



*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

8:30am-10:30am, Monday,
Wednesday, Friday
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Parish Hall

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22; Eph. 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

Saturday 25th Mar 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Elizabeth Freeman RIP (Bull)

Sunday 26th Mar 2017

8:30am: Gerrard Goodhind RIP
(Tremain)
10:30am: Hector Arevalo RIP (Davies)

Monday 27th Mar 2017 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer
of the Church and Prayer for the Sick
7:00pm: Fred and Mary Davies RIP

Tuesday 28th Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Maureen O'Connell RIP
(Hanrahan)

Wednesday 29th Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Margaret Cox RIP followed by
Stations of the Cross
10:00am: Mass (Convent)
6pm: Deceased Blackheath Catenians
7:30pm: Stations of the Cross

Thursday 30th Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Sydnie McFarlane RIP, Dolcie
Dada RIP and Rhys Dada RIP (Bell)
followed by Novena

Friday 31st Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Malcolm Lucas RIP (Hughes)

Saturday 1st Apr 2017 (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)
12:30pm: Golden Jubilee of Marriage
(Hull)

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ezek. 37: 12-14; Ps 129; Rom 8: 8-11; John 11: 1-45

Saturday 1st Apr 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Mr. & Mrs. Idalina Carvalho
RIP (Carvalho)

Sunday 2nd Apr 2017

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Sheila Baugh (Davies)

Anniversaries of Death

Mary O'Halloran, Margaret Murphy, Jane Finch, Michael Kelly, Desmond Barnes, Ernie Callahan, Catherine Boyd, James Boyd, Bernadette Connolly, Robert Rawlings, Beatrice Sinclair, Elizabeth Doyle, Arthur Whitaker, Albert Coley, Peter O'Grady, Kathleen Twomey, Kathleen Riley, Marcella Jackson, Eric Harling✠

Christ our Shepherd and King

Christ is descended from the line of David, a shepherd, who was anointed King by Samuel. Christ is our King who guides us with the tender service of a shepherd. With him by our side we shall want for nothing even though we walk in the valley of darkness.

Collections: Gift Aid: £346.00; Cash: £162.00

Change of Parish Office Hours

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

Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for flowers for the Church for Easter.

Mothering Sunday: 26th March 2017

I would like to wish a Happy Mothering Sunday to all Grandmothers, Mothers and Mothers-to-be in the Parish. Fr. Ignatius.

Building Fund Total

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£1,773.95**. *Thank you all very much for your generosity.*

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/lent/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.

Confirmation 2017

Last weekend the young people of our parish, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 27th April, spent the weekend at the Southwark Youth Chaplaincy in Whitstable. The candidates had an enjoyable weekend and were a credit to our parish. Now as we enter the last month of preparation, we ask for 100% commitment to the remainder of the programme.

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.

Parish Fun Day

Parish Fun Day in the Church hall on Sunday 30th 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.

Car Park

A series of problems have occurred in the car park with regard to the picking up/dropping off of pupils to the school in the mornings and afternoons. **A new policy will come into effect from the 1st April:** the car park will only be used for Church purposes. We have had to take this radical decision as other measures taken to resolve this problem have been ineffective. Any inconvenience to parishioners is deeply regretted. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and cooperation.

Children's Liturgy

In the next couple of months, 3 of the team who run Children's Liturgy will be moving on. We have asked for volunteers without success and will be unable to offer Children's Liturgy at the 10.30 Mass unless we find at least 3 new volunteers. Could you spare 45 minutes per month? Please contact Caroline Schmidt for further details (cschmidt@hotmail.com). There will be no Children's Liturgy on the **26th March, 2nd April, 9th April, 16th April, 28th May, 4th June & 16th July (which is the last Sunday until 10th September).**

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. Please take a leaflet to find out more about the Catenian Association.

A big thank you from Derrick Butt

I would just like to say how overwhelmed I was at my 90th Birthday Party celebration. Everyone was so kind, bringing food for everyone and an abundance of presents for which I am truly grateful and I felt the love, support and kindness that you all give me within our community. Bless you all!!

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 07842 966681.

Help Needed! Good Friday Frugal Lunch in the hall: 14th April

This year we host the Frugal lunch on Good Friday. Help is needed from 10am on the day to get everything ready to serve lunch after the Walk of Witness ends. If you can help, please call Tina Saunders on 07947 184212.

St. Mary's Community Club: Andy's St. George's Day Quiz Night

Saturday 22nd April at 8.30pm with fish and chip supper
6 per team, £6/person inc. entry; Entry forms available in the Social Club

Ralph Cantwell RIP† May he Rest in Peace

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

Mercedes Rosso RIP† May she Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mercedes Rosso who died on the 17th March. **Funeral:** 6th April at 11am; Hill View Cemetery at 12.30pm.