



*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

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First Sunday of Lent (A)

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

Saturday 4th Mar 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Fred Miller RIP (Hull)

Sunday 5th Mar 2017

8:30am: Mary Ann Murray RIP
(Marshall)
10:30am: Ella Okafor RIP

Monday 6th Mar 2017 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer
of the Church and Prayer for the Sick
7:00pm: Malcolm Lucas RIP (Bull)

Tuesday 7th Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Nell and Jim Saunders RIP
(Saunders)

Wednesday 8th Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Maureen Gatrell RIP followed
by Stations of the Cross
5:00pm: Requiem Mass (Convent)
7:30pm: Stations of the Cross

Thursday 9th Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: McGreevy and Bell Family (S.
Youngs) followed by Novena
11.00am (**Funeral**): Sr Marie Buckley
(Convent)

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

Friday 10th Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Oparehene Family (SJS)
Yr. 5 and Yr. 2 St. Joseph's attending

Saturday 11th Mar 2017 (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gen 12: 1-4; Ps 32; 2 Tim 1: 8-10; Matt 17: 1-9

Saturday 11th Mar 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Bridget Gaughan RIP
(Whitaker)

Sunday 12th Mar 2017

8:30am: Relatives and Friends of
Homer Family (Homer)
10:30am: Shiju Johny on his birthday
(George)

Anniversaries of Death

Michael Gaffney, Luigi Cascarini, W. McHugh, Louise Herreng, Ethel Davis, Harry Sparrowhawk, Thomas Caraccio, Helen Bye, George Ward, Michael Teal, Sara Fisher, Irene Small, Joseph Cerutti, Maureen Gatrell, Charles Cooper, Edith Looker, Dick Whyte, Francis Lintott, Daniel O'Halloran, William Griffith, Maria Theaves, Albert Winterton, Reg Clemas, Edward O'Loughlin, Billy Chandler✠

Christ: Conqueror of Sin and Temptation

God created the human race free from sin but our first parents yielded to the temptation of the devil. In them each one of us has sinned just as in Christ we are given the power like him to overcome the temptations of this world.

Collections:

Gift Aid: £323.00; Cash: £182.00

Poor Parishes: Gift Aid: £98.00; Cash: £118.00

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

Change of Parish Office Hours

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

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.**

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.

Lenten Message (Pope Francis)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (*Joel 2:12*), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive ... Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like [us] to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. *Lk 16:19-31*). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2017 (for full text see: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20161018_messaggio-quaresima2017.html)

Lenten Schedule

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. **Novena:** after Mass on Thursday.

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

We would like to congratulate Evelyn Aikpokpoje, Charlotte Nelson and Caroline Drummond on their Rite of Election at St. George's Cathedral today and pray for them as they continue their journey towards the Easter Sacraments.

Lenten Family Fast Day

Friday 10th March is Lenten Family Fast Day. Let us make a special effort on this day to focus our attention on the poor and needy in the world. Do consider donating money saved by your fasting to CAFOD.

Day for Readers at St. John Vianney on Saturday 11th March 2017.

Please take a packed lunch. All readers should make every effort to attend.

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.

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 you to ensure that the Gift Aid donations you make to St. Mary's (and Gift Aid donations to other charities) do 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.

Next year's Gift Aid envelopes will be available in the Church hall for your collection from **18th March**. I hope you will all be able to collect them before the start of the new Tax year, as your present boxes will be finished by then.

Please note that all boxes are in alphabetical and numerical order this year, so everyone will be receiving a new number. PLEASE make sure you take the correct box! I hope to be available on the 17th to assist you with any queries you may have, but if I am not there please leave a note with Fr. Ignatius who will pass it on to me, or contact me at the numbers below.

Finally, may I take the opportunity to once again thank you all for your continuing generosity to our Church by your membership of the Parish Gift Aid Scheme. If any Parishioners would like more information about the working of the Gift Aid scheme, or would like to join - please contact me. Peter Phillips 07842966681 / phillips4rangers@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Day event in the Social Club; Sunday 12th March; 12-4pm

Bacon and Cabbage Lunch in the Hall; 1.30-2.30pm;

Tickets available from Trish at the bar. Tickets: £10; Children (12 & under) £5;

Churches Together in Crayford (CTiC)

CTiC are hosting a **Walk Through The Bible**: the New Testament event in our Church Saturday 11th March, 10am-4.30pm. Registration is at 9.30am on the day. You will need to book your place in advance so, please apply early. The subsidised cost to attend is £5 to members of Churches in Crayford. For more information, please pick up an application form on the table in the Church entrance.

Ralph Cantwell RIP † May he Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ralph Cantwell who died on Sunday 26th February. Funeral details to follow.