



## *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  
Enquiries: 01322 556527/  
office@stmarycrays.org.uk

Fr. Ignatius: 01322 523492

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### **Parish Priest**

Fr. Ignatius Aniekanabasi Edet

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[office@stmarycrays.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarycrays.org.uk)

### **Parish School**

St. Joseph's Primary School  
Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DZ

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

### **Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
contact 01372 457651

**The Ascension of the Lord (A)**  
**Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 46; Eph. 1: 17-23; Matt 28: 16-20**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6:30pm: Ted and Mai Cahill RIP  
 (Maureen)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
 8:30am: For the People  
 10:30am: Joe Flynn RIP (Phillips)  
 12.30: Baptism - Memphis Aaron  
 Edwards-Jones

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Feria)**  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15pm:C. Redmond (Trombetti)

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Feria)**  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15am: Jerome Desouza

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15am: Sick of the Parish (Saunders)  
 followed by Novena  
 10:00am: Mass (Convent)

**St. Justin**  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15am: Barrie O'Sullivan (Davies)

**Sts. Marcellinus and Peter**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017**  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15am: Richard Francis Wheeler RIP  
 (Evans)

**St. Charles Lwanga & Companions,**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**  
 10:00am: Mass (Convent)

**Pentecost Sunday (A)**  
**Gen 11: 1-9; Ps 103; Rom 8: 22-27; John 7: 37-39**  
**Acts 2: 1-11; Ps 103; 1 Cor. 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**  
 6:30pm: Friends of Val and Dave Hull  
 (Hull)

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
 8:30am: Ralph Cantwell RIP (Cantwell)  
 10:30am: For the People  
 12:30pm: Baptism Grace Ella Meehan

**Anniversaries of Death**

Margaret Lucas, Holly Sharp, Margaret Connolly, Albert Callen, Elizabeth Mitchell, Gladys Bigwne, Kathleen Margaret Day, Reginald Cox, Freda Weston, Victoria Jarvis, Ellen Johnson, Richard Francis Wheeler, Pat Clinton, Barbara Foley†

**Christ ascends to his Father!**

Christ's Ascension is our guarantee that one day we will be with him in heaven to praise the glory of God our Father. The Ascension is our hope of the great inheritance which awaits those of us who believe in the power of the risen Christ.

**Collections:** Gift Aid: £439.00; Cash: £154.00

**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**

This weekend there is 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.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for The Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW) which helps supply the Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

## **Corpus Christi Procession: 18<sup>th</sup> June**

On the Feast of Corpus Christi there will be a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament, and the First Holy Communion Candidates in their First Holy Communion attire, after the 10.30am Mass at around 12 noon in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners attending other Masses should endeavour to return to join the procession.

## **Thy Kingdom Come - Praying the Pentecost Novena**

Join Catholics throughout England and Wales who are praying the Pentecost Novena for the faith of their loved ones to be stirred by the Holy Spirit. Visit [www.catholicchurch.org.uk/pentecostnovena](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/pentecostnovena).

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Children's Liturgy**

Many thanks and welcome to Fiona Salem, our new volunteer, who will be joining the Children's Liturgy group shortly. We have one other person who might possibly be able to join, but that does leave us with still needing at least 1, possibly 2 further volunteers to ensure Children's Liturgy can continue. Please contact Caroline Schmidt for details.

## **The General Election 2017**

Please take a copy of the letter from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales which it is hoped will be of use as you cast your vote.

## **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.

## **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.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@scys.org.uk). (If you would like more information please ask Father Ignatius or Bernice McKie)

### **Parish Mission: St. Anselm's West Hill, Dartford: 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

St. Patrick's Community is giving a follow up Mission. Each night has a different theme with talks from the community, prayers, music and a lot more. John Pidmore starts the mission on Monday. You are encouraged to attend all five nights to gain most from the mission. For more details please visit the website [www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com), take a leaflet or telephone 01322 220075.

### **St. Joseph's School**

**Relief Midday Supervisor Post:** A position for a Relief Midday Supervisor is available to work from 12.15-1.15pm, five days per week during term time. The role is to work as part of a team supervising the playground and dining hall. Please contact the School Office for further information and an application form. A relief is needed to fill in for absence or on an occasional basis.

**Gardening Club: Help Needed!** If you have any time during the school lunch hour, preferably 12.15pm-1.15pm on Fridays please consider helping run the Gardening Club. The children are most enthusiastic but we do need more parental help to make this work. Please contact the school office for further details.

### **St. John Bosco Children's Camp**

The St. John Bosco Children's Summer Camp at Aldham, Essex is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. For an application form or more information please contact (between 6pm and 9pm) the boys camp on 07534 065347 or the girls camp on 07491 811167 or go to the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>. Also see poster on notice board.

### **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.