



*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**

8:30am-10:30am, Monday,  
Wednesday, Friday  
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**Parish School**

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[www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk](http://www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk)

**Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
contact 01372 457651

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (A) (Vocations Sunday)**  
**Acts 2: 14, 36-41; Ps 22; 1 Pet 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6:30pm: John O'Sullivan RIP  
 (Whitaker)

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
 8:30am: Richard Hanrahan RIP  
 (Hanrahan)  
 10:30am: Folk Group 25 years &  
 Baptism of Francesca Greene

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15pm: Joe Costello (B. Youngs)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15am:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15am: Louise Gunyon (B. Youngs)  
 followed by Novena  
 10:00am: Mass (Convent)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15am: Christina Redmond (B. Youngs)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)  
 8:30am: Exposition  
 9:15am: Margaret Coleman (Huxford)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)  
 10:00am: Mass (Convent)

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)**  
**Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 32; 1 Pet 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
 6:30pm: Henry (T. George)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
 8:30am: Babette Finnigan RIP (Homer)  
 10:30am: Fr. Ignatius (Trombetti)

**Anniversaries of Death**

Thomas Robb, Richard Hanrahan, Kitty Patterson, Catherine Sheppard,  
 Caroline Harvey, Luigi Broglia, Harry Freeman, Eleanor Callen, Alfred Nutt,  
 Henry Larner, P. J. Bonyngé, Alice Morgan †

**Christ the Shepherd brings us life**

God has appointed Christ as the Shepherd of the whole human race. He has become our gateway to eternal life because he lays down his life for us. Even though we have gone astray through sin, nevertheless by his wounds we are healed and given a new direction in our lives.

**Collections**

Gift Aid: £469.00; Cash: £114.00  
 St. George's Cathedral: Gift Aid: £137.00; Cash: £76.00

**Building Fund Total**

After deduction of the monthly payment of £652.80 for the heating refurbishment works, the current total is **£2,221.15.**

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

**Exposition and Morning Prayers**

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

## **Second Collections**

**This weekend** there is 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. **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.**

## **Vocations Sunday**

"Today the Church celebrates the call to the priesthood and the consecrated life. We remember other callings at other times but it is right that on one Sunday we pray especially for those God is calling to be consecrated or to be ordained as priests and deacons. The people God calls to these ways of life are people who put the extra into ordinary. Priests and religious are not extraordinary, they are ordinary people called to make visible the extra dimensions of ordinary life" - Fr C. Jamison OSB (Director, National Vocations Office).

## **St Mary's is on Facebook!**

We would be delighted if you followed us on Facebook to keep up to date with all our news, in addition to our normal way of sharing news via the newsletter. If you search "St Mary of the Crays" you'll find our page, which you can then "like" and automatically receive our updates. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Folk Group: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Children's Liturgy**

Many thanks to the new volunteers who have confirmed they will join the Children's Liturgy group. They are warmly welcomed and we are very grateful. We have another person who might possibly be able to join but we would still be pleased to hear from anyone else, to ensure Liturgy can continue. Please contact Caroline Schmidt for details. **Please note there will be no Liturgy on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June. The last session before the summer break will be the 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

## **Parish Fun Day**

The Parish Fun Day was a good day, the weather was fine and people seemed to enjoy themselves. Many thanks to Jim Saunders and all who made the day successful, especially the Bain family for running the BBQ. We raised £272.00 for the Building Fund.

## **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.

### **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 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.

### **Blessings**

Please let us know the dates of birthdays and of any special anniversaries and we will put these in the newsletter and Father Ignatius will give a Blessing at the end of a weekend Mass.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Lesnes Abbey Procession of the Blessed Sacrament: 25<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm**

See notice board for full details and directions

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

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

### **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

### **Christian Aid Week: 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

CTiC invite you to the Crayford Baptist Church for a Christian Aid Garden Party from 10am to 12pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May starting with bacon rolls for breakfast/brunch and moving on to cakes with tea and coffee. Please do come along and support this event.

### **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](http://www.kent-teach.com). Closing date: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.