



## *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  
*(Not available on Thursday from after Mass)*

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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

## Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

**Exod. 22: 20-26; Ps 17; 1 Thess. 1: 5-10; Matt 22: 34-40**

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Chanti's Intention

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

8:30am: For the People  
10:30am: Brenda McMahon RIP

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church and Prayer for the Sick  
7:00pm: Chanti (Wellbeing)

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Jerome Desouza (DSouza)

### All Saints Day

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2017

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: For the People followed by Novena  
SJS attending  
10:30am: Mass (Convent)  
7:00pm: Father Ignatius

### All Souls' Day

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Martha Ekeigwe (RIP)  
10.30am: Mass (Convent)  
7:00pm: Deceased Parishioners, Family & Friends

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Holy Souls

### St. Charles Borromeo

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

**Mal 1: 14-2:2, 8-10; Ps 130; 1 Thess. 2: 7-9, 13; Matt 23: 1-12**

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Barry Flynn RIP (Flynn)

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

8:30am: Liam Hanrahan (Hanrahan)  
10:30am: For the People

## Anniversaries of Death

Margaret Flynn, John Keaveney, Mary Horan, Brenda McMahon, Joseph Hadfield, Margaret McGovern, Patrick Redmond, Harry Lammiman, Sr. Anne Hanks, Sr. Agnes Hallinan, Barry Flynn, Peter Metcalf, Anne White, Joe Harrington, Bridget Hanrahan, Les Ridge, Mary Pickess, Kathleen Brooker, Yvonne McCaffrey, Winefred Driscoll, Eileen Donovan, Cliff Smith, Judith Johnson, Marguerita Martin✠

## Love God and your neighbour

God is love and he made us in his own image. We love him with all our heart, soul and mind because through his grace the pattern of our lifestyle is changed. We love our neighbour knowing that God lives in him also. We must help him in every way to show the quality of our love.

### Collections

Gift Aid: £365.00; Cash: £180.00

Missio: Gift Aid: £46.00; Cash: £154.00

New Sound System Appeal: £220.00: **Total to Date: £6,765.00**

## Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

## **Second Collections**

This weekend there is a second collection for Masses for Holy Souls. There is also a collection box on the wall in the Church entrance which parishioners can use throughout the year to make offerings for Holy Souls. Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Archbishop's Administration Fund which helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the Diocese.

**Gift Aiders can use the spare envelopes at the back of the Church, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

## **The Month of November**

**1<sup>st</sup> November: All Saints Day** is celebrated in honour of all of the Saints, known and unknown. **It is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be at 9.15am and 7pm.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November: All Souls Day** is a commemoration of all the faithful departed.

**As well as morning Mass, there will be a special Remembrance Mass for deceased parishioners and family members and friends of parishioners at 7pm**

## **November Cemetery Services**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017: 2.30pm** Sidcup Cemetery, Footscray Lane, Sidcup

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017: 1.00pm** Plumstead Cemetery; **2.30pm** Hillview Cemetery, Welling and Bexleyheath Cemetery; **3.15pm** Brook Street, Erith Cemetery.

## **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. 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 as soon as possible. **Gift Aiders can use the spare envelopes in the Church, but please add your gift aid numbers.**

## **Parish Priest Day Off: Thursday**

After Mass on Thursdays, Father Ignatius is not available during the day for any parish business.

## **No Parish Surgery this Week**

I'm sorry that I'll not be available for parish surgery on Tuesday, 31 October 2017. I regret any inconvenience. Thanks for your kind understanding. Father Ignatius.

## **Second Meeting with all New Altar Servers**

There will be a second meeting with all new Altar Servers on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 at 4.30pm.

## Catholic Legacy Week: 5-11 November 2017

Please see leaflets in the Church entrance and reception area.

### Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017; 12-4pm

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks for the Christmas Bazaar including running the stalls. **If you have any ideas for a new stall for the Bazaar, please let us know.**

**Donations:** we are calling on you all once again for donations of the following: Unwanted gifts of any kind, including children's items; CDs; Game Discs for Consoles and PC's; Children's games and toys; Soft toys (teddies, etc); 'Bric-a-Brac'; Old books and bottles for the Bottle Tombola. **Please leave any items that you wish to donate in the meeting room in the reception area.**

If you are able to take part or assist with any logistics, please contact Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible. We truly thank you in advance for your continuing support.

#### Raffle Tickets

The Draw Tickets are now available after each weekend Mass. Please do take some home and sell them to family and friends. Thank you.

### RCIA – Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

There will be an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course for adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, for adults who have not been baptised and also for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Catholic Church or would like to know more about their faith. Registration forms are available from the parish office.

### 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. **For those members who pay by cash or cheque, your club membership of £60 is due for renewal and payable now.** Cheques should be made payable to the '100 Club'. 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.

### St. Mary's Community Club presents Andy's Quiz Night

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 8.15pm with sausage/fish and chip supper;  
6 per team; £6/person including entry; Entry forms available from the club

### Petition: One Million Voices of Hope

There is a petition to the UK Government and United Nations to raise awareness for persecuted Christians in Syria and Iraq. Please see the information board in the reception area and sign the petition to support our Christian Brothers and Sisters in the Middle East. Without International support, the church may cease to exist in the Middle East, the region of its birth. Our signatures will be collated with many others (currently around 500,000) from the UK and around the World and the petition will be presented to the United Nations in early December. Thank you. Alex Rees

For more information please see: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/one-million-voices-sign/?campid=WB1754/W001>