



St Mary of the Crays Catholic Church

Mass is celebrated

Monday – Friday: 9.15am

Saturday: 6:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30am (with children's liturgy)

**Eucharistic Exposition with
Divine Office of Lauds** (Morning Prayer): Monday – Friday: 8.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm

Parish office

8:30am-10:30am, Monday,
Wednesday, Friday

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Parish Hall

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Second Sunday of Lent (B)

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

Saturday 24th Feb 2018

9:00am Reconciliation Service for young people
6:30pm: Ruth Farrell RIP
(J & M Saunders)

Sunday 25th Feb 2018

8:30am: O'Dwyer Family RIP (Homer)
10:30am: For the People

Monday 26th Feb 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Catherine McKie RIP (M Flynn)

Tuesday 27th Feb 2018 (Feria)

9:15am: Catherine McKie RIP (Hughes)

Wednesday 28th Feb 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Margaret Brown RIP (R Pearce)
followed by Stations of the Cross
10:00am: Shalom Convent
7:30pm: Stations of the Cross

St. David

Thursday 1st March 2018

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Phil Nathanielsz RIP (Hull)
followed by Novena

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Deanery 24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins
9:15am: Christie Donnelly (Bull)

Saturday 3rd March 2018 (Feria)

8.30am: Deanery 24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends
9am: First Sacrament of Reconciliation for FHC Candidates
11:00am: Shalom Convent

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Exod. 20: 1-17; Ps 18; 1 Cor. 1: 22-25; John 2: 13-25

Saturday 3rd March 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Fred Miller RIP (Hull)

Sunday 4th March 2018

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

Anniversaries of Death

Mary Callahan, Margaret Murphy, Ralph Cantwell, Frederick Holmes, Patricia Frost, Catherine Holloway, Andrew Bradley, Michael Hoey, Dennis Hughes, John McGinty, Sarah Mitchem, Henry Hoskins, Rosella Onwuemeli, Ellen Estherby, Ruth Looker, Edwin Brown, John Rayner, L. Bourke, Danny Boshell, Brendan Hession, Sidney Davies, Patricia Hine, Margaret Macklin, Dennis Neligan, Jill Sweby, Michael Clinton, Fred Miller✠

God did not spare his own son

Christ did not come to explain away suffering. He came to fulfil it. Like Abraham we must be prepared to sacrifice everything to God and thus in turn we find fulfilment. God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead, pleads our cause before his Father in heaven.

Collections

Gift Aid: £400.00; Cash: £125.00
Poor Parishes: Gift Aid: £62.00; Cash: £85.00

Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

Lenten Programme 2018

- 1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 8.30am every weekday during Lent.
- 2. Stations of the Cross: *Wednesday*** after Mass and at 7.30pm.
- 3. 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.

Lenten Charity Offering 2018

As part of our collective Lenten almsgiving this year, the parish will be supporting the work of Hosanna House & Children's 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 next weekend 3rd/4th March. **Table Sale:** next weekend after Masses there will be a sale of wooden dolls and plaques quoting funny and sentimental sayings. These would make nice gifts for Mother's Day, Easter or in fact any occasion. Even to buy for yourself as a treat. All proceeds from this sale will go to HCPT Group 151 to continue their good work providing memorable holidays for disabled and disadvantaged children. Thank you for your support. We hope this Easter that Obi Opara from our Parish will travel with HCPT Group 151 to Lourdes, and share some wonderful experiences with them. Please remember Obi, his family and the volunteer helpers in your prayers.

Deanery 24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Mary of the Crays, Crayford: March 2018 (2nd/3rd 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 8.30am on Saturday, the 3rd of March. There's a Rota on the notice board for parishioners to sign up for different times.

CTiC will be using the Church from 7.30pm to 9.30pm for the Women's World Day of Prayer Service.

Lenten Penitential Services in the Deanery

1. St Mary of the Crays (Crayford): Friday 23rd March at 7.30pm
2. Our Lady of the Angels (Erith): Monday 26th March at 7.30pm.
3. St. Lawrence's (Sidcup): Tuesday 27th March at 7.30pm

Book of Prayers

When entering your requests into the Book of Prayers in the Church entrance, please write your messages clearly and please add any names in capital letters so that they are legible. Thank you.

Diocesan Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

The Annual Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers will be in St. Stephen's Parish Hall, Welling on **Saturday 10th March, 10.30am-4pm.**

The day is being held locally following a request that it is difficult for people in this Deanery to get to Tooting so please support this if you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Reader.

First conference: *'The Church venerates the Scripture as she venerates the body of the Lord'*. Followed by Confession and Eucharistic Adoration.

Second Conference: *'The Eucharist as fulfillment of the Scriptures'*. Mass with Bishop Patrick Lynch at 3pm.

To book call CCF 020 8672 7684 or email office@ccftootingbec.org.uk. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.

Churches Together in Crayford (CTiC)

The annual Women's World Day of Prayer Service is this year being hosted here at St. Mary's on Friday 2nd March at 8pm. This year the Service has been prepared by the Christian woman of Suriname on the theme of: All of God's Creation is Good! Please come and enjoy this Service. All are welcome.

Patricia Daniel RIP May She Rest in Peace✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Daniel who has recently died.
Funeral: Thursday 15th March at 10am. **Committal:** St. Paulinus at 11:30am