



## *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  
Enquiries: 01322 556527/  
office@stmarycrays.org.uk

Fr. Ignatius: 01322 523492

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### **Parish Priest**

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### **Parish School**

St. Joseph's Primary School  
Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DZ

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

### **Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
contact 01372 457651

## 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**

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Henry (T. George)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

8:30am: Babette Finnigan RIP (Homer)  
10:30am: Fr. Ignatius (Trombetti)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15pm: Patricia Fernandez and  
Lawrence Cajetan RIP

**Saint Simon Stock**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Ellen Walsh RIP (Walsh)

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Maria Tedaldi (Trombetti)  
followed by Novena  
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Barrie O'Sullivan – Wellbeing  
(Murrell)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Patrick Fahy (Trombetti)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

**Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Ps 65; 1 Pet 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

6:30pm: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fernandes  
RIP (Carvalho)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

8:30am: Jane Stainer (Stainer)  
10:30am: For the People

## Anniversaries of Death

Gary Cod, Nancy Lester, Stanley Simes, Mariane Wilkins, Roisin McClinton, David McConville, William Dann, Eric Morley, Michael O'Sullivan, Sheila Tomkin, James Hughes, Joseph and Catherine Duggan†

## Christ is our Way, Truth and Life

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God. God has poured out all these gifts on us through the Holy Spirit. We are to devote ourselves to proclaiming God's Word revealed in Christ, and to trust that Christ always has a special love and care for us.

**Collections:** Gift Aid: £422.00; Cash: £201.00

Ecclesiastical Education: Gift Aid: £130.00; Cash: £110.00

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

### **Donation received**

We have received an anonymous donation of £500.00 towards a new public address system, which is very much appreciated and for which we are very grateful.

### **Reunion for the Newly Confirmed**

A reminder to all those recently confirmed that there will be a get-together on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 7.15-9pm in the Social Room. Do hope you can all make it and we look forward to seeing you there.

### **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!

### **Repository**

Come and visit our Repository 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.

### **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.

### **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.**

### **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.

### **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.

**Will the Gift Aider using envelopes number 109** please contact Peter Phillips at 07849966681 or phillips4rangers@gmail.com. Thank you.

**100 Club Winners: 3:** Caroline Schmidt; **95:** Erin Youngs

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.

**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)

**Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising  
8<sup>th</sup> National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima**

*My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead to God*

**See poster on notice board for full details**

**March for Life**

This year sees the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of abortion being legalised in Great Britain, over 8 million babies' lives have been lost since 1967. We all need to make some extra sacrifice this year. Please attend the "March for Life" in Birmingham on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Going to Birmingham may involve a sacrifice for those who live some distance away, but the day is a great witness to our society and is also both informative and encouraging. If you don't attend the March in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of abortion in England and Wales, when *are* you going to make the effort to come? Three English Bishops will be attending the March – come and support their witness. For coaches from London and elsewhere please phone 0207 723 1740 or see [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com).

**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.

**Rail Links to London - Under Threat**

As many of you will know there are proposals to make changes to the trains service along the Bexleyheath line. The proposal is to only run trains to Cannon Street. Services to Charing Cross/Waterloo and Victoria will no longer be served by any station between Dartford and Lewisham. This will have a major impact on many parishioners, not only those who work in London but also the elderly, infirm, and anyone who needs to travel to London hospitals for treatment. Furthermore, commuters and any other train users will have journey times significantly lengthened and with greater stress by having to change at Lewisham. This is undoubtedly going to have impacts on family life. Please show your support by asking the Government to consider the human impact of such drastic changes. You can lodge your objection through the Department of Transport consultation site BEFORE 23rd May 2017 (Page 23 shows the proposal to limit to Cannon Street):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-south-eastern-rail-services>