



*St Mary of the Crays
Catholic Church*

YEAR OF MERCY

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

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

For enquiries and bookings
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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wis. 9: 13-18; Ps 89; Philem. 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14: 25-33

Saturday 3rd September 2016
 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6:30pm: Mai Cahill RIP (Maureen)

Sunday 4th September 2016
 8:30am: Kay Gillespie RIP (Gillespie)
 10:30am: For the People

Monday 5th September 2016 (Feria)
6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church
7:00pm: Bridie Curran RIP (Cope)

Tuesday 6th September 2016 (Feria)
 9:15am: Jerome Manu D'Souza (D'Souza)

Wednesday 7th September 2016 (Feria)
 9:15am: Private Intention **followed by Novena**

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 8th September 2016
 9:15am: Margaret Mizen (Jim & Maureen)

Friday 9th September 2016 (Feria)
6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church
7:00pm: Private Intention

Saturday 10th September 2016 (Feria)
 10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Exod. 32: 7-11, 13-14; Ps 50; 1 Tim 1: 12-17; Lk 15: 1-32

Saturday 10th September 2016
 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6:30pm: Bridie Curran RIP (Hull)

Sunday 11th September 2016
 8:30am: Daniel & Stephanie (Hanrahan)
 10:30am: For the People

Anniversaries of Death

Brendan Cunningham, Maura Sharp, Mathew Lawless, Elizabeth Murphy, K. Lynch, Arthur Mills, Clemence Duggan, Dennis Scannell, Christopher Fisher, Bet Robinson, Elizabeth Cope, Mary Bridget Flynn†

The cost of being a Christian

God has created us free. Nothing must come between him and us. Yet we sometimes have an inordinate affection for worldly possessions. Through the correct use of freedom we are given the privilege of being sons of God and escape remaining slaves of the world.

Collections

Gift Aid: £380.00; Cash: £270.00

The Building Fund total is currently **£2,616.55**
Thank you all very much for your generosity.

There will be no Parish Surgery until the 13th September.

Monday Morning Mass has moved to 7pm from 5th September.

On Friday 9th September Exposition will be at 6.30pm and Mass at 7pm.

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome back everyone and hope that you have all had a good summer break. Fr. Ignatius.

Healing Mass

On Monday 19th September at 7pm there will be a Healing Mass. If there are any parishioners who will need transport then please advise Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible.

Baptisms

If there are any parishioners who would like to have their children baptized in the next two months, there will be a Baptism Instruction session at 7pm on the 14th September in the Church meeting room. Please collect Baptism Request forms from the parish office as soon as possible and advise us of your wish to attend this session.

Second Collections

This weekend there is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service (CES). The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas

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

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

To all Young Readers

Thank you to all of the young readers who participate in the 10.30 Mass.

I am inviting you all to join me for a discussion in the Liturgy Room immediately **after 10.30 Mass on Sunday 11th September** to arrange and organise a young readers' rota. I look forward to seeing you there. Fr. Ignatius.

Building Fund

The majority of the refurbishment works have now been completed in the Church, hall and social areas. The cost of these works has been substantial, some of which has been paid from our savings, the Building Fund collections, the 100 Club and also the loan received from another parish.

There are still outstanding payments and loan repayments which have to be made and we do of course need to replenish our savings.

I would like to thank you all very much for all of your generous donations to the parish funds to date.

Your input with any fundraising ideas would be appreciated.

Mass Requests

If you would like to have a Mass said for the anniversary of a deceased family member or friend, for anyone who is ill or to celebrate a special occasion, please complete a Mass Request Envelope, which is available in the Church, and please leave it with Father Ignatius or in the Parish Office. The Diocesan Guidelines recommend a minimum offering of £10 per intention. If you would like a specific date for your Mass request, please notify the parish secretary as soon as possible to ensure availability.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic? Would you like to know more about your faith? Are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed?

The RCIA is the liturgical and catechetical process designed for adults attracted by Christ and his teaching. It supports them as they seek to respond more deeply and to enter into the Communion of the Church. You are very welcome to speak to Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible.

Home/Garden Help

Elderly parishioners seek home/garden help; 1-2 hours per week. May suit a retired couple. Please contact 01322 525206.

Altar Servers

I would like to invite any young children in the parish who have received First Holy Communion, and especially those children who received First Holy Communion this year, to consider becoming an Altar Server.

If this is a ministry that you would like to undertake, then please complete a form on the table in the Church entrance and return it to Fr. Ignatius.

Blessings

Please let us know the dates of birthdays and of any special anniversaries and we will put these in the newsletter and Father Ignatius will give a Blessing at the end of a weekend Mass.

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 Winners: 45: Mr. and Mrs. Galibardy; 10: Emer Freman

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 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 £1.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £1.25 to St. Mary's. Peter Phillips

DR KILDARE is coming to the Social Room: Saturday 10th September at 8pm

He is the ex-lead singer and guitarist with the Joe Dolan Band and is coming to entertain us for the Social Club's 7th Anniversary of its re-opening. Bring your family and friends and help us make this a night to remember! You are welcome to bring your own food. All the events at the club are free to members and their families and friends and monies raised through the club go to support the parish with much needed funds.

Do you have a musical talent or just an interest in singing and the music played at Sunday Masses and other occasions? Please come to a meeting on Friday 23rd September where you can bring along any ideas for the progression of music ministry. Everybody is welcome. Thank you. Alan Hughes

Christians against Poverty

Debt problems can happen through a variety of causes. They may result in personal difficulties which can weigh us down but there is help. Christians against poverty (CAP) is a charity completely free to use. Its aim is to help lift the burden of debt and has done so for thousands of others. On Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 7.30 in the Angelus centre next to Our Lady of the Angels, Bexley Road, Erith DA8 1DN, we are holding an introductory evening to explain how the charity can help. If you wish to come along please email (ola@btinternet.com) to register your interest for catering purposes.

Day of Renewal at Aylesford Priory on Saturday 10th September 2016

Please see notice board for further information.

Day for Catechists: Saturday 24th September at St. George's Cathedral

Please see notice board for further information.