



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 Easter (A)

Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Ps 15; 1 Pet 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 13-35

Saturday 29th Apr 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Joshua Johny 5th Birthday (T. George)

Sunday 30th Apr 2017

8:30am: Thanksgiving (Marriner)
10:30am: Sarah Donnley RIP (Davies)
12:30pm: Baptism of Caitlin Anne-Maria Millar

Saint Joseph the Worker

Monday 1st May 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15pm: Ralph Cantwell RIP (B. Youngs)

Saint Athanasius

Tuesday 2nd May 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Whitaker and Hotine Families

Saints Philip and James

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Teresa Brennan RIP followed by Novena
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

The English Martyrs

Thursday 4th May 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Leonard Moore RIP

Friday 5th May 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Patricia Hanrahan (Staunton)
Yr. 5 and Yr. R. SJS attending

Saturday 6th May 2017 (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A) (Vocations Sunday)

Acts 2: 14, 36-41; Ps 22; 1 Pet 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10

Saturday 6th May 2017

6:30pm: John O'Sullivan RIP (Whitaker)

Sunday 7th May 2017

8:30am: Richard Hanrahan RIP (Hanrahan)
10:30am: Folk Group 25 years including Baptism of Francesca Greene

Anniversaries of Death

Kathleen Twomey, Thomas Keaveney, Ernest Rice, Kitty Geaney, Ivy Taylor, Ellen Regan, May Irwin, Charles Hughes, Bridget Hemenstall, Julia Charteris, Marjorie Masters, Norah Cullen, Margaret Kitterick, John Sullivan, Mary Bargery, Eileen Maxted, Molly and Tommy Boshell, Beatrice Caine✠

Christ feeds us

Christ is our daily Eucharist – a day's food for a day's journey. We meet him as pilgrims and strangers and recognise him in the breaking of bread. He is our ransom and our gift.

Collections

Gift Aid: £412.00; Cash: £204.00

Building Fund Total

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£1,946.15.**

Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Second Collections

This weekend there is a second collection for St. George's Cathedral which helps to meet the cost of upkeep of the Cathedral.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Ecclesiastical Education which helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and the priesthood and certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.

Exposition and Morning Prayers

Exposition will be at 8.30am followed by Morning Prayers at 8.50am on weekday mornings throughout the year.

Congratulations to our young parishioners who were Confirmed on Thursday evening by Bishop Pat Lynch. We hope they have enjoyed their preparation for this Sacrament and that they will use the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit as they continue to travel on their Christian journey. Please remember them in your prayers.

Parish Fun Day

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. **Tickets are still available.**

Altar Servers Rally 2017

The 40th rally for Southwark Altar servers is on May Day Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017 at the Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent.

Children's Liturgy

Three of the team who run Children's Liturgy will soon be moving on. We have asked for volunteers without success and will be unable to offer Children's Liturgy at the 10.30 Mass unless we find at least 3 new volunteers. Could you spare 45 minutes per month? Contact Caroline Schmidt for further details (cschmidt@hotmail.com). There is no Children's Liturgy on the **28th May, 4th Jun & 16th Jul (the last Sunday until 10th Sep).**

Folk Group: 25th Anniversary

On Sunday 7th May the Folk Group will be celebrating 25 years since first forming. We would like to invite all parishioners to join us on this special occasion, with Mass at 10.30am, followed by a celebration in the social room. A plate of food to bring and share would be gratefully appreciated.

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.

Repository

Come and visit our Repository. It is located next to the Parish Office. We have many cards, Missals, Rosary Beads, Crucifixes, prayer books, other literature together with Confirmation, Baptism and First Holy Communion items.

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.

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. The Catenians would like to thank you for the **25** Rosaries which have been donated so far. Please take a leaflet to find out more about the Catenian Association. Please read the letter of thanks we have received from The Catenian Rosary Group on the Notice Board in the Reception Area.

Food Bank

I have received an appeal from Bexley Food Bank who report shortages in many items. Please see donation boxes for an update of most needed products. Thank you for your ongoing support. Alex Rees

Monastic Choir Concert: Wednesday 3rd May at St. Anselm's, Dartford

The concert is led by the choir from St. Elizabeth Convent, Minsk. The admission price is your voluntary donation and all proceeds will go to charity. After the concert there will be a special exhibit from the workshops of St. Elizabeth Convent.
Website: catalog.obitel-minsk.com

Lesnes Abbey Procession of the Blessed Sacrament: 25th June at 3pm

See notice board for full details and directions

Brightlights Festival

Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) taking place on 23rd-26th June in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. A journey together in Faith through liturgy and worship. UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit brightlights.org.uk, call 0300 075 0115 or on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival.

Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

The 2017 Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission, Spring Assembly entitled 'A Journey to Justice through Peace and Non-Violence', will be at Aylesford Priory, Kent. Saturday 13th May, 10.30am to 4pm. Registration from 10am. Speakers Pat Gaffney for Pax Christi and Michael & Patricia Pulman of Christian CND. The event is free. Everyone welcome to come along. Please bring a packed lunch.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s)

'Discerning God's Call in my life'; 26th-28th May: Broadstairs (see notice board)

Vacancy: Deputy Head Teacher

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School in Canterbury is looking to appoint a new Deputy Head Teacher from September 2017. For further information, please contact the school on 01227-462539. Advert available on www.kent-teach.com. Closing date: Monday 8th May at 4pm.