



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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Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Wis. 6: 12-16; Ps 62; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18; Matt 25: 1-13

Saturday 11th Nov 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: John Smith RIP (Bain/
McGrory)

Sunday 12th Nov 2017

8:30am: John and Betty Lonsdale RIP
(Russell)
10:30am: For the People

Monday 13th Nov 2017 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition
7pm: John Williams, David Smith and
Helen Percival RIP

Tuesday 14th Nov 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Catherine McKie (McKie)
10:00am: Mass for Deceased Deanery
Clergy (OLA – Erith)

Wednesday 15th Nov 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Sally Boshell (Francis) followed
by Novena

Thursday 16th Nov 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Holy Souls
10.00am: Mass (Convent)

Friday 17th Nov 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Marie Francis RIP (Francis)
4:30pm: New Altar Servers training

Saturday 18th Nov 2017 (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Prov. 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 127; 1 Thess. 5: 1-6; Matt 25: 14-30

Saturday 18th Nov 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Holy Souls

Sunday 19th Nov 2017

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Barker Family (Trombetti)

Anniversaries of Death

Albert Thompson, Martin Connor, Ellen Griffin, William Lysart, William Foley, Joan Gaffney, Mrs. Ludlow, Julie Davies, Joseph Larter, Mrs. Filmer, Susan Talty, Leslie Hall, Les Churchill, Gladys Redmond, Christopher Kearns, Ernie Mitchem, William Cronin, Kevin Walsh †

The Bridegroom is here!

We await the second coming of Christ just as the ten bridesmaids waited for the bridegroom. We must be awake and patient at all times so we are always ready when the shout goes up 'He is here'. We have no need to worry about those who have died before us as they too will rise from the dead with Christ in glory.

Collections

Gift Aid: £550.00; Cash: £160.50.....

Archbishop's Admin Fund: Gift Aid: £73.00; Cash: £117.00

New Sound System Appeal: **Total to Date: £6,865.00**

Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

Christmas Cards

Please support the Parish by buying your Christmas Cards from the Parish Repository in the reception area before and after all Masses.

Second Collections

This weekend there is a second collection for the Building Fund.

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

No Parish Surgery this Week

I'm sorry that I will not be available for the Parish Surgery on Tuesday, 14th November 2017. I regret any inconvenience. Thank you for your kind understanding. Father Ignatius.

Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 25th November 2017; 12-4pm

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks for the Christmas Bazaar including running the stalls. **If you have any ideas for a new stall for the Bazaar, please let us know.**

Donations: we are calling on you all once again for donations of the following: Unwanted gifts of any kind, including children's items; CDs; Game Discs for Consoles and PC's; Children's games and toys; Soft toys (teddies, etc); 'Bric-a-Brac'; Old books and bottles for the Bottle Tombola.

Please leave any items that you wish to donate in the meeting room in the reception area.

If you are able to take part or assist with any logistics, please contact Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible. We truly thank you in advance for your continuing support.

Raffle Tickets

The Draw Tickets are now available after each weekend Mass. Please do take some home and sell them to family and friends. Thank you.

Deceased Deanery Clergy Mass

The Mass for Deceased Deanery Clergy will be held at Our Lady of the Angels on Tuesday 14th November at 10am. All are welcome!

Appeal for a New Sound System

A big thank you to all parishioners who have contributed towards renewing the parish sound system. A total of £6,865.00 has so far been raised out of the initial estimated cost of £9,000.00. All things being equal, the installation of the much-needed new and robust system would commence as soon as possible. More donations are gratefully still welcome.

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

Baptism Courses

Any parents wishing to arrange a Baptism between now and the end of January 2018 will need to attend the compulsory Baptism Courses which will be held in the Church Centre on the **17th and 24th November** and the **1st December, 7-8pm**. Please speak to Father Ignatius if you wish to be enrolled for these courses.

Parish Priest Day Off: Thursday

After Mass on Thursdays, Father Ignatius is not available during the day for any parish business.

November Cemetery Services

Sunday 12th November: 1pm Plumstead Cemetery; **2.30pm** Hillview Cemetery, Welling and Bexleyheath Cemetery; **3.15pm** Brook Street, Erith Cemetery. **Sunday 19th November: 2.30pm** Kemnal Park.

RCIA – Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

There will be an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course for adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, for adults who have not been baptised and also for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Catholic Church or would like to know more about their faith. Registration forms are available from the parish office.

Church Cleaning

Have you ever wondered how it is that Your Church always looks clean and tidy? Wonder no more! It is down to a small dedicated team - "The Holy Scrubbers". However, sadly, several of our little group has had to "retire" for various reasons and we are now struggling. Could you spare 1 to 1½ hours every four weeks to help keep Your Church clean? If so please contact Fr. Ignatius or Valerie Hull (01322 271058) for details. The new Rota is now available in the Church entrance and a big Thank You to all our present volunteers for their help.

100 Club

Winners: 79: Samarian Rogers; **98:** Catherine McKie

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. **For those members who pay by cash or cheque, your club membership of £60 is due for renewal and payable now.** Cheques should be made payable to the '100 Club'. 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.

Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice

Christmas Carol Concert: Friday 1st December

See notice board and flyers for further information

Message from the St. Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society

"On behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries, I wish to thank you most sincerely for allowing us to preach the Annual Mission Appeal in your parish.

I wish to convey my gratitude to you and the parish community for the welcome and hospitality extended to Fr Robert and for the very generous collection of £419.00.

Please be assured that you and your parishioners will all be remembered in our prayers and daily Masses. God bless, Fr Jim Clarke s.x."

Sing Yourself to Health

Join the Red Robins Singing Group. See notice board for further information.

Linda Scott RIP May She Rest in Peace✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Scott of 109 Hillingdon Road, Bexleyheath who has recently died. Funeral details to follow.