



## *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**

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Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DZ

[www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk](http://www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk)

### **Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
contact 01372 457651

### Third Sunday of Lent (B)

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

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:30pm: Fred Miller RIP (Hull)

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018

8:30am: C. McKie RIP (Coward)

10:30am: Bishop J. Bagobiri RIP

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition

9.15am: Communion Service

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018 (Feria)

9:15am: Catherine McKie RIP (Hull)

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Brian and Bernice McKie (E&A Staunton) followed by Stations of the Cross

10:00am: Shalom Convent

7:30pm: Stations of the Cross

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Maureen Gatrell RIP followed by Novena

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Carol Costello RIP (B. Youngs)

SJS Yr. 1 & Yr. 6 attending

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Feria)

10:00am: Shalom Convent

### Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

**2 Chr. 36: 14-16, 19-23; Ps 136; Eph. 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21**

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

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:30pm: Peter and Marcella Stevens

(J&M Saunders)

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

8:30am: Catherine McKie RIP (Stafford)

10:30am: Father Linus Effiong RIP

### Anniversaries of Death

Michael Gaffney, Luigi Cascarini, W. McHugh, Louise Herreng, Ethel Davis, Harry Sparrowhawk, Thomas Caraccio, Helen Bye, George Ward, Michael Teal, Sara Fisher, Irene Small, Joseph Cerutti, Maureen Gatrell, Charles Cooper, Edith Looker, Dick Whyte, Francis Lintott, Daniel O'Halloran, William Griffith✠

### We preach a crucified Christ

Christ gave his life in love to his Father. In a way which we do not understand this death shows forth the wisdom of God. Christ rose again from the dead. This great miracle on which our faith depends shows that we believe that the message of eternal life is contained in Christ's death and resurrection.

**Collections:** Gift Aid: £431.00; Cash: £147.00

### Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry by all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place at the Solemn Mass of the Last Supper.

## Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Building Fund. On the weekend 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March there will be a second collection for flowers for the Church for Easter. **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 weekdays 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.**
4. **Novena:** after Mass on Thursday.

***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 this weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> March. **Table Sale:** this 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.

## Lenten Penitential Services in the Deanery

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

## NiCCOLA Lenten Retreat

The NiCCOLA Lenten Retreat will be taking place at Our Lady of the Angels on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March; 11.30am to 3.30pm. The Theme is *'Faith in God and Holy Eucharist'* (Roman 15:13). Fr. Julius Otoaye and Fr. Ignatius Edet will be leading the Retreat.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@ccftootingbec.org.uk). Please bring a packed lunch.

### **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. 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.

### **St. Patrick's Day Lunch: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March; 12-4pm**

**Bacon and Cabbage Lunch in the Hall;** 1.30-2.30pm; Tickets available from Trish at the bar. Tickets: £10; Children (12 & under) £5. **Gerry Kelly aka Dr. Kildare** will be here to entertain us once more, back by popular demand!!! Please come along and join us. Monies raised through this event and forthcoming events will raise much needed money for our Parish: last year we were able to donate £6,000!

### **Film Evenings at St. John Fisher Church Hall**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7pm for 7.30pm: BI Miguel Pro

Saturday night social 24<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm for 7.30pm: The King's Stammer

### **Churches Together in Crayford Lenten Lunch: 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Crayford Baptist Church, Bexley Lane, (car park access Chapel Hill);

11.30am-12.30pm personal prayer in Church; 12-30-1.30pm simple Lenten Lunch share fellowship with others from CTiC

### **Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August 2018** **Lourdes Theme for 2018 "Do whatever He tells you"**

Booking forms and information are in the reception area. The forms should be returned direct to Tangney Tours. See notice board for contact details.

### **Catholic People's Weeks**

Revitalising the heart, mind and spirit of Catholic people today. Holidays that make a difference: see notice board and leaflets for further details.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. **Committal:** St. Paulinus at 11:30am