



*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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm

Parish office

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

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

Saturday 17th Mar 2018 6:30pm: Albert South and Winn Miller RIP	Sunday 18th Mar 2018 8:30am: For the People 10:30am: Joan Brooks RIP (Helen Davies)
St. Joseph Monday 19th Mar 2018 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: SJS attending	Tuesday 20th Mar 2018 (Feria) 9:00am: Brian Shandley RIP
Wednesday 21st Mar 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Communion Service followed by Stations of the Cross 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross	Thursday 22nd March 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition & Morning Prayer followed by Novena 7:30pm: MASS & LENTEN RETREAT
Friday 23rd March 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: C. McKie RIP (Pearce) 7:30pm: LENTEN RETREAT with Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday 24th March 2018 (Feria) 9:00am: Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Holy Communicants 11:00am: Shalom Convent
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B) Is 50: 4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1-15: 47	
Saturday 24th March 2018 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Deceased relatives of Val and Dave Hull	Sunday 25th March 2018 8:30am: Elizabeth and Alexander Greatorex RIP (Homer) 10:30am: For the People

Anniversaries of Death

Fr. Vivian St. Clare Hill, Kathleen Boulding, Albert South, Mary Kenneally, Mary Brennan, John Baillie, Florence Hackney, Jack Smith, Marilyn Bean, Delia McHugh, William Field, Larry Challis, Elizabeth Redmond, Martin Cahill, George Clements, George Stickings, William Hand✠

I will write my law on their hearts

Christ, like the grain of wheat which dies in order to produce new life, dies for us. Following his example we must realise that if we want eternal life we must be prepared to give our lives to God. He writes his law in our hearts and we submit humbly to his will even when it causes us pain. We obey through suffering. There is no greater school in which to grow in holiness.

Collections

Gift Aid: £423.00; Cash: £149.00

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £283.00; Cash: £167.00: **Total to Date: £6,129.55**

Exposition and Morning Prayers

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 flowers for the Church for Easter. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

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.

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 Retreat:** Thursday 22nd to Friday, 23rd March, 7.30pm, with Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, 23rd March.
4. **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. Stephen's (Welling): Thursday 22nd March at 7.30pm
2. St. Mary of the Crays (Crayford): Friday 23rd March at 7.30pm
3. Our Lady of the Angels (Erith): Monday 26th March at 7.30pm
4. St. Lawrence's (Sidcup): Tuesday 27th March at 7.30pm

Holy Week and Easter Triduum Services

Holy Week and Easter Triduum Programme of Services are available for collection from next weekend. Please may every family take a copy. You may also collect a copy for neighbours and friends. **Please take a poster for Holy Week for you, your family, friends and neighbours.**

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

On Wednesday 28th March at 11:30am the Mass for the Institution of the Sacred Priesthood (Chrism Mass) will take place at St. George's Cathedral during which all Priests will renew their commitment to the sacred Priestly ministry. At this Mass, the Bishop, in the presence of the Presbyterium, consecrates the Chrism and blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens. Please let us remember to pray for our Priests.

Altar Servers Rehearsals for Holy Week & Triduum

I would like to invite all Altar 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 Friday, 23rd March at 4.30pm and Saturday, 30th March at 10am. Thank you. Father Ignatius.

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.

Bexley Deanery Developing World Group

Details of the current and outstanding projects which the Bexley Deanery Developing World Group has agreed to try and help this year together with a copy of the current account to date have been displayed on the notice board. It will be a challenge to raise sufficient funds for all of these projects so if you are able, please support these. Thank you.

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.

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.

St. Patrick's Day Lunch: Sunday 18th March; 12-4pm

Bacon and Cabbage Lunch in the Hall; 1.30-2.30pm; 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!

Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 24th-31st 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.

Teacher Advertisement: St. Stephen's
see notice board for further information