



*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  
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**Parish School**

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**Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)**  
**Is 7: 10-14; Ps 23; Rom 1: 1-7; Matt 1: 18-24**

<p><b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b>                      5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation                      6:30pm: Holy Souls</p>	<p><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b>                      8:30am: For the People                      10:30am: Kathleen (Kay) Phillips                      (Phillips)</p>
<p><b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria)                      9:30am: SJS Junior Carol Service                      6:30pm: Exposition with Vespers and                      Prayer for the Sick of the Parish                      7:00pm: Maria Coelho RIP</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria)                      8:30am: Exposition &amp; Lauds                      9:15am: Holy Souls</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria)                      8:30am: Exposition &amp; Lauds                      9:15am: Jerome DeSouza RIP (DeSouza)                      followed by Novena                      10:00am: Mass (Convent)</p>	<p><b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria)                      8:30am: Exposition &amp; Lauds                      9:15am: Holy Souls</p>
<p><b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria)                      8:30am: Exposition &amp; Lauds                      9:15am: John and Teresa Lynch RIP</p>	<p><b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b> (Feria)                      10:00am: Mass (Convent)</p>
<p><b>Christmas Eve: Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  <b>Confessions:</b> 4 – 4.45pm                      4:30pm: Carols                      5:00pm (Vigil): Catherine McKie                      (Redmond)                      10:30pm: Carols                      11:00pm: Jack Lawless RIP (Jaber)                      followed by Reception</p>	<p><b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>  <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b>                      8:30am: Richard Hanrahan RIP and                      Regina Bernard RIP (Hanrahan)                      10:30am: For the People</p> <p><b>Saint Stephen, the First Martyr</b>  <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016</b>  <b>10:00am:</b> Brian McMahan RIP                      (Redmond)</p>

**Anniversaries of Death**

Percy Holmes, Sydney Davies, Esther Bracken, Patrick Davis, Cecilia Treveltham, Maria Coelho, Sr. Ada Hudson, Michael Twomey, Kenneth Smith, Neville Pryke, May Callan, F. Bonyngo, Peter Cascarini, Derick Hudson, Henry Gomes, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and daughter, Jamie Cunningham, Eloise Wright, Bert Yeo, Michael O'Keeffe✠

**God-is-with-us!**

God sent his only Son on earth to be born of human stock. His name is Jesus and his mother's name is Mary. He is the Saviour of all the world, and through him we are called to real holiness of life.

**Collections**

Gift Aid: £412.00; Cash: £154.00  
 Building Fund: Gift Aid: £396.00; Cash: £124.00

### **Second Collection**

This weekend there is a second collection for Church flowers for Christmas. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

### **Building Fund Total**

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£2,020.35.**

***Thank you all very much for your generosity.***

### **Season's Greetings**

I would like to wish you all and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2017. Fr. Ignatius

### **Christmas Offerings**

Christmas offerings are by custom given for the support of Priests in parish ministries. Together with the Easter offering, it forms the main source of income of parish clergy in the diocese who do not receive a wage throughout the year. Envelopes are available in the Church.

### **Organist Required**

An Organist is needed for the Mass at the Night of Christmas. If anyone can help, please contact Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible.

### **Parish Surgery: Resumes on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

As St. Joseph's Junior Carol Service is taking place on Monday morning at 9.30am, please note that **Mass will be in the evening at 7pm**, preceded by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with vespers and prayers for the sick of the parish at 6.30pm.

### **The Season of Advent**

The long night of our waiting is nearly over. We pray in hope trusting in his power to save us. It is our Christian hope which makes us joyful. Advent is, therefore, a time of great joy. During Advent we prepare with Our Lady for the coming of the Lord. Our souls too will magnify him for he who is mighty has done great things for us and holy is his name.

### **New Year's Eve: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

It has been suggested that we could have a Mass in the Night of New Year's Eve to welcome in the New Year 2017. Is this something that you would like to do? Please let me have your feedback on this as soon as possible. Fr. Ignatius

### **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 Posters**

Please take a Christmas Poster to share the Peace and Joy of the Christmas Season.

### **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.

### **Rite of Election and Call to Conversion (RCIA)**

St. George's Cathedral, Southwark: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### **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 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 £5.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £6.25 to St. Mary's. Thank you. Peter Phillips.

### **Community Club Christmas and New Year Opening Times**

**23<sup>rd</sup> December:** open as usual;  
**24<sup>th</sup> December:** open from 7.30 to 10.00pm;  
**25<sup>th</sup> December:** Closed;  
**30<sup>th</sup> December:** open as usual  
**31<sup>st</sup> December:** open from 7.30 to Midnight;  
**1<sup>st</sup> January 2017:** closed

### **Bring & Share on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 after 10.30am Mass**

Would you like to come and celebrate the New Year by having a communal lunch on New Year's Day? If you have no other plans for lunch on this Sunday, please let Tina Saunders know soonest and we can make plans to organise this in the Hall. Thank you.

### **Churches Together in Crayford (CTiC)**

Carol Singing in the Duke of Wellington Pub, Crayford on 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm. See notice board for full details

### **New Year Event: Greater Things**

**Youth 2000 New Year Retreat:** 'Greater Things' 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016-1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017  
**Please see poster on notice board and flyers for more information**