



*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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Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Jer. 20: 7-9; Ps 62; Rom 12: 1-2; Matt 16: 21-27

Saturday 2nd Sep 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Elizabeth Greatorex RIP
(Murphy)

Sunday 3rd Sep 2017

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Judith Murphy (Flanagan)

Monday 4th Sep 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15pm: Margaret Foy RIP (Youngs)

Tuesday 5th Sep 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Pat Fahy RIP (Saunders)

Wednesday 6th Sep 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Barrie O'Sullivan RIP (Saunders)
followed by Novena
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Thursday 7th Sep 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Housebound Parishioners

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 8th Sep 2017

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Sr. Jennifer's Intentions
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Saturday 9th Sep 2017

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Ezek. 33: 7-9; Ps 94; Rom 13: 8-10; Matt 18: 15-20

Saturday 9th Sep 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Mary O'Gorman 70th Birthday
(Murphy)

Sunday 10th Sep 2017

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Peter Threlfall RIP and Olga
Winifrede Threlfall RIP (Raven)
Caitlin Colman (Colman)

Anniversaries of Death

D. Carroll, Kate Canning, Mabel Coligan, Brendan Cunningham, Maura Sharp, Mathew Lawless, Elizabeth Murphy, K. Lynch, Arthur Mills, Clemence Duggan, Dennis Scannell✠

Take up your daily cross

Suffering shows us how much we are prepared to sacrifice in our following of Christ. He tells us to take up our cross daily and follow him. It is in apparently losing our lives that we will find them in a newer, deeper way and then we shall be rewarded according to our behavior. This approach will never be easy but it is the only path to real holiness and happiness.

Collections

Gift Aid: £564.00; Cash: £141.00

Building Fund: **Total to date: £2,815.55**

New Sound System Appeal: £30.00: **Total to date: £5,580.00.**

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 Catholic Education Service which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Building Fund.

On 16th/17th September, there will be a second collection for Home Missions, which provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country.

Gift Aiders can use the spare envelopes in the Church, but please add your gift aid numbers.

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome back everyone and hope that you have all had a good summer break. Fr. Ignatius.

Appeal for a New Sound System

The present sound system in our Church was installed over 20 years ago. For some time now the loop system has not functioned optimally and concerned parishioners and visitors to our Church have called attention to the need to revamp the system. We are currently looking into renewing the sound system in the Church, which would include an audio visual system in the reception area, and have received a quotation for £9,000. Would you be able to make a donation to this good cause? We would need 75 donations of £100, 100 donations of £75, 150 donations of £50 or 300 donations of £25 to reach this goal. No amount will be too big or too small. We would like to complete the project as soon as possible. **Gift Aiders can use the spare envelopes in the Church, but please add your gift aid numbers.**

Calling all those children who think they are eligible for First Communion 2018

If you wish to be considered for the First Communion Programme 2018, Father Ignatius wants to hear from YOU. Please write to him telling him why you want to receive Communion and why you want to enrol on the First Communion Programme. He will be waiting eagerly to hear from you before Sunday 17th September. Drop your letter into the Presbytery. Make sure you sign your full name. God bless you and thanks.

Calling all parents who wish to enroll their child on the First Communion Programme 2018

Please take and fill in the application form which you will find on the table as you come into Church. You need to return it by September 24th. Applications after this date cannot be considered as the programme begins in early October. Please return your form to Father Ignatius, Bernadette Hughes or Anne Russell. Thank you. Look forward to hearing from you.

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.

Good Journey

Come and join the Colman family for a Bring and Share Lunch to say 'good journey' to Caitlin as she leaves to travel/work around Australia. You are all welcome upstairs in the community club after the 10.30 Mass on **10th September**. Hope to see you there!!

Community Club Anniversary: Saturday 30th September 2017

We are having a Curry Night with entertainment so please put the date in your diaries. Tickets for food will be going on sale shortly for £5/person. You will need a ticket to eat but not to turn up, have a drink and listen to the entertainer. Everyone welcome.

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.

I would be grateful if the Gift Aid donor using Envelope number 111 would contact me at their convenience please – 07842-966681/01322-553877. Thank you. Peter Phillips.

September Bexley Deanery Diary

see notice board for full details

Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen: 80th Anniversary: 1937-2017

Celebrating the opening of the Church on 8th September: see Deanery Diary

Catholic History Walks in London

see full details on notice board

Day of Renewal at Aylesford Priory, Maidstone, ME20 7BX

Saturday 9th September 2017

See notice board for details of the full programme for the day

Diocesan Day for Catechists

Saturday 23rd September 2017 at St. George's Cathedral,

See the notice board for detail of the full programme for the day.

CAFOD Southwark Harvest Pilgrimage: Saturday 16th September

St. Francis de Sales Church, Hartley DA3 8DW

See notice board for full agenda

CAFOD Volunteer

Could you help CAFOD? We need help here at St. Mary of the Crays to assist the parish community to pray, act and give for our brothers and sisters living in the poorest communities overseas. It is not a time-consuming role but a vital one in the fight against poverty and injustice.

For more information please contact either Lyn Goddard, our Deanery Volunteer Coordinator at lgoddard@cafod.org.uk or Marine Harrington, Diocesan Coordinator on 020 8466 9901.