



*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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Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Ps 99; Apoc. 7: 9, 14-17; Jn. 10: 27-30	
Saturday 16th April 2016 6:30pm: Sheila and Tom Flanagan RIP (Flanagan)	Sunday 17th April 2016 8:30am: Margaret Coligan RIP (McKie) 10:30am: For the People
Monday 18th April 2016 (Feria) 9:15am: Elizabeth Smith RIP followed by Novena	Tuesday 19th April 2016 (Feria) 9:15am: Daphne Carragher RIP (Whelan)
Wednesday 20th April 2016 (Feria) 9:15am: Jim Keenan RIP 11:00am: Funeral of Geraldine Mary Collins	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Thursday 21st April 2016 9:15am: Ivy Pope RIP (Connor)
Friday 22nd April 2016 (Feria) 9:15am: Mary Tobin RIP St. Joseph's Yr. 4 and Yr. 1 attending	
Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) Acts 4: 21-27; Ps 144; Apoc. 21: 1-5; Jn. 13: 31-35	
Saturday 23rd April 2016 6:30pm: Private Intention	Sunday 24th April 2016 8:30am: For the People 10:30am: Catherine Phillips RIP (Phillips)

Anniversaries of Death
Henri Tierlinck, Margaret Coligan, James Stewart, Jim Keenan, Bruce Dixon, Robina Coughlan, Edith Hitchin, Michael Murphy, Julia Howard, Francis van Mechelen, Mary Kemp, Doris Dimes, P. Phair, Anne Canneaux, Agnes James, Jose, Colin Ryall, Kathleen Yeo, Agnes Cox, Ben Jones, Pat Bourke, Constance Lord, William Looker, Harry Biginton, Terry Connolly†

Christ gives eternal life to all who listen to his voice

Christ is the good shepherd who will lead us to springs of living water where God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. We are a light for the nations so that the salvation of Christ may be preached to the ends of the earth. We have a mission to everyone even though at times people will turn against us because of our belief. We remain full of joy in the Holy Spirit.

Collections

Gift Aid: £559.00; Cash: £154.00

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £311.00; Cash: £130.00

The Building Fund total is currently £4,848.00

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Parish Surgery will be on the 19th April between 7-8pm.

Because of the refurbishments in the reception area the Surgery will be held this week in the Presbytery, 111 Old Road.

This weekend 16th/17th April there is a second collection for Ecclesiastical Education. This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

Next weekend 23rd/24th April there will be a second collection for St. George's Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of upkeep of the Cathedral.

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

The Liturgy of the Word at Mass

The Liturgy of the Word is a very important part of the Eucharistic celebration. Its main part is made up of readings from Sacred Scripture, while the Homily, the Creed and the Universal (bidding) Prayer develop and conclude it. In it God speaks to us through the Scriptures, preparing us to encounter Jesus in a special way at the *Breaking of the Bread* during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. And so it is very important for us to be attentive and reflective during the readings. To encourage this, the following changes to our mode of celebration of this part of the Mass have now come into effect: -

1. **Short pauses after the first and second readings:** there will be a pause for silent reflection before the Responsorial Psalm or the Gospel Acclamation.
2. **Responsorial Psalm:** the reader will read the Psalm verses while all listen meditatively, and give the response at the end of each stanza as prescribed in the Mass Book. This means that the current practice of reading the Psalm in chorus will hereby be discontinued.

Parish Visitation by Area Bishop

Bishop Patrick Lynch will be coming to St. Mary of the Crays on the 21st, 23rd and 24th April. The itinerary for his visit is as follows: -

- **Thursday 21st April:** visiting the Schools within the Parish
- **Saturday 23rd April:**
 - **12 noon:** Mass at LSU
 - **3.30-4.30pm:** Meeting with the children
 - **6.30pm:** Bishop Lynch will be presiding over the Mass
 - **7.30-9pm:** Meeting with parishioners in the hall
- **Sunday 24th April:**
 - **8.30am:** Bishop Lynch will be preaching at this Mass
 - **10:30am:** Bishop Lynch will be presiding over the Mass

After 10.30 Mass, there will be a Reception in the hall; bring and share.

Lectio Divina: The prayer group takes place on Monday evenings 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.

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 Aiders: Thank you all for your generous donations to St. Mary's through our Parish Gift Aid scheme. Due to changes in all taxpayer's personal allowances in the new Tax year, it is very important that you ensure the donations you make to St. Mary's, and any other charity, through your Gift Aid membership does not exceed the total amount of Tax you yourself pay on all your income from all taxed sources. If, during the year ahead 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. Please contact me if you would like to have any more information regarding the working of our Gift Aid scheme. **May I please remind you that the Gift Aid boxes for 2016/2017 are available for collection in the hall.** Thank you. Peter Phillips 07842 966681

Day for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at St. Thomas More Church, 420a Long Lane DA7 5JW on 30th April 2016; 11am-3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. All Eucharistic Ministers should make every effort to attend.

St Mary's Community Club

The Club has kindly donated **£4,000.00** to the Building Fund. We would like to thank the Club Committee and all club members for their very generous gift.

Forthcoming events

Andy's St. George's Day Quiz Night; Saturday 30th April at 8.30pm

with fish and chip supper; 6 people per team, £6 per person including entry

Entry forms are available in the Social Club

Caitlin would like to celebrate her 21st birthday with a parish get together on Sunday 8th May in the social room after the 10.30 Mass. All are welcome and if you would like to contribute with a plate of food to share it would be gratefully received. Looking forward to seeing you there..... The Colman family

Southwark Catholic Youth Service 'I Believe' event at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark on the 24th April; 3-5pm. This is part of the Diocesan Year of Mercy programme and is for all who have been confirmed this year.

A warm welcome to the Knights of St. Columba Council 380 – Lesnes Abbey who will be attending the 10.30 Mass on the 24th April.

Churches Together in Crayford's next session of 'One God, One Church, One Song' is booked for Tuesday 26th April at Crayford Baptist Church. Doors will open at 7:45 for an 8:00 start. It was lovely to see some new faces last time. Please come along and join us, even if you have not been before. The sessions of praise and worship are not just for musicians only, everyone is welcome.

Gill Collins RIP (Geraldine Mary Collins) May She Rest in Peace†
Funeral: Wednesday 20th April at 11am; **Burial:** St. Paulinus at 12 noon.

Daphne Carragher RIP May She Rest in Peace† **Funeral:** Tuesday 19th April at 11.30am at Our Lady of the Angels Church, Erith.