



*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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm

Parish office

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

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2nd Sunday of Lent (C)	Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18; Ps 26; Phil 3: 17 – 4: 1; Lk 9: 28-36	
Saturday 20 th February 2016	6:30pm	For the People
Sunday 21 st February 2016	8:30am	Josie Tremain (Tremain)
	10:30am	Private Intention
The Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle Monday 22 nd February 2016	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention (Gillespie) followed by Novena
Tuesday 23 rd February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention
Wednesday 24 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am 7:30pm	Exposition Private Intention followed by Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Thursday 25 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention
Friday 26 th February 2016 (Feria)	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition Private Intention
3rd Sunday of Lent (C)	Exod. 3: 1-8, 13-15; Ps 102; 1 Cor. 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9	
Saturday 27 th February 2016	6:30pm	Private Intention
Sunday 28 th February 2016	8:30am	For the People
	10:30am	Andy Bradley RIP (Bradley)
	12:00pm	Baptism of Daniel Gaffney

Anniversaries of Death

Christopher Delieu, Catherine McSweeney, Bert Kemp, Geraldine Cascarini, Elizabeth Gohery, Dennis Hughes, Jean Regan, Christine Rutherford, John Radley, Olga Winifrede Threlfall, Mary Callahan, Margaret Murphy, Frederick Holmes, Patricia Frost, Catherine Holloway. †

The Lord Jesus Christ will transfigure us

Jesus was transfigured in the presence of his apostles and they realized how wonderful it was to be with him. Jesus is always with us ready to transform our lives if through faith we believe in his power. He is as faithful to us as God was to Abraham who put his faith in the Lord.

Collections

Gift Aid: £471.00; Cash: £154.00
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £274.00; Cash: £ 151.00

The Building Fund total is currently **£3,692.00**

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Pat McDonald RIP May She Rest in Peace †

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat McDonald who has recently died. Funeral details to follow later.

Congratulations to Chris and Deborah Price

We would like to send our congratulations and best wishes to Chris and Deborah Price on the occasion of the birth of their baby son and also to Aimee and Daniel for their new baby brother. We look forward to welcoming him into the parish.

The Season of Lent

“The purpose of Lent is to open our hearts to the life-giving grace and mercy of God who will reveal to us the truth about ourselves, our motives, and our priorities in life. All that we do in Lent, our prayer, our fasting and our almsgiving are means to this end – not ends in themselves. The end and purpose of Lent is to grow closer to God our Father, to appreciate how much he loves us, and to allow God’s grace to change us for the better.

My dear brothers and sisters, during this Lent let’s ask God’s help to look at ourselves with great honesty, confident that he loves us just as we are, and that he will always show us his mercy and compassion as, with the help of his grace, our lives will be changed for the better. Each day of Lent, may our prayer be this: ‘Lord, open my ears that I may hear; open my eyes that I may see; open my heart and rekindle within it the fire of your love’” – **Archbishop Peter Smith, Pastoral Letter (Lent 2016)**

Lenten Schedule

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8.30am every weekday during Lent.

Stations of the Cross: *Wednesday mornings* after Mass and *in the evenings at 7.30pm.*

24 Hours for the Lord (Eucharistic Exposition)

Friday/Saturday 4th/5th March 2016

Pope Francis has asked that all Catholic Churches hold this event annually, and that it should include the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We will begin it here in our Parish with Exposition at 8.30am on Friday 4th and conclude with Mass at 9am on Saturday, 5th March. Confession will be available before the Mass, from 8am.

A form has been prepared to arrange cover for the Church over the 24 hour period. Please could as many parishioners as possible sign up– if you can’t cover an hour then half an hour would be fine.

Consecration of St. Mary of the Crays Church

Our Church was consecrated on the 22nd February 1987. The Church was dedicated to God in a solemn rite, since it is a sign of the pilgrim Church on earth reflecting the Church in heaven. Please try and come to Mass to celebrate this day.

Year of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage to St. George’s Cathedral

Thank you to all those who have registered to take part in St Mary’s Pilgrimage to St George’s Cathedral on the 19th March. We have 34 pilgrims so far. The coach (we are hoping with a toilet on board) will accommodate 49-53 places so there are 15-19 spaces still left if there is anyone who still wishes to register. We will depart from here at 9.45am and leave the Cathedral at 3.45pm. For more details please see Fr. Ignatius or contact Josie Coward on 01322 272934. Thank you.

Lectio Divina

Prayer Group meets on 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.

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 5th April 2016.**

Please contact Peter Phillips if you have any queries.

St Mary's Social Club forthcoming events

Sunday 13th March

St. Patrick's Day event. Music from Emerald Disco and a Bacon and Cabbage Lunch; 12.00 to 4.00pm

Saturday 23rd April

St George's Day Quiz and Fish 'n' Chip Supper starting at 8.30pm.

More information to be announced prior to each event

Playgroup Craft Fair

Saturday 27th February 2016

The Playgroup is having a Craft Fair on Saturday 27th February.

To raise money for parish funds, we will be having a Tombola stall at the fair.

If anyone has any new gifts appropriate for the Tombola, please leave them in the reception area. For any further information, please contact me on 01322 529638. Many thanks.
Bernadette Hughes

Churches Together in Crayford forthcoming events

Thursday 25th February: One God, One Church, One Song in the social room at 7.30pm for 8pm-9.30pm

Friday 4th March: Women's World Day of Prayer at Crayford Baptist Church at 8pm

Saturday 12th March: Lent Lunch 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.