



*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
contact 01372 457651

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Ps 65; 1 Pet 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21

Saturday 20th May 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fernandes
RIP (Carvalho)

Sunday 21st May 2017

8:30am: Jane Stainer (Stainer)
10:30am: For the People

Monday 22nd May 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Mike Joe Mulligan RIP
(B. Youngs)

Tuesday 23rd May 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Christina Redmond (Hanrahan)

Wednesday 24th May 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Oliver Jennings RIP (Bull)
followed by Novena
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Saint Bede the Venerable

Thursday 25th May 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Liam Hanrahan (Hanrahan)

Saint Philip Neri

Friday 26th May 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Barry O'Sullivan (Saunders)

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

Saturday 27th May 2017

2:00pm: Wedding
4:00pm Baptism (Visiting Priest)

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 46; Eph. 1: 17-23; Matt 28: 16-20

Saturday 27th May 2017

6:30pm: Ted and Mai Cahill RIP
(Maureen)

Sunday 28th May 2017

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Joe Flynn RIP (Phillips)

Anniversaries of Death

Catherine Cain, Ben Jones, Kathleen Goodhind, Kathleen Baines, Margaret Foster, James Brennan, Elizabeth Cerutti, Joe Kirby, George Davidson, Helen Manley, John Gohery, Austin McGann, Mary Richards, Lillian Donovan, Phyllis Bastone, Lianne Dwyer, Michael Hogan✠

The Holy Spirit restores us to life

After his resurrection Christ promised that he would send the Holy Spirit on his Church. It is the Spirit of Christ which is the source of our joy and helps us to do great things in the Lord's Name. We are healed by the Spirit and are called to take part in the healing mission of the Church.

Collections: Gift Aid: £364.00; Cash: £134.00
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £256.00; Cash: £104.00

Building Fund Total

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£1,928.35. Thank you all very much for your generosity.**

Exposition and Morning Prayers

Exposition will be at 8.30am followed by Morning Prayers at 8.50am on weekday mornings throughout the year.

Second Collections

Next weekend there will be a second collection for World Day of Communications which supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

Reunion for the Newly Confirmed

A reminder to all those recently confirmed that there will be a get-together on Monday 22nd May from 7.15-9pm in the Social Room. Do hope you can all make it and we look forward to seeing you there.

St Mary's is on Facebook!

We would be delighted if you followed us on Facebook to keep up to date with all our news, in addition to our normal way of sharing news via the newsletter. If you search "St Mary of the Crays" you'll find our page, which you can then "like" and automatically receive our updates. We look forward to seeing you there! You can also "like" the parish website for updates.

Repository

Come and visit our Repository next to the Parish Office. We have many cards, Missals, Rosary Beads, Crucifixes, prayer books, other literature together with Confirmation, Baptism and First Holy Communion items.

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.

First Holy Communion

Please remember the First Holy Communion Candidates, their families and the Catechists in your prayers as the celebration of First Holy Communion approaches on the 11th June.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Novena to the Holy Spirit starts on Thursday after Mass for nine days in preparation for Pentecost. You are encouraged to come and pray the Novena. You can also obtain the Novena booklet for your own prayers.

Attention Young People

This year's Summer Youth Day at Aylesford Priory for those in School Years 7-11 is to be held on Saturday 24th June, from 10am to 8pm. Youth Day is a popular event for young people in the Southwark Diocese; it is jam-packed with fun, games, workshops, BBQ and Mass. Talk with your friends and other young people in the Parish. Why not get a group together from St. Mary's, maybe hire a mini-bus and travel together? Adults will be needed to accompany you, it would be good for you to persuade someone to be your adult group leaders, so maybe look around you in Mass today, is there someone, who you could ask to join a group of you? Talk to your parents; maybe they would be interested in helping, or may know someone who is. When you are organised and ready to book, contact the Southwark Catholic Youth Service 01227 272900 or info@scys.org.uk. (If you would like more information please ask Father Ignatius or Bernice McKie)

Lesnes Abbey Procession of the Blessed Sacrament: 25th June at 3pm

See notice board for full details and directions.

Spirit in the City Festival 9-10 June 2017

The Catholic faith communities across the Diocese will join forces to offer a Catholic festival dedicated to evangelisation in our capital city: with times of prayer, teaching, celebration and outreach. The festival aims to bring Catholics together and to reach out to the general public at the same time. It gathers people of all cultures through a joyful and dynamic Catholic celebration of faith in the heart of London.

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

'Discerning God's Call in my life 26th-28th May: Broadstairs (see notice board)

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising 8th National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 3rd June 2017 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead to God

See poster on notice board for full details

Brightlights Festival 23rd-26th June at Alton Castle

Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30). For more information call 0300 075 0115, visit brightlights.org.uk or social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

Vacancy for SPUC

Vacancy for a full time Despatch Officer. If you are interested please telephone 0207 820 3147 or email rheasteel@spuc.org.uk

St Mary's Playgroup

If you are new to the parish and you have young children, please note that St. Mary's has an excellent pre-school. St. Mary's Playgroup has been established for over 40 years and is still as popular as ever. It is important that you put your child's name down on the waiting list as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Children can start as young as two years old but names can be added to the list as babies with no obligation to take the place when the time comes. From September 2017 we will be offering 30 hour funding and sessions will be **8.30-11.30, 12.00-3.00** or **8.30-3.00**. For further details please ring Jo Avery or Pam Wilkes on 01322 555894 or email us at stmarysplaygroup.crayford@gmail.com. Thank you.