



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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm

Parish office

8:30am-10:30am, Monday,
Wednesday, Friday
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Parish Hall

For enquiries and bookings
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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 49: 14-15; Ps 61; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5; Matt 6: 24-34

<p>Saturday 25th Feb 2017 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Abbie and Jack Callahan RIP (Saunders)</p>	<p>Sunday 26th Feb 2017 8:30am: For the People 10:30am: Derrick Butt for 90th Birthday (Colman)</p>
<p>Monday 27th Feb 2017 (Feria) 6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer and Prayer for the Sick 7:00pm: Celina on her birthday (T. George)</p>	<p>Tuesday 28th Feb 2017 (Feria) 9:15am: Nell and Jim Saunders RIP (Saunders)</p>
<p>Ash Wednesday Wednesday 1st Mar 2017 8:30am:Exposition 9:15am: Camilo DeSouza RIP (D'Mello) Key Stage 2 SJS attending Stations of the Cross after Mass 10:30am: Mass (Convent) 7:00pm: For all Parishioners</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd Mar 2017 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Angelo Alphonso followed by Novena</p>
<p>Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd Mar 2017 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Dennis Ives (Bull)</p>	<p>Saturday 4th Mar 2017 (Feria) 10:00am: Mass (Convent)</p>

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Gen 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7; Ps 50; Rom 5: 12-19; Matt 4: 1-11

<p>Saturday 4th Mar 2017 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Fred Miller RIP (Hull)</p>	<p>Sunday 5th Mar 2017 8:30am: Mary Ann Murray RIP (Marshall) 10:30am: Ella Okafor RIP</p>
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Anniversaries of Death

Margaret Murphy, Frederick Holmes, Patricia Frost, Catherine Holloway, Andrew Bradley, Michael Hoey, Dennis Hughes, John McGinty, Sarah Mitchem, Henry Hoskins, Rosella Onwuemeli, Ellen Estherby, Ruth Looker, Edwin Brown, John Rayner, L. Bourke, Danny Boshell, Brendan Hession, Sidney Davies, Patricia Hine, Margaret Macklin, Jill Sweby, Michael Clinton, Fred Miller✠

Do not worry about tomorrow

The philosophy of Jesus penetrates to the nerve centre of all our fears and worries. The past is dead and the future yet to come. We have to live every moment to the full since we only have today. God never abandons us and knows the deepest desires and intentions of our hearts.

Collections: Gift Aid: £435.00; Cash: £142.00

Parish Surgery: Tuesday 28th February in the Presbytery; 7-8pm

Change of Parish Office Hours

As from **Monday 20th February 2017**, the Parish Office will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from **8.30am to 10.30am**

Building Fund Total

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£2,071.75**. ***Thank you all very much for your generosity.***

Second Collection

This weekend there is a second collection for Poor Parishes which enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

Message for Lent 2017

My dear sisters and brothers, next Wednesday (1 March 2017) we will enter the Lenten Season. I want to invite all of you in the parish to join me and all of us as we embark on this great season of Christian discipleship and mission, on a journey of hope in the forthcoming season of grace. Lent is a holy season when we strive to focus more intently on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's a journey of true discipleship during which period we strive ever more ardently to let go of ourselves, of some of our comforts and, above all, habits that may not always stand us well before God and in our relationships not only with others but also with ourselves as well as with God's creation. It is, therefore, a period of rediscovering and celebrating God's love and mercy more intently as we intensify our love for God and others, especially the poor and needy, the marginalised, disadvantaged, outcasts, etc. through the traditional triple discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. To be sure, Lent is both a personal and communal journey. And so, I want to strongly recommend the cultivation of individual and family prayers and participation in liturgical and para-liturgical activities (daily Mass and Eucharistic Exposition, Stations of the Cross, Penitential Service, etc.) here in the parish or in sister-parishes throughout this period (a detailed programme will be published soon). I want to suggest that we all make earnest effort to take seriously the forthcoming Lent as a grace-filled period of true interior conversion and a journey of deepening our discipleship of Christ. May we imitate his example of self-emptying and humility through his forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert before embarking on his public ministry which culminated in his passion, death and resurrection – the mystery of our salvation. With every blessing! Father Ignatius

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday, 1st March (*a day of fast and abstinence*): Mass and distribution of ashes: 9.15am and 7pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8.30am every weekday during Lent, except on Monday (6.30pm).

Stations of the Cross: *Wednesday mornings* after Mass and ***Wednesday evenings*** at 7.30pm beginning on Ash Wednesday.

Novena: After Mass on Thursday.

Confirmation 2017

Monday 27th February @ 7.15pm: The next meeting for candidates.

Bexley Deanery: A Day for Readers: 11th March 2017: 11am-3.30pm

See notice board for further details

All First Communion Candidates

Please remember to bring your homework books to our next session on Sunday 5th March so Father Ignatius can have a look at them all. **Parents** also remember, you have a session with Father Ignatius after the 8.30 Mass on 5th March. Look forward to seeing you all. Thank you. Anne.

Morning Prayers

Throughout the year there will be Morning Prayers at 8.50am on weekday mornings preceding Mass, to include Monday mornings during the school holidays.

Exposition and Evening Prayers on Mondays

Exposition with Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Prayer for the Sick will continue on Monday evenings during term time.

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. To find out more contact Barry O'Sullivan on 01322 554041 or Josie Coward on 01322 272934 or come along, all welcome. Thank you.

Catenian Rosary Collection

A box is on the wall outside the Repository for the collection of Rosaries; any as long as it is in one piece – new, second hand etc. These will be sent all around the world to where they are needed, including prisons in this country. Thank you.

Parish Fun Day

There will be a Parish Fun Day in the Church hall on Sunday 30th April from 12..30pm onwards with BBQ lunch and games and fun for all the families. Please come along with your family and have a great day.

Playgroup Craft Fair

St Mary's Playgroup is having a Craft Fair in the hall on Saturday 4th March, 12:30-4:30. We are having a Tombola stall at this event to raise money for the Building Fund. Please come along to support the Church and Playgroup. Thank you, Bernadette.

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.

Pilgrimage to Knock: 13th March 2017: See board for full details