



*St Mary of the Crays
Catholic Church*

Mass is celebrated

Monday – Friday at 9.15am

***(Exposition & Morning Prayer:
8.30am; Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help: Wednesday,
after Mass)***

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, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday

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Priest Surgery: Tuesday, 7-8pm

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Parish Hall

For enquiries and bookings
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Prov. 9: 1-6; Ps 33; Eph. 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58

Saturday 18th Aug 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6:30pm: Josie Shandley RIP

Sunday 19th Aug 2018

8:30am: Margaret Griffith RIP (Coward)
 10:30am: Antoinette Trombetti (McAleavey) with Baptism of Caelé Cline-Decker

St. Bernard

Monday 20th Aug 2018

8:30am: Exposition
 9:15am: Marion Gillespie RIP (Davies)

St. Pius X

Tuesday 21st Aug 2018

8:30am: Exposition
 9:15am: Elaine Murphy Intention

The Queenship of the Bl V Mary

Wednesday 22nd Aug 2018

8:30am: Exposition
 9:15am: Ray Dixon (Hull) + Novena
5.00pm: Requiem Mass with Reception of Remains (Shalom Convent)

Thursday 23rd Aug 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
 9:15am: René Rae Dixon (Hull)

St. Bartholomew

Friday 24th Aug 2018

8:30am: Exposition
 9:15am: George Óg, Hélène & Tara Rice

Saturday 25th Aug 2018 (Feria)

10:00am: Shalom Convent

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Josh 24: 1-2, 15-17, 18; Ps 33; Eph. 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69

Saturday 25th Aug 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6:30pm: Pat Connolly RIP (Foley)

Sunday 26th Aug 2018

8:30am: Robert Masi (Coward)
 10:30am: Panamkudan Family RIP (T. George)

Anniversaries of Death

Mary Shandley, Eloise Wright, Winifrede Brewer, Martyn Byrne, Catherine Hewitson, Valerie Wilson, Donald Bull, Sr. Anita Therese, Nora Quirke, Harry Snelders, Percy Evans, Dick Hennessy, Sister Imelda, Thomas Morrissey, A. Bushell, Mary Olive, Mary Theresa Cahill †

Christ's blood is real drink

Christ gave his life for us on the cross. Blood is a sign of life and Christ shed it to the last drop. In the Eucharist we receive his life-giving blood. We too must give our lives to transform the world around us. Even though this may be a wicked age our lives should redeem it.

Collections

Gift Aid: £360.00; Cash: £162.00

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £348.00; Cash: £132.00: **Total to date: £8,374.55**

Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

Parish Office

The Parish Office is now open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday a.m.

New Parish Email Address

In line with the new GDPR 2018, the Parish has been issued a new Diocesan Email Address: **crayford@rcaos.org.uk**.

Contacting the parish office via Telephone

After due assessment and consultation with the Finance/Management Committee, we have decided to cancel the second telephone line/broadband subscription in the parish office, which was effective from the 10th of August. **All calls should be directed to the presbytery: 01322 523492 from where it will be automatically diverted to the parish secretary during office hours.** Thus, the parish will be making an *annual savings of not less than £600.00* in overheads. Thank you to all who made useful suggestions (after the notice of last week) on how we can make more savings and still run the parish office effectively. **Father Ignatius.**

Altar Servers Training

Saturday 18th & 25th August and 1st & 8th September from 11.30am to 12.30pm. Parents of all new applicants, please kindly take note.

Summer Raffle + Donation for Wonersh

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Summer Raffle sponsored by the Blackheath, Chislehurst and Swanley Catenians. All proceeds go to St. John's Seminary, Wonersh. The list of prize winners is on the notice board. The amount raised is as follows: Summer Raffle £1,574; less prizes £175 = £1,399; plus parish collection of £432.50; **Total: £1,831.50.**

Donations Received

Two anonymous donations of £500.00 and £200.00, respectively, have been gratefully received during the week towards assisting the parish to meet its loan obligation to Welling parish. If you don't mind, may the donor of the £200.00 contact me to provide his/her Gift Aid number, if possible, so that the parish can receive an additional £50.00 from HMRC for their donation. Thanks. **Father Ignatius.**

Clearing of the Church Compound

We want to thank all who volunteered a few weeks ago to help clean our Church compound. We still have much to be done, and are once more calling on parishioners to volunteer to come out on Saturday, 1st September from 9-11am. Cooked breakfast will be provided. Please, kindly sign up in the reception/entrance.

Repository Co-ordinator

We are looking for one more volunteer to assist in the role of Repository Co-ordinator. Please consider taking on this role; kindly contact Father Ignatius.

Annual Parish Feast Day

In response to suggestions by parishioners, 8th September, feast of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be observed as our parish patron saint day, starting from this year (**Sunday, 9th September**). It will be a day to celebrate together as a parish community through liturgy and worship followed by sundry entertainments. A pilot committee will be formed to help organise the event. Volunteers are warmly welcome. Thank you. **Father Ignatius.**

Thank you for your generosity to your Parish

I want to thank all parishioners for your generous offerings to the Parish throughout the year. This month the next (the 4th of 10 installments) payment of £4,000.00 is due for the loan from Welling parish. I know that times are hard, but I would want to encourage those who are able, to give a little more to enable us to meet this obligation. Thank you. **Father Ignatius.**

RCIA – Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course began three weeks ago with six catechumens/candidates. It is 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 the Catholic faith. **It holds on Monday, from 7.30pm to 8.45pm in the Reception Area.** Registration forms are still available from the parish office.

Adoremus Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress (7-9 September)

Our parish will join all the faithful in England & Wales to commemorate this moment of grace for the Church in our country from the 7th of September, culminating with our Parish Day festival on the 9th of September. We **desperately** need volunteers to help with artistic decoration of the Church (both inside/outside) with Eucharistic themes/motives. Please, contact Father Ignatius as soon as possible.

100 Club Winners: 2: Monica Murrell: 5: Patrick Keenan £50 each

Kindly consider being a member! It is a great way of raising funds for the parish and the building fund. Your continued support is very greatly appreciated. Please see Jim Saunders. 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.

A 'Thank You' from Father Jim Hurley

"Dear Father Ignatius ... Would you be kind enough to thank your good parishioners for their kindness in remembering me on the occasion of my Golden Jubilee of Ordination – for their prayers and also the generous cheque which was forwarded to me by Valerie Hull. Please pray for me. Sincerely, Jim Hurley."

Days of Renewal

An opportunity for refreshment, transformation, healing, baptism in the Holy Spirit: **Aylesford Priory:** Saturday 15th September. **St George's Cathedral, Southwark:** Saturday 6th October. **Euston:** Saturday 20th October. For more information please see noticeboard or speak to Annemarie (07966-764756) or Eileen (07748-690823).

Sr. Margaret Barry LSU – RIP

Our thoughts and prayers are with the LSU Sisters (Shalom Convent) and the family of Sr. Margaret Barry on her transition to eternal life in the early hours of Wednesday, 8th August. **Funeral Mass:** Thursday, 23rd August at 11am, followed by burial at Erith.