



## *St Mary of the Crays Catholic Church*

### **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)

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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  
Enquiries: 01322 556527/  
parish@stmarycrays.org.uk

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### **Parish Priest**

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### **Parish School**

St. Joseph's Primary School  
Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DZ

[www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk](http://www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk)

### **Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings contact 01372  
457651

## First Sunday of Advent (A)

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

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016

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

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016

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

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with Vespers and  
Prayer for the Sick of the Parish  
7:00pm: Jeremiah Callahan RIP

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds  
9:15am: Mr. Johny RIP (T. George)

### St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds  
9:15am: Holy Souls followed by Novena  
10:00am: Mass (Convent)  
1:00pm: Funeral of Sybil Stevens

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds  
9:15am: John Henry Coleman RIP  
(Huxford)

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2016 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds  
9:15am: Holy Souls  
St. Joseph's Yr. 3 and Yr. 4 attending

### Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2016

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## Second Sunday of Advent (A)

**Is 11: 1-10; Ps 71; Rom 15: 4-9; Matt 3: 1-12**

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2016

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Jennifer O'Brien RIP (Collins)

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016

8:30am: For the People  
10:30am: Ita Creavin RIP (Cope Family)

## Anniversaries of Death

John O'Keeffe, Walter Potter, John Leach, John and Mrs. Cremin, Angela Mitchell, Jeremiah Callahan, Loraine Fielder, Daniel Darby, Bridget Kathleen Carter, Hugh Brennan, Sarah Fisher, Philip Harris, Louisa Byrne, Francis Connolly, Helen Cooper, Victoria Nicholls†

## Be prepared!

During Advent we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. We make ourselves ready as the new homes into which he will come. The long hours of waiting are nearly over and the dawn of our salvation is about to break. Soon we will walk in the light of the Lord.

## Collections

Catholic Youth Services: Gift Aid: £120.00; Cash: £68.00

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Presbytery, 7-8pm.**

## Advent Message from Archbishop Peter Smith

"Advent is a fruitful time for us to examine the depth and strength of our faith in God and in his providence and to ask for God's grace and help to remain faithful disciples. In the person of Jesus Christ, whose birth we will celebrate at Christmas, we see made visible the God we cannot see; the God who asks to be invited into our innermost lives in order to share his love with us. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice, I will come in to him..." (Rev. 3:20). But the door to our hearts can only be opened from the inside, and Christ will not force his way in – he waits with great longing and patience for us to invite him to come in. He longs to take away our fears and anxieties and convince us of his unconditional love for each one of us – a love which is steadfast and enduring and which will never fail whatever the storms of life bring"-*Pastoral Letter for Advent 2016.*

## Advent Liturgical Programme

- ❖ **Eucharistic Exposition:** 6.30pm on Monday (with Vespers) and at 8.30am on Tuesday to Friday (with Lauds).
- ❖ **Penitential Service with Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. **Visiting priests will be available for confessions.**
- ❖ **Mass for the Sick:** Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 11.00 a.m.
- ❖ **Parish Carol Service:** Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7.30-8.30 p.m
- ❖ **SJS Junior Carol Service:** Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 9.30 a.m

## Preparing for God's Coming: 5 minute daily thoughts for Advent

Our Diocese has developed a series of daily reflections featuring the Scripture of the day and a related thought and prayer drawn from the spirituality of Stewardship. If you would like to receive these daily emails and encounter Advent in this way please subscribe via <http://eepurl.com/bP6Bp9>

## 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.

## Christmas Bazaar

A huge thank you to all of you who left donations for the various stalls for the bazaar, without which we simply wouldn't have a bazaar to run. Your contributions were very gratefully received. To all of you who ran the stalls, thank you so much for giving up your time, your enthusiasm and support, especially those who, once again, turned out to support for yet another year - same time next year?! To Jim Saunders, our raffle ticket Chief: without his help I fear we simply wouldn't have raised as many funds. A huge thanks to all of you. Now when you're all getting your 2017 diaries in a few weeks make a note of this date: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 for the 2017 bazaar and no, I'm not joking! Merry Christmas! Caroline Schmidt.

### **Parish Mass Books**

As we are now at the end of the Liturgical Year, if anyone has any Parish Mass Books at home can they please return these to the Sacristy as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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**

May I remind all Gift Aiders to ensure that the Gift Aid donations you make to St. Mary's (and Gift Aid donations to other charities) does not exceed the total amount you have paid in income and other taxes on your earnings. If you are not sure of the amount you have already paid to St. Mary's, I will be pleased to advise you accordingly. May I take the opportunity to thank you all for your generosity with your Gift Aid donations. Peter Phillips 07842966681

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30pm.

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas**

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Church for the Christmas season on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30am**. Everybody welcome. If you have any greenery such as holly, ivy or any other evergreens that we can use, please leave it in the Church reception area. Please could you bring scissors or secateurs and gardening gloves as these may be very useful. If you have any enquiries please phone Liz Doherty on 0208 311 2319 or Josie Coward on 01322 272934. Thank you.

### **Fr. Brendan Carmody SJ**

Fr. Brendan has now moved and his new address is: -  
St. Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner Street, Dublin 1, Ireland.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> November. **Funeral:** 30<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm. **Burial:** St. Paulinus Church at 2.15pm followed by a Reception in the Social Room.

### **Mrs. Mary Kearns RIP✠ May She Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary. Kearns of 90 Ridgeway, Crayford who died at 96 years of age on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016. **Funeral:** 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon. **Burial:** St. Paulinus Church at 1pm