons in this country. Thank you.

### **Parish Fun Day**

There will be a Parish Fun Day in the Church hall on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 12.30pm onwards with BBQ lunch and games and fun for all the families. Please come along with your family and have a great day.

### **Tombola and Raffle**

Thanks to all who contributed prizes and supported the craft fair on Saturday or bought raffle tickets. We made £240 towards the building fund. All prizes claimed except **406 Yellow**. If you have this ticket, please contact Bernadette Hughes 01322 529638.

### **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 Winners: 54:** Helen Topping; **75:** Kathleen Tracey

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 07842 966681. **Next year's Gift Aid envelopes** will be available in the Church hall for your collection from **18<sup>th</sup> March**. I hope you will all be able to collect them before the start of the new Tax year, as your present boxes will be finished by then. Please note that all boxes are in alphabetical and numerical order this year, so everyone will be receiving a new number. PLEASE make sure you take the correct box!

### **St. Mary's Community Club St. Patrick's Day event**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017; 12-4pm**

Bacon and Cabbage Lunch to be served in the Hall between 1.30-2.30pm;  
Tickets: £10; Children (12 & under) £5; Tickets available from Trish in the bar.

### **Ralph Cantwell RIP † May he Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ralph Cantwell who died on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Funeral: 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm; Eltham Crematorium at 2.30pm.