



*St Mary of the Crays  
Catholic Church*

## **YEAR OF MERCY**

### **Mass is celebrated**

9:15am on Monday -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**

9:30am-11:30am, Monday,  
Wednesday, Friday

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### **Parish School**

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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (C)</b>	<b>Neh. 8: 2-6, 8-10; Ps 18; 1 Cor. 12: 12-30; Lk 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21</b>	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2016	6:30pm	Nancy and Michael Hogan (Whitaker)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	8:30am	For the People
	10:30am	Mary Fox RIP (Phillips)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	9:15am	Tony Allen (Saunders) followed by Novena
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	9:15am	James Arthur Gordon RIP
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	9:15am	Winn Challis RIP F
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	9:15am	Private Intention
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	9:15am	Nuz Courtney (Saunders) followed by Exposition
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (C)</b>	<b>Jer. 1: 4-5, 17-19; Ps 70; 1 Cor. 12: 31 - 13: 13; Lk 4: 21-30</b>	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	6:30pm	Private Intention
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	8:30am	Jean Jossa RIP (Hughes)
	10:30am	For the People

### **Anniversaries of Death**

Bill Barter, Arthur Forsdyke, Sr. Barbara Campbell, Hannah Dwyer. Mary Mathews, Winifred Challis, Margaret Hoey, Kathleen Mitchell, Con Murphy, Paul Walker, Norah Holmes. †

### **You together are Christ's body**

We all belong to the Church of which the head is Christ. Just as the human body is made up of many parts all of which are interdependent, so we too are dependent on each other and ultimately on Christ. The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we may bring the Good News to the poor. In our lives we witness to the fulfilling of God's promises in the Holy Scripture.

### **Collections**

Gift Aid: £427.00; Cash: £105.00

**The Building Fund total** is currently £3,267.00

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

### **Second Collection**

**This weekend 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> January 2016** there is a second (retiring) collection for Racial Justice. This collection is to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

Gift Aiders can use the special envelopes available at the back of the Church for these second collections. Would they please ensure that they put their Gift Aid numbers on this envelope – it is not necessary for them to put their names on as well.

### **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

Have you received the New Rota and Contact List? If not please let me know.  
Monica Murrell.

### **Year of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage**

We are planning a pilgrimage to St Georges Cathedral Southwark on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March as part of our celebrations as a parish for The Year of Mercy. We will travel together by coach to arrive at 11.00am where we will enter St Georges by the Holy Door. Further details to be published shortly, thank you.

### **Parish Visitation by Area Bishop**

Bishop Patrick Lynch will be coming to St. Mary of the Crays on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 for his Parish Visitation. More details to follow.

### **Lent 2016**

The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday, which is a day of fast and abstinence. There will be two Masses at 9.15am and 8pm and the ashes will be blessed during the Mass.

### **100 Club**

We now almost have 100 members of the 100 Club. It is a great way of raising funds for the Parish so if you would like to join then please see Jim Saunders.

Father Ignatius and I thank you for your support and hope you will continue, it raised more than £3500 last year. Jim Saunders.

### **Book Club**

We continue on our journey of discovery of our Catholic faith with two small booklets from the CTS collection: 'Corporal Works of Mercy' and 'Spiritual Works of Mercy'. For more information contact Barry O'Sullivan on 01322 554041 or Josie Coward on 01322 272934 or just come along. We meet next on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to discuss these two titles at 8.00pm in the reception Area. Everyone welcome. Thank you.

### **Lectio Divina**

Prayer Group has now resumed. We meet Mondays at 7.30pm in the reception area where we read the Gospel of the forthcoming Sunday and this is followed by a silent period of prayer, (Lectio Divina). To find out more contact Barry O'Sullivan on 01322 554041 or Josie Coward on 01322 272934 or just come along, everyone very welcome. Thank you.

## **St Mary's Social Club forthcoming events:**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Family Bingo Night starts at 8.00 pm

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** St. Patrick's Day event. Music from Emerald Disco and a Bacon and Cabbage Lunch; 12.00 to 4.00pm

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** St George's Day Quiz and Fish 'n' Chip Supper starting at 8.30pm. **More information to be announced prior to each event**

## **The Friary**

We would like to thank Bro. Showry from the Friary for covering Masses here at Crayford whilst Father Ignatius was on holiday.

## **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. And, please note, there are special envelopes available in Church that can be used for various donations (these are especially useful for collections and projects which do not have a specific envelope).

Also could you please ensure that the donations you make to St. Mary's through your Gift Aid donations do not exceed the total amount of Tax you pay on all your income. This includes income from all taxed sources, including pensions, dividends on investments etc.

If any Gift Aiders are not sure of the total donations they have made to date, I will be quite happy to provide you with this information. **I would strongly advise you to make this check before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

Please contact Peter Phillips if you have any queries.

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone who has supported and prayed for me during my illness. The church has been a great comfort to me and I have been touched deeply by everyone's support. I have been able to start attending church again and it has been lovely to see familiar faces again. Thank you all and peace be with you. Nuz Courtney.

## **Churches Together in Crayford Forthcoming Events**

**Christian Unity Service: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January** at 6.00pm at St Paulinus Church. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us in praise and prayer.

### **Lent Lunches**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at St Mary of the Crays Church Hall for 12:30

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at Crayford Baptist Church -Lunch at 12:30. However, the church will be open from 11:00 to 12:30 for a Lenten Prayer Journey: participants will be invited to engage with a number of Prayer Stations individually and at their own pace.