



*St Mary of the Crays
Catholic Church*

**YEAR OF MERCY ENDS
THIS WEEKEND!**

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)

2 Sam 5: 1-3; Ps 121; Col 1: 12-20; Lk 23: 35-43

Saturday 19th Nov 2016

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Deceased members of the
Connor and Vella Families (Connor)

Sunday 20th Nov 2016

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Thanksgiving (Gwam)
4:00pm: Eucharistic Exposition

The Presentation of the BVM Monday 21st Nov 2016

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer
and Prayer for the Sick
7:00pm: Holy Souls

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Tuesday 22nd Nov 2016

9:15am: Mr. George RIP (T. George)

Wednesday 23rd Nov 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Holy Souls (Murrell) followed
by Novena
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Saints Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday 24th Nov 2016

9:15am: Michael Nolan RIP

Friday 25th Nov 2016 (Feria)

9:15am: Holy Souls followed by
Exposition

Saturday 26th Nov 2016 (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 2: 1-5; Ps 121; Rom 13: 11-14; Matt 24: 37-44

Saturday 26th Nov 2016

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Celina and Henry Raymond
Wedding Anniversary (George)

Sunday 27th Nov 2016

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Peter Phillips (Trombetti)

Anniversaries of Death

Michael Twomey, Nicholas McConville, Fr. Desmond Connaughton, Cis Kilner, Charles Francis, Maria Teirlinck, B. Routleff, Sr. Anne Hanks, Peter Rawbone, Mary Hetherington, Annie Durkin, Lillian and Edward Heath, Jack Collins, Owen Boyle, Annie Durcan, Dympna Bullen, James Cunningham†

The King who promises us his kingdom!

Today as we celebrate National Youth Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King as we give thanks for the special graces received during the Jubilee year of Mercy. Inspired by the gospel we pray for the grace to be as brave as the good thief, who receives far more than expected by calling out to Jesus on the cross. The good thief reminds us that it is never too late to receive God's mercy and experience a taste of paradise.

National Youth Sunday also offers us the opportunity to be merciful by welcoming young people into the heart of our community. Please follow @NYS_HeisMercy on Twitter or like the National Youth Sunday page on Facebook.

Collections

Gift Aid: £363.00; Cash: £142.00

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £260.00; Cash: £160.00

Building Fund Total

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£2,680.95.**

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Parish Surgery: Tuesday 22nd November at the Presbytery, 7-8pm.

Second Collections

This weekend there is a second collection for Catholic Youth Services which supports Youth Work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

November

November is the month when we remember the Holy Souls in a very special way. If you would like members of your family and friends to be remembered in a special way please write their names on a list and enclose it in a Holy Souls envelope and place it in the basket in front of the altar. Offerings in the Holy Souls envelopes will be used for Masses for all the departed in general throughout the month. **NB:** for individual Mass Requests, please use the usual Mass Request Envelopes.

Year of Mercy

Sunday 20th November is the end of the Year of Mercy. On this day, between 4-5pm there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

The Season of Advent

Please note that during the Season of Advent: -

- ❖ There will be Exposition at 6.15pm on Monday evenings and at 8.30am in the mornings, Tuesday to Friday.
- ❖ There will be an evening Mass on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm

Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Confirmation

The first session of the Confirmation Preparation Programme will begin tomorrow, Monday 21st November at 7.15pm in the Social Room. The team looks forward to meeting the young people who have enrolled on the programme, and sharing experiences with them on this part of their journey of faith. **Parishioners:** will you kindly remember these young people and their families in your prayers. (*Young people: please remember to enter the Church entrance quietly on Monday and to proceed straight upstairs, as Mass will be taking place in the Church.*)

Clergy Support Fund

Thank you to all parishioners who attended the presentations held during September and October. There will be a short presentation and an update with regard to the Clergy Support Fund at the end of each Mass on the weekend of the 26th/27th November. Booklets will be available after the Mass.

Thank You

To all my friends, just a note to say thank you for all your kind messages, Masses and thoughts while I was in hospital and recovering. I am glad to report I am now on the mend and we continue to pray for our friends. Una Macklin

Social Club Annual Christmas Draw

If you would like to enter this draw, please see Trish during club opening hours for the chance to win one or more items for your Christmas Stocking. £1 per entry and all monies collected will go towards prizes. The draw will take place on Friday 16th December from 8.30pm.

Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 26th November 2016; 12-4pm

Thank you so much to all the parishioners, old and new, who have volunteered their services for the Christmas bazaar next Saturday, 26th November. Organising the event has been made easier by those who came forward so quickly to offer their services, despite the pressures on their own time and lives. Thank you also to my 'mum' friends who have been such wonderful sounding boards in recent weeks each time I needed advice - please don't avoid me when you see me coming, I may need you yet! I really hope to see as many of you there as possible, we start at 12pm with the Mayor of Bexley, the Head Teacher of St Joseph's and Fr Ignatius opening the event. Of course, many stalls wouldn't be possible without your kind donations, for which we have received many generous items. We still need your donations, so please keep them coming! Caroline Schmidt.

Raffle Tickets

Can you please ensure that all raffle tickets stubs are returned by no later than Wednesday 23rd November either in the Church/Parish Office or at the Presbytery. 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 Aid

For your information, Nick Kavanagh will be returning to St. Mary's for the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 26th November to make a further appeal for more Parishioners to join our Gift Aid scheme. In the meantime if any of you would like to join the scheme now, or get further information on how it is organised, please contact me or Father Ignatius. Thank you all, Peter Phillips.

Churches Together in Crayford

One God, One Church, One Song will be on Thursday 24th November at 7.30-9pm at our Church in the reception area. This is a session of prayer and praise for all the members of the churches in Crayford and everyone is welcome to come along with their musical instruments and voices!

St. Catherine's Advent Tea Party: Friday 2nd December at 1.30pm

Advent Tea Party for senior members of the community. Members of the parish are welcome and transport can be arranged. If you would like to attend please let Father Ignatius know or call Chaplain Catherine Williams on 01322 556333.

The conclusion of the Year of Mercy will be celebrated at St. Stephen's Church, Welling with Mass at 10.30am on Tuesday 22nd November followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

Sybil Stevens RIP May She Rest in Peace†

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sybil Stevens (Jackie Santo's Aunt) who died on the 10th November. **Funeral:** 30th November at 1pm. **Burial:** St. Paulinus Church at 2.15pm followed by a Reception in the Social Room.