



## *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

## 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**

6:30pm: Chris O'Sullivan (Coyne)

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

8:30am: For the People

10:30am: Catherine McKie RIP (Davies)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Bill and Eileen Snelders RIP

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018** (Feria)

9:15am: Catherine McKie RIP (Gillespie)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2018** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Annette Staunton (E & A Staunton) followed by Stations of the Cross

7:30pm: Stations of the Cross

**The Chair of St Peter**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2018**

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Agnes O'Connor (B. Youngs) followed by Novena

5:00pm: Reception of Remains of Phil Nathanielsz

**CAFOD Lenten Fast Day**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2018** (Feria)

**9:30am:** Funeral – Phil Nathanielsz

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018** (Feria)

9:00am: Reconciliation Service for Young People

## Second Sunday of Lent (B)

**Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps 115; Rom 8: 31-34; Mark 9: 2-10**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**

6:30pm: Ruth Farrell RIP

(J & M Saunders)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**

8:30am: O'Dwyer Family RIP (Homer)

10:30am: For the People

## Anniversaries of Death

Patrick Connolly, Christopher Delieu, Catherine McSweeney, Bert Kemp, Geraldine Cascarini, Elizabeth Gohery, Dennis Hughes, Mary Bridget Tobin, Jean Regan, Christine Rutherford, John Radley, Olga Winifrede Threlfall ☩

## Alive through the waters of Baptism

We die to the world and live to God through the waters of baptism. We will still be tempted as Christ was in the wilderness, but if we repent and really believe the Gospel then we have nothing to fear. God is faithful to those who keep their promises to him and we are promised to God through baptism.

## Collections

Gift Aid: £374.00; Cash: £163.00

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £218.00; Cash: £147.00: **Total to Date: £5,679.55**

## Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** No 9.15am Mass due to the Funeral at 9.30am.

## Second Collection

This weekend there is 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> March.

## Lenten Family Fast Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February is Lenten Family Fast Day. Let us make a special effort on this day to focus our attention on the poor and needy in the world. There will be a representative from CAFOD, Andy Wansbury, speaking at all Masses after Communion this weekend.

### **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 (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March)**

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. There will be Exposition starting at 8.30am on Friday and continuing after Mass and ending at 9am on Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. There's rota for parishioners on the notice board for those wishing to attend.

### **Consecration of St. Mary of the Crays Church**

Our Church was consecrated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1987. The Church was dedicated to God in a solemn rite, since it is a sign of the pilgrim Church on earth reflecting the Church in heaven. Parishioners are encouraged to attend to celebrate this important day by attending the morning Exposition and Mass.

### **New Sound System**

The work on the new sound system is now finished and the microphone, speakers and the loop system are now working. Could anyone using the lectern please not adjust the microphone.

### **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.

### **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**

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.***

### **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.