



*St Mary of the Crays  
Catholic Church*

**Mass is celebrated**

Monday – Friday at 9.15am

***(Exposition & Morning Prayer:  
8.30am)***

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

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*(Not available on Thursday from after Mass)*

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**Parish Hall**

For enquiries and bookings  
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## 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> Mar 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Peter and Marcella Stevens  
(J&M Saunders)

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

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

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

8:30am: Exposition  
\*9:15am: Communion Service

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

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: J Edathippambil (T. George)

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Bill and Eileen Snelders RIP  
followed by Stations of the Cross  
10:00am: Mass (Convent)  
7:30pm: Stations of the Cross  
7:30pm: Lenten Service on the Seven  
Last Words of Jesus on the Cross

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

10:00am: Funeral of Patricia Daniel

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

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Sheila and Tom Flanagan RIP  
12:00pm: Funeral of Maureen Start

### St. Patrick

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

10:00am: Mass (Convent)

## Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

**Jer. 31: 31-34; Ps 50; Heb. 5:7-9; John 12: 20-30**

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

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Albert South and Winn Miller  
RIP

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

8:30am: For the People  
10:30am: Joan Brooks RIP (H. Davies)

## Anniversaries of Death

Maria Theaves, Albert Winterton, Reg Clemas, Edward O'Loughlin, Billy Chandler, John Hennessy, Margaret Hoey, Miriam Nutt, Amy Gumm, Brian Shandley, Arthur Gillespie, William Scanlon, William Handford, Mary Donnelly, William Ryan, Len Williams, Arthur Wilkinson, Winn Miller, Elizabeth Mullane, Mercedes Rosso✠

## God is generous with his mercy

Jesus Christ is given to the world by God so that those who believe in his name may be saved. He brings us new life because previously we were dead through sin but now we are saved through grace. We are God's work of art created in Jesus Christ.

### Collections

Gift Aid: £371.00; Cash: £120.00

Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust: Gift Aid: £37.00; Cash: £313.00

### Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

## **Second Collections**

1. This week, there is a second collection for the Building Fund.
2. Next weekend, there will be a second collection for flowers for the Church for Easter. Thank you for your generosity.

## **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. This is a mandatory requirement for continued ministry.

## **Lenten Programme 2018**

1. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 8.30am weekdays.
2. **Stations of the Cross:** Wednesday after Mass and at 7.30pm.
3. **Lenten Service** on the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross: Wednesday, 14 March, 7.30pm.
4. **Lenten Retreat:** Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7.30pm daily, with Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
5. **Novena:** after Mass on Thursday.

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

## **Reflection on Lent by Archbishop Peter Smith**

"Lent is essentially an opportunity to be reborn and grow still more in the life of the Spirit. It's 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" (***Lenten Pastoral Letter, 2018***).

## **Lenten Penitential Services in the Deanery**

1. St. Lawrence's (Sidcup): Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.
2. St Mary of the Crays (Crayford): Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm
3. Our Lady of the Angels (Erith): Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

## **Service on the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross**

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm: All are invited to take part in this solemn moment of praise, prayer, and reflection as we journey towards the celebration of the Paschal Mystery in Holy Week/Easter.

## **Happy Mothering Sunday to all Mothers!**

I would like to wish all grandmothers, mothers and mothers-to-be a very Happy Mothering Sunday. Father Ignatius.

## **Altar Servers Rehearsals for Holy Week & Triduum**

I would like to invite all Alter servers who would like to serve at Masses and the sacred liturgies on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, to kindly sign up on the Rota in the Sacristy. Please, kindly note that all who wish to serve at these services must attend a rehearsal on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9am and Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Thank you. Father Ignatius.

## **Bexley Deanery Pastoral Council**

Two volunteers are needed to act as our parish representatives for the Bexley Deanery Pastoral Council. Next meeting holds at St. Stephen's on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. Please speak to Father Ignatius. Thank you.

**100 Club Winners: 27:** Bernard Gillespie; **100:** Janet Brommett

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.

**Richard is available again this weekend to give out Gift Aid boxes for the coming tax year to current and new members. Please, if you are a tax payer, kindly consider giving extra support to your parish by signing up. Richard will be happy to speak to you in the Reception Area as you leave Mass. Thank you.**

### **Lenten Charity Offering 2018 (HCPT): Thank You**

The response last weekend to our parish's Lenten almsgiving, to support the work of HCPT was absolutely amazing. The total raised so far from the collection and table sale is £710. Sue Cornwell who spoke at the Masses last week on behalf of HCPT Group 151 has asked that I pass on the group's appreciation for your generosity not only in monetary terms but also through your prayers and for making her feel so welcome. Thank you. Bernice.

### **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

### **Teacher Advertisement**

Please see the notice board for details of a Teacher's Post at St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School, Welling. Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **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 parish office. The forms should be returned directly to Tangney Tours. See notice board for contact 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

### **Maureen Start RIP May She Rest in Peace✠**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Start who died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. **Funeral:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12:00pm. **Committal:** St. Paulinus at 1.30pm.