



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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Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Exod. 17: 3-7; Ps 94; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42

Saturday 18th Mar 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Albert South & Winn Miller RIP

Sunday 19th Mar 2017

8:30am: Angela Brunt RIP (Greatorex)
10:30am: Deirdre Walshe RIP (Walshe)

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church

Monday 20th Mar 2017

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church and Prayer for the Sick
7:00pm: Brian Shandley RIP

Tuesday 21st Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Mary Lawless RIP (Jaber)
St. Joseph's School attending

Wednesday 22nd Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Holy Souls followed by Stations of the Cross
10:00am: Mass (Convent)
7:30pm: Stations of the Cross

Thursday 23rd Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Shauneen Bell and Family (Bell) followed by Novena

Friday 24th Mar 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Johanna Anna West RIP (Connor)

The Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday 25th Mar 2017

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22; Eph. 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

Saturday 25th Mar 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Elizabeth Freeman RIP (Bull)

Sunday 26th Mar 2017

8:30am: Gerrard Goodhind RIP (Tremain)
10:30am: Hector Arevalo RIP (Davies)

Anniversaries of Death

Albert South, Mary Kenneally, Mary Brennan, John Baillie, Florence Hackney, Jack Smith, Marilyn Bean, Delia McHugh, William Field, Larry Challis, Elizabeth Redmond, Martin Cahill, George Clements, George Stickings, William Hand, Maureen McGrath, Grace Foley, Joan Baillie, Geraldine Mary Collins †

Christ the Spring of Life

Through baptism Christ becomes within us a source of the living waters of grace. Through the Holy Spirit the love of God is poured into our hearts and our spiritual thirst is quenched. We really come alive. We become in our turn the wells of God's goodness at which people will drink.

Collections

Gift Aid: £453.00; Cash: £125.00
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £248.00; Cash: £107.00

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 **£1,773.95**. ***Thank you all very much for your generosity.***

Morning Prayers

Throughout the year Morning Prayers will be 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.

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.

Car Park

A series of problems have occurred in the car park with regard to the picking up/dropping off of pupils to the school in the mornings and afternoons.

A new policy will come into effect from the 1st April: the car park will only be used for Church purposes. We have had to take this radical decision as other measures taken to resolve this problem have been ineffective. Any inconvenience to parishioners is deeply regretted. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and cooperation.

Children's clothes in the Sacristy

There are various items of children's clothing and jackets which have been left in the Sacristy. Could parents please check and collect what is theirs. Any still remaining at the end of this month will be sent to the charity shop.

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. Please take a leaflet to find out more about the Catenian Association.

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.

Dying and Rising with Christ

**One Day Retreat for Easter at St. Thomas More Church, Bexleyheath
Saturday 25th March 2017: See notice board for full programme**

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 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. Peter Phillips 07842 966681.

Help Needed! Good Friday Frugal Lunch in the hall: 14th April

We are hosting the Frugal lunch on Good Friday this year. Help is needed from 10am on the day to get everything ready to serve lunch after the Walk of Witness ends. If you can help, please call Tina Saunders on 07947 184212.

St. Mary's Community Club: Andy's St. George's Day Quiz Night

Saturday 22nd April at 8.30pm with fish and chip supper
6 per team, £6/person inc. entry; Entry forms available in the Social Club

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: 5th April at 1pm; Eltham Crematorium at 2.30pm.