



## *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/  
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Fr. Ignatius: 01322 523492

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### **Parish Priest**

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### **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

## Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

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

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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

**Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15pm: Valerie Hull (Bull)

**Saint Alphonsus Liguori**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Margaret Blakesley RIP  
(Blakesley)

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 (Feria)**

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Thank You (P. Fahy's Family)  
followed by Novena  
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 (Feria)**

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Patrick Fahy RIP (Gillespie)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (Feria)**

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Bill McKie RIP (McKie)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 96; 2 Pet 1: 16-19; Matt 17: 1-9**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

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

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

8:30am: Richard Hanrahan RIP  
(Hanrahan)  
10:30am: For the People

## Anniversaries of Death

Alfred Concy, Derek Forsdyke, Joanne McClean, Bridie Curran, James Cox, Gina Berzolla, Catherine O'Connell, Eileen Harris, Anna Binns, Grace Cannon, Michael Coughlan, Emma Johnson, Gertrude Murray, John Hartnett✠

## Faith is a priceless treasure

God turns everything to our good. He gives us a wisdom by which we discern true values in the world around us. Our greatest gift is faith which gives us a deeper wisdom even than that of Solomon.

## Collections

Gift Aid: £452.00; Cash: £144.00

**New Sound System Appeal: £200.00**

## Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

## Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Xaverian Fathers Mission Appeal.

### **Appeal for a 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.

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 £9,000. We have already received very generous donations of **£1,500** towards this, for which we are very grateful and thankful, and are hoping to raise the balance of **£7,500** 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 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Message from the Fahy Family**

We would like to thank friends, family and parishioners for attending Late Patrick Fahy's funeral Mass. Everyone's friendship, love and support has been very much appreciated. A Mass will be offered for your intentions. May he rest in peace. Deirdre and Eileen.

### **Happy Holiday**

I would like to wish all parishioners a happy and refreshing holiday. Fr Ignatius

**Catholic History Walks:** See notice board for further information.

### **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.

### **Diocesan Day for Catechists**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> July-6<sup>th</sup> August:** <http://larksidcup.com>

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

### **Various activities at St. John Fisher, Bexley**

See notice board for full details

### **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. 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 Pam Wilkes on 01322 555894 or email us at [stmarysplaygroup.crayford@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysplaygroup.crayford@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Adoremus**

Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress that will be held by the Bishops of England and Wales next year between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017; 11am to 4pm; See notice board for full details

### **The Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham**

Various Events: Please see notice board for full details