



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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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 4th Nov 2017

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

Sunday 5th Nov 2017

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

Monday 6th Nov 2017 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church and Prayer for the Sick
7:00pm: Relatives of Michael Nolan RIP

Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St. George

Tuesday 7th Nov 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Vernon John RIP

Wednesday 8th Nov 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Holy Souls followed by Novena
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Thursday 9th Nov 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Deceased members of the Day and Blisset Families (Connor)

St. Leo the Great

Friday 10th Nov 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Holy Souls (Murrell)

St. Martin of Tours

Saturday 11th Nov 2017

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Wis. 6: 12-16; Ps 62; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18; Matt 25: 1-13

Saturday 11th Nov 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: John Smith RIP (Bain/McGrory)

Sunday 12th Nov 2017

8:30am: John and Betty Lonsdale RIP (Russell)
10:30am: For the People

Anniversaries of Death

Martin Hotine, Jeff Milburn, Earnest Goodridge, Frederick Delahunty, Helena Mullins, Jean-Phillippe LiMoi, Emily Coyne, Eileen Manley, Arthur Driscoll, Charles Fulker, Bridget Danagher, Sybil Valarie Stevens✠

Practice what you preach!

The Pharisees were singled out by Christ as being hypocrites and frauds. They were not humble enough to ease the burdens of others and so became a stumbling block to the faith of the many people. We preach the Gospel or Good News not so much by what we say but by the way in which we live our lives.

Collections

Gift Aid: £509.00; Cash: £131.00

Holy Souls: Gift Aid: £44.00; Cash: £121.00

New Sound System Appeal: £100.00; Total to Date: £6,865.00

CAFOD: £92.00

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 the Archbishop's Administration Fund which helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the Diocese.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Building Fund.

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

First Communion Commitment Mass

This weekend our Communion Candidates and their parents will be making their formal commitment to the preparation programme. They will do this at the 10.30 Mass. Both parents and children will present their commitment form to Father and affirm their intention to participate in the Sunday Eucharist. It is a serious and special undertaking for parents, children and parish. As the parish community let us remember in our prayers both candidates and their families on this important day, 5th November.

Catholic Legacy Week: 5-11 November 2017

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Please see leaflets in the Church entrance for more information.

Appeal for a New Sound System

A big thank you to all parishioners who have contributed towards renewing the parish sound system. A total of £6,865.00 has so far been raised out of the initial estimated cost of £9,000.00. All things being equal, the installation of the much-needed new and robust system would commence as soon as possible. More donations are gratefully still welcome. **Gift Aiders can use the spare envelopes in the Church, but please add your gift aid numbers.**

Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 25th 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.

Parish Priest Day Off: Thursday

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

Third Meeting with all New Altar Servers

There will be a third meeting with all new Altar Servers on Friday 10th November at 4.30pm.

November Cemetery Services

Sunday 5th November 2017: 2.30pm Sidcup Cemetery, Footscray Lane, Sidcup
Sunday 12th November 2017: 1.00pm Plumstead Cemetery; **2.30pm** Hillview Cemetery, Welling and Bexleyheath Cemetery; **3.15pm** Brook Street, Erith Cemetery.

Deanery Deceased Clergy Mass

The mass for the Deanery Deceased Clergy will be held at Our Lady of the Angels on Tuesday 14th November at 10am.

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.

Church Cleaning

Have you ever wondered how it is that Your Church always looks clean and tidy? Wonder no more! It is down to a small dedicated team - "The Holy Scrubbers". However, sadly, several of our little group has had to "retire" for various reasons and we are now struggling. Could you spare 1 to 1½ hours every four weeks to help keep Your Church clean? If so please contact Fr. Ignatius or Valerie Hull (01322 271058) for details. The new Rotas are now available in the Church entrance and a big Thank You to all our present volunteers for their help.

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.

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>