



*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

For enquiries and bookings
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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)

Monday 3rd Apr 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition and Lauds and
Prayer for the Sick of the Parish
9:15am: Hector Arevalo RIP (Blakesley)

Tuesday 4th Apr 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Nora O'Shea RIP

Wednesday 5th Apr 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Kazimierz Wiedeholtz RIP
(Connor) followed by Stations of the
Cross
10:00am: Mass (Convent)
1:00pm: Funeral of Ralph Cantwell
7:30pm: Stations of the Cross

Thursday 6th Apr 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Sheila and Tom Flanagan RIP
(Flanagan) followed by Novena
11:00am: Funeral of Mercedes Rosso

Friday 7th Apr 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Ron Richards (Saunders)

Saturday 8th Apr 2017 (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

Is 50: 4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2: 6-11; Matt 26: 14-27: 66

Saturday 8th Apr 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Deceased members of the
Carvalho Family (Carvalho)

Sunday 9th Apr 2017

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Judah Johnny 3rd Birthday (T.
George)

Anniversaries of Death

James McIntosh, Gladys Mole, Fred Davies, Frank Capon, Anastasia Jones, Margaret Lynch, Mary Bargery, Lucy Raccagni, Mary Scanlon, Peter Walsh, Mary O'Keefe, Kevin Lungley, Francis Atkinson, John Toomey, James Cain, Donald Mathews, Violet Chandler, Margaret Clark, Stanley Edward Locke, Bridget O'Loughlin, Ron Futter, Hedwig Anderer †

Christ is our resurrection and our life

When we are dead through sin Christ brings us his Spirit so that we may truly live the new life of grace. We are the spiritual brothers and sisters of Christ through God's spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.

Collections: Gift Aid: £446.00; Cash: £124.00

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.**

Exposition and Evening Prayers on Mondays

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

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.

Second Collections

This weekend there is a second collection for flowers for the Church for Easter. **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.**

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.**

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)

Lenten Schedule

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

Lent Penitential Service

There will be a Lent Penitential Service at Our Lady of the Angels, Erith on Monday 10th April at 7.30 p.m.

Holy Week and Easter Triduum Services

Holy Week and Easter Triduum Programme of Services are available for collection from this weekend. Please may every family take a copy. You may also collect a copy for neighbours and friends. **Please take a poster for Holy Week for you, your family, friends and neighbours**

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

On Wednesday 12th April at 11.30am the Mass for the Institution of the Sacred Priesthood (Chrism Mass) will take place at St. George's Cathedral during which all priests will renew their commitment to the sacred priestly ministry. At this Mass, the bishop, in the presence of the presbyterium, consecrates the Chrism and blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens. Please let us remember to pray for our priests.

Church Cleaning

Can you spare an hour to help clean the Church in preparation for the Easter Services? If so, your help would be greatly appreciated. We will be here from 10am on Tuesday 11th April. All help welcome.

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.

Children's Liturgy

Three of the team who run Children's Liturgy will soon 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 **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. The Catenians would like to thank you for the **25** Rosaries which have been donated so far. Please take a leaflet to find out more about the Catenian Association.

Gift Aid

Next year's Gift Aid envelopes are available in the Church hall for your collection. Please could you 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! Thank you. Peter Phillips

St. Mary's Community Club

The Club will be closed over the Easter weekend 14th-16th April

Forthcoming events

Andy's St. George's Day Quiz Night

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

Help Needed! Good Friday Frugal Lunch: 14th April from 10am in hall

It would be lovely to have some new faces so, don't be shy, please volunteer to help! Please call Tina Saunders on 07947 184212.

Churches Together in Crayford

CTiC invite everyone to a Lent Lunch on Saturday 8th April, 12.30-2pm at 77 Havelock Road, Dartford. All welcome. Please support our only Lent lunch this year.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279. For flight info Tel. 020 3239 8662 or E-mail: reservations@med-irishcentre.com. Website: www.med-irishcentre.com.

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.