



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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Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Wis. 12: 13, 16-19; Ps 85; Rom 8: 26-27; Matt 13: 24-43

Saturday 22nd July 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Sheila McKie RIP (McKie)

Sunday 23rd July 2017

8:30am: Barry Frederick Colman RIP (Colman)
10:30am: Children's Liturgy Volunteers (Schmidt)
12:30pm: Baptism Constance Shelley
1:00pm: Baptism Caerus Cline-Decker

Monday 24th July 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15pm: Margaret and Michael Murphy RIP

Saint James

Tuesday 25th July 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Brenda Griffiths RIP (Soan)

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 26th July 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Skye Mitchell RIP (Hull) followed by Novena
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Thursday 27th July 2017 (Feria)

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

Friday 28th July 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Derek Forsdyke RIP

Saint Martha

Saturday 29th July 2017

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Kgs 3: 5, 7-12; Ps 118; Rom 8: 28-30; Matt 13: 44-52

Saturday 29th July 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Joanne McClean RIP

Sunday 30th July 2017

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life (Swanley Catenians)
12:30pm: Baptism Oscar Creed

Anniversaries of Death

Rev. John Aher, Sr. Fedelma, Mary Doran, Ammie Dolan, Frank Powders, Susan Tucker, Neil Finklaire, Helen Manley, Annie Coligan, Helena Foley, Dennis McHugh, William Griffin, Kathleen McCarthy, Dorothy Nicholls, Margaret Wells, David Scally, Maria Johnson, Margaret Barnes, Michael Sullivan, Joseph Glover, Alison Leggatt, Daniel Glover✠

The Spirit is our help!

We are a people full of weaknesses due to sin. We cannot pray for repentance unless the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. Our God is mild in judgement and we pray that his mercy will be with us so that like wheat we will be gathered into his barn.

Collections

Gift Aid: £344.00; Cash: £121.00

Apostleship of the Sea: £86.00; Cash: £80.00

Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

New Sound System

The present sound system in our Church was installed over 20 years ago. For some time now the loop system has not functioned optimally and concerned parishioners and visitors to our Church have called attention to the need to revamp the system. An efficient sound system is of such critical importance in pastoral ministry, not least because of the centrality of the Word of God in our Christian life and liturgy since faith, as St Paul says, comes from hearing the Word of God (see Romans 10:17).

We are currently looking into renewing the sound system in the Church, which would include an audio visual system in the reception area, and have received a quotation for around £9,000. We have already received a very generous donation of £1,500 towards this from two parishioners, for which we are very grateful and thankful, and are hoping to raise the balance of £7,500.00 as soon as possible.

Would you be able to make a donation to this good cause? We would need 75 donations of £100, 100 donations of £75, 150 donations of £50 or 300 donations of £25 to reach this goal. No amount will be too big or too small. We would like to complete the project before the end of this summer holiday.

Gift Aiders can use the spare envelopes in the Church, but please add your gift aid numbers.

Mission Appeal

On the weekend of the 5th/6th August Fr. Robert Sowa will be visiting our Parish for the Xaverian Fathers Mission Appeal. Just over 500 years ago, St Francis Xavier was born and his influence cannot be underestimated. Blessed Guido Maria Conforti, the founder of the Xaverians, was inspired to become a missionary himself because he read the life of Francis. Please welcome Fr. Robert Sowa to our parish and learn more about the Xaverian Way.

First Holy Communion 2018

Preparation classes for First Holy Communion 2018 will begin at the end of September 2017. The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday May 27th 2018 at the 10.30 Mass. Parents whose children are eligible for Holy Communion are asked to think seriously about the commitment they and their child will be asked to make. Please watch this space for further details. Thank you

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. Please read the letter of thanks we have received from The Catenian Rosary Group.

Catholic History Walks: See notice board for further information.

Gift Aid

Could the Gift Aid donor who used an envelope number 123 dated 9th October 2016 this week please contact me at their convenience: 01322-553877/07842-966681. Thank you. Peter Phillips.

Diocesan Day for Catechists

Saturday 23rd September 2017 at St. George's Cathedral,

Please see the notice board for detail of the full programme for the day.

Lark in the Park: 22nd July-6th August: <http://larksidcup.com>

Spark in the Park: 31st July-4th August: <http://www.sparkinthepark.org.uk>

St Mary's Playgroup: Message from Jo Avery

I am retiring after 27 years from St. Mary's Playgroup and consider myself so lucky to have had this job that I love for so long. I just want to say thank you to Fr. Ignatius for saying a very special Mass for me on Friday. I am very touched and very grateful. Thank you to everyone who came and who sent their best wishes. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the amazing gift I received – I am overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you for all the lovely kind words said to me. I feel humble and grateful. I have worked with so many people over the years, members of the staff team and members of the committee. All working for one common aim – the children! I have so many great memories and am so thankful for that. So thank you to everyone who has supported me in any way throughout the years. The time has come to step aside and hand over the reins to a younger staff team. I hope I have taught them well by example so that they can continue to make St. Mary's Playgroup a loving, nurturing environment for every child who comes here. I know they will do me proud. Thank you. Jo Avery.

Summertime 2017: Altar Servers Summer Break

8th-11th August in Woldingham, Surrey: See notice board for full details

Adoremus

Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress that will be held by the Bishops of England and Wales next year between 7th and 9th September 2018. It will take place in Echo Arena, Liverpool and is designed as an ecclesial gathering of both laity and clergy. Every Diocese in England and Wales has been invited to engage in the planning, celebration and legacy for all parishes. Some 10,000 people are expected and representatives from every Diocese will be invited to attend. Southwark's involvement in the Congress will be led by Father John Mulligan.

Jesus, I Trust in You

Divine Mercy Retreat led by Marian Fathers; Saturday 12th August 2017;
11am to 4pm; See notice board for full details

Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The relic image will visit St. George's Cathedral, Southwark between Friday 28th July and Monday 31st July 2017. A service of reception will take place at 6.30pm on the Friday. See notice board for full timetable.

The Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham

Please see notice board for full details