



## *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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### **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

## First Sunday of Advent (B)

**Is 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8; Ps 79; 1 Cor. 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37**

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Agnes and Thomas O'Connell (Murphy)

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2017

8:30am: David Burgess (Murrell)  
10:30am: For the People

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition with evening prayer of the Church and Prayer for the Sick  
7:00pm: Hector Arevalo RIP (Blakesley)

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Baber Family Dec'd (D'Cruze)

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Catherine McKie RIP (Schmidt/Faulks) followed by Novena  
10:00am: Mass (Convent)

### St Ambrose

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

8:15am: Exposition  
9:00am: Baber Family Dec'd (D'Cruze)  
10:00am: Funeral Linda May Daniel

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: C. McKie RIP (Murrell) SJS Yr. 3 and Yr. 4 attending

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## Second Sunday of Advent (B)

**Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ps 84; 2 Pet 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8**

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Baber Family Dec'd (D'Cruze)

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

8:30am: For the People  
10:00am: Rosary and Centenary Prayers with the Knights of St. Columba  
10:30am: Rita RIP

## Anniversaries of Death

Victoria Nicholls, Marie Toomey, Eleanor Nicholls, Dennis Howie, Dorothy Morrison, Joseph Frost, Winifred Burgess, Angela Cuddy, James Hewitson, Annie Hennessy, Mathew Goldfinch, Sid Hopkins, William Snelders, Rod Rowe, Michael Collins, Mai Harris, Freda Marie Statton †

## Stay Awake

Advent is a time of waiting and watching for the second coming of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our constant help that we may always be on our guard and remain awake so that we are prepared for the last day. The best preparation is a good life lived in the knowledge that God is our father and we are the work of his hands.

## Collections

**19<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November:** Gift Aid: £756.00; Cash: £337.00  
Catholic Youth Services: Gift Aid: £85.00; Cash: £113.00

## 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 flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas.

Next weekend there will be 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.**

## **Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima**

The Knights of St. Columba will be making a pilgrimage to our parish in commemoration of the Centenary Year of Our Lady of Fatima (1917-2017). Parishioners are all welcome to join in the Rosary and Centenary Prayers at 10.00am before the 10.30am Mass.

## **Parish Christmas Bazaar: £3,387.50**

(full breakdown will be available on the notice board shortly)

**Bazaar Raffle Prizes:** See Names of Winners on the Notice Board

## **Advent Message from Archbishop Peter Smith**

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent which offers us a real sense of hope, joy and encouragement as we continue our journey of faith to celebrate the Incarnation on Christmas Day. In this short season, the liturgy encourages us to undergo a change of heart and make a new and determined effort to fulfil our responsibilities as disciples of Christ to live fully the two great commandments, to love God with our whole heart and soul, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. The prominent theme of Advent is the call to conversion and renewal, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas, and look forward in hope and joyful expectation to his second coming at the end of time. It gives us an opportunity to stand back a little from our busy and often hectic lives, to reflect on where we stand with God our Saviour.

## **Advent Liturgical Programme 2017**

- **Daily Eucharistic Exposition:** 8.30am
- **Advent Retreat:** Wednesday-Friday 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December; 7-8.30pm.
- **Advent Reconciliation Service:** Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December
- **Carol Service:** Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December (Time TBA)

## **Christmas Crib Offerings**

This year our Christmas Crib Offerings will be supporting the Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund which was launched in our Archdiocese in 2015. This Fund provides one-off grants to support children and families who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny raised through your Crib offering will be given out through these emergency grants to local children and families in dire need.

## **Christmas Cards**

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

## **Parish Mass Books**

As we have now begun a new Liturgical Year, if anyone has any Parish Mass Books for the last the last Liturgical Year at home, can they please return these to the Sacristy as soon as possible.

## Christmas Masses Schedule

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	4:30pm 5:00pm	Carols Vigil Mass (children)
	10:30pm 11:00pm	Carols Mass (followed by Reception)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	8:30am & 10:30am	Mass
<b>St. Stephen's Day</b>	10:00am	Mass

### Decorating the Church for Christmas

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Church for the Christmas season on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.30am. Everybody welcome. If you have any greenery such as holly, ivy or any other evergreens that we can use, please leave it in the Church reception area for the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please could you bring scissors or secateurs and gardening gloves as these may be very useful. If you have any enquiries please phone Liz Doherty on 0208 311 2319 or Josie Coward on 01322 272934. Thank you.

### St Joseph's Junior Carol: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 pm

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the School Junior Carol Concert followed by tea, coffee and mince pies in the church hall afterwards.

### 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.

### Catholic Education needs your support

Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

### Linda May Daniel RIP May She Rest in Peace✠

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

### Catherine McKie RIP May She Rest in Peace✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine McKie. **Funeral:** 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. **Committal:** Eltham Crematorium at 12.30pm.