



## *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**

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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

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

**Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46; Ps 31; 1 Cor. 10: 31-11:1; Mark 1: 40-45**

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Rev Edmund Carroll RIP

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

8:30am: Catherine McKie RIP (Ives)  
10:30am: For the People

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 (Feria)

6:30pm: Exposition & Vespers  
7:00pm: Alfredo Tisi (Whelan)

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 (Feria)

8.30am: Exposition & Lauds  
9:15am: Patricia Hanrahan  
(E & A Staunton)

### Ash Wednesday

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds  
9:15am: Catherine McKie RIP  
(B. Youngs) followed by Stations of the Cross  
SJS attending  
**10:30am:** Mass (Convent)  
7:00pm: Father Martin Akpan RIP

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds  
9:15am: Father Peter Madden RIP  
(C. Redmond) followed by Novena

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition & Lauds  
9:15am: Anne McIlroy RIP

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 (Feria)

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## First Sunday of Lent (B)

**Gen 9: 8-15; Ps 24; 1 Pet 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 12-15**

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Chris O'Sullivan (Coyne)

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

8:30am: Father Martin Akpan RIP  
10:30am: Catherine McKie RIP (Davies)

## Anniversaries of Death

William Leahy, Patrick Leahy, Hildegarde Bertram, John William Milburn "Bill", Kitty Clemas, James Durkin, James Talty, Frederick Talbot, Kathleen Gillespie, Jimmie Gately, Mavis Toomey, John O'Brien, Paul Ward, Francis Murray, William and Emily Field, Terence Picking, Teresa Lynch †

## Be Cured!

We are like lepers who cry out to Christ who alone can cure us. He feels sorry for us and touches us with his grace telling us to be cured. We belong through him to the company of the saints and are now called to do everything for the glory of God. We are a people then of joy because we know that Christ delivers us from our sins.

## Collections

Gift Aid: £487.00; Cash: £191.00  
Racial Justice: Gift Aid: £59.00; Cash: £128.00

## Exposition and Morning Prayers (Divine Office)

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

## Second Collection

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

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Poor Parishes which enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

## Lenten Programme 2018

**1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 8.30am every weekday during Lent, except on Monday (6.30pm).

**2. Stations of the Cross:** *Wednesday* after Mass and at 7.30pm.

**3. Reconciliation Service for Young People:** Saturday, 24 February, 9am.

**4. Lenten Service on Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross:** Wednesday, 14 March, 7.30pm.

**5. Lenten Retreat:** Wednesday, 21 to Friday, 23 March, 7.30pm daily, with **Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, 23 March.**

***Wishing you all a grace-filled & blessed Lent!***

## Lenten Message from Archbishop Peter Smith

The message of Lent is a message of hope and trust in the person of Jesus, our Saviour and redeemer, who says to each one of us, *“I am with you until the end of time.”*

Lent is essentially an opportunity to be reborn and grow still more in the life of the Spirit. It is a task which requires courage and effort. We are asked to open our hearts, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and to receive once again the gift of God’s love and mercy, allowing him to renew our lives so that we witness to the Good News of God’s love, mercy and compassion, especially to the poor and needy.

Let’s pray for each other during this season of Lent so that we may worthily celebrate the joy of Easter, the great Paschal mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

## Reconciliation Service for Young People

There will be a Penitential Service and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Young People on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9am, followed by a Reception. Parents of those who made their first Holy Communion in 2015, 2016 and 2017 should make every effort to bring the children, together with those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last year, to the service.

## Lenten Charity Offering 2018

As part of our collective Lenten almsgiving this year, the parish will be supporting the work of **Handicapped Children Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT)**, a Catholic Charity which takes disabled and disadvantaged children on life-changing pilgrimage holiday to the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes. A representative of HCPT will be speaking to us at the end of Mass over the weekend of 3rd/4th March.

## Baptism Courses

Baptism Courses on four consecutive Wednesdays starting from 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Church centre for parents preparing to have their children baptised. To enroll, please contact Ann Connor on 01322 862995.

**Deanery 24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
St. Mary of the Crays, Crayford: March 2018 (Date: TBA)**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place here at St. Mary of the Crays in March 2018 in preparation of the 2018 National Eucharistic Congress. The vigil is intended for prayers for the success of the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in September and those that attend will be able to revitalise our parishes to understand the meaning it has in our lives.

**Gift Aid**

The Gift Aid Scheme is now being administered by Richard Gillespie. 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 Richard. Please note every £5.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £6.25 to St. Mary's.

***We would like to thank Peter Phillips for his many years of hard work and dedication to the administration of the Gift Aid Scheme for our Parish.***

**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.

**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. 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.

**Church Car Park Not 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, some parents are continuing to violate 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.

**New Sound System**

The work on the new sound system is almost finished. So far, the microphone, speakers and the loop system should be working from this weekend. Could anyone using the lectern please not adjust the microphone.

**Film Evening: St John Fisher, Bexley (Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February)**

A documentary and a short movie on Blessed John Henry Newman will be shown in the Church Hall. Admission is free, light refreshments will be served, bar open, and all are welcome. Arrivals from 7pm for 7:30pm.

**Mrs. Phil Nathanielsz RIP May She Rest in Peace✠**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Phil Nathanielsz who has recently died.

**Reception of Remains:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 5pm: **Funeral:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.30am.