



## *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  
*(Not available on Thursday from after Mass)*

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### **Parish Priest**

Fr. Ignatius Aniekanabasi Edet

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[office@stmarycrays.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarycrays.org.uk)

### **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

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017**

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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017**

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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017** (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church and Prayer for the Sick  
7:00pm: Sifon Ukpanah - RIP

**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2017**

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Deceased members of the Vella and Connor Families (Connor)

**St. Cecilia**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017**

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Sally Boshell (Barker) followed by Novena  
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2017** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Catherine McKie (Barker)

**Sts Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017**

4:30pm: New Altar Servers training  
6:30pm: Exposition  
7:00pm: Michael Nolan RIP

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017** (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

**Ezek. 34: 11-12, 15-17; Ps 22; 1 Cor. 15: 20-26, 28; Matt 25: 31-46**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017**

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: TBA

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017**

8:30am: Jane Matthews RIP (Mutimer)  
10:30am: For the People

## Anniversaries of Death

Madeleine Cremin, Olive Holmes, Myles Smith, Mary Kearns, Michael Twomey, Nicholas McConville, Fr. Desmond Connaughton, Cis Kilner, Charles Francis, Maria Teirlinck, B. Routleff, Sr. Anne Hanks, Peter Rawbone, Mary Hetherington, Annie Durkin, Lilian and Edward Heath, Jack Collins, Owen Boyle†

## Work for the Lord!

God gives talents to each one of us and they must be used in his name. We cannot relax our efforts but must continually do all in our power to work as children of the light. A good wife is a blessing in the family. We should all be a blessing in the family of God.

## Collections

Gift Aid: £365.00; Cash: £166.00

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £253.00; Cash: £117.00: **Total to Date: £4,584.55**

New Sound System Appeal: £110.00: **Total to Date: £6,975.00**

## 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

Next weekend there will be second collection for Catholic Youth Services, which supports youth work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

There will be a second collection on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December for flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas. **Gift Aiders can use the spare envelopes at the back of the Church, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

## Christmas Cards

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

## Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017; 12-4pm

The Mayor & Mayoress of Bexley are coming to open our Bazaar!

**Donations:** Thank you to everyone who has brought us donations already. However, we are still in need of: 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. We also need any Christmas bags that you may have from last year. This week we are making a plea for cakes for the cake stall. If you are a cake baker and would like to donate a cake to the cake stall, please contact Tina Saunders on: 07947 184212. 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 could you return your sold stubs, monies and any unsold books to Jim Saunders as soon as possible or put them in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door. Thank you. This is a fun day for all our community; please spread the word to all your families and friends.

## 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 **24<sup>th</sup> November** and the **1<sup>st</sup> December, 7-8pm**. Please speak to Father Ignatius if you wish to be enrolled for these courses.

## 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.

### **The Use of Church Car Park for School Pick-Up and Drop-Off**

This is a polite reminder that since **1<sup>st</sup> April 2017**, the Church car park has been reserved strictly for use for Church purposes only: ***Picking up or dropping off pupils is not permitted at any time!***

Unfortunately, recently some parents have started violating this protocol, thereby, taking us back to the same old problems. Please, may all concerned kindly make every effort to comply with this instruction for the good of all and in respect to our Church facility. Thank you.

### **Signing of School Forms**

The Policy for signing School Forms will be advised in next week's newsletter.

### **Parish Priest Day Off: Thursday**

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

### **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**

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.

### **Third Meeting with all New Altar Servers**

There will be a third meeting with all new Altar Servers on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 4.30pm.

### **Christmas at the Food Bank**

Bexley Food Bank are now collecting items for Christmas. They specifically need Christmas cake, mince pies, tinned ham, children's selection pack, large bars of chocolate, boxes of biscuits, boxes of chocolates, snacks/nibbles, small jars of coffee, bags of sugar and long life fruit juice.

Let us help a struggling family enjoy Jesus' birth as much as we will. Please help if you can. Thank you.

### **Linda Scott RIP May She Rest in Peace✠**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Scott of 109 Hillingdon Road, Bexleyheath **Funeral:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10a.m. **Burial:** Streatham Cemetery at 12.30p.m.