



*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  
contact 01372 457651

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

**Acts 4: 8-12; Ps 117; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

**5pm:** Shalom Convent

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

6:30pm: Catherine McKie RIP (Collins)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

8:30am: Thanksgiving (Gillespie)

10:30am: For the People

**St. George**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Communion Service

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Ellen Walsh RIP

10.00am: Shalom Convent

**St. Mark**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Joy Whitcliff RIP (Hughes)

followed by Novena

11.00am: Funeral Archibald Gibson

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Audrey (Trixie) Leonard RIP

(Schmidt)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018** (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition

9:15am: Elsy Edathipparambil

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018** (Feria)

10:00am: Shalom Convent

## Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

**Acts 9: 26-31; Ps 21; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

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

6:30pm: Catherine McKie RIP (Lyons)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

8:30am: For the People

10:30am: Joshua Johny Birthday (T.

George)

Baptism Leo Gray Cooper

## Anniversaries of Death

Agnes Cox, Ben Jones, Pat Bourke, Constance Lord, William Looker, Harry Biginton, Terence Connolly, Seamus Magee, Eileen Snelders, Ellen Walsh, Mary Harrington, Bert James, Ted Lester, Alice Flynn, Joseph Redmond, Margaretta Ryder, M. Steel, Margaret Byrne, Tom Carter, Michael Keely, John Totman, Ann Bye✠

## Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd

Christ the Good Shepherd lays down his life for us. This gives us some idea of how lavish God's love is when he allows us to be called his children. We do so only in the name of the Lord Jesus and we can be sure that through him one day we shall see God as he really is in himself.

## Collections

Gift Aid: £454.00; Cash: £222.00

## Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

## **World Day for Vocations (Vocations Sunday)**

This weekend, we celebrate World Day for Vocations (Vocations Sunday). The Church invites us to listen, discern and respond to God's call to us to serve Him in and through the ministry of the Church. As we pray for growth in response to vocations especially to the vowed religious life and the priesthood, let us reflect on the following brief excerpt from the message of the Holy Father, Pope Francis to all of us on this very special occasion: "*Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us.*"

## **Second Collections**

This weekend there is a second collection for Ecclesiastical Education which helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for St. George's Cathedral, which helps to meet the cost of upkeep of the Cathedral, which is the Mother Church of the Diocese.

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

## **Baptism Courses**

Baptism Courses for parents who wish to baptise their children between June and September 2018. 3 mandatory sessions: Tuesday, 15, 22, and 29 May 2018, at 7.30pm. Contact parish office or Anne Connor for registration.

## **Altar Servers Rally 2018**

Southwark Altar Servers are invited to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Rally on May Day Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Please see the notice board for further details and the full programme.

## **Mass in celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage St. George's Cathedral: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend this Mass at St. George's Cathedral, please contact Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinators on [marriage@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:marriage@tiscali.co.uk) or 020 8690 9310 so that you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.

## **Parish Bereavement Ministry Training**

One day course on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks, Kent. This training will help provide the skills to reach out to parishioners who are alone and provides practice in listening skills, rules for running a group for the bereaved or reaching out to the individual and explaining the stages of grief. £25/person payable on the day. Booking form is available at the parish office.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Madeleine Adams who retired at Easter after 26 years' service as a teaching assistant in our parish school of St Joseph's. We wish her a long and happy retirement. God bless her and her family.

### **Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT)**

**Lenten Almsgiving:** This year our Parish supported the work of Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT), which takes disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage holidays to the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes. We are delighted to say that your kind contributions through the collection and table sale raised an amazing £760. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Message from Lourdes:** Obi Opara joined HCPT Group 151 on the Children's Pilgrimage this year in the Easter Holidays to Lourdes. Obi's messages from there were all good: He really enjoyed it, visiting the Grotto; Hearing the story about Our Lady and St Bernadette as well as enjoying playing basketball at Hosanna House. Well done Obi, it sounds like you have lots of lovely memories.

### **St. John's Seminary, Wonersh**

The Seminary, near Guildford, Surrey (which has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 years) is looking for some help with the cost of redecoration and refurbishment of 30 of its bedrooms, which have received little or no upgrading for 40+ years. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets, and curtains which are close to disintegration. Some of the beds and other furniture started their life in the Junior Seminary at Marks Cross, Sussex – which closed in 1970. The Seminary operates on a very tight budget, and there are no funds available for this much-needed work, which would cost in the region of £2,000.00 per room. If you can help in any way, please send a cheque made payable to *St. John's Seminary* to: Mgr. Gerry Ewing (Vice Rector), St. John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX. *Thank you so much!*

**PS. The suggestion has been made to me that parishioners who wish to contribute should do so through the parish so that we can donate as a parish, hopefully, towards the cost of redoing one room (£2,000.00).  
Fr Ig**

### **March for Life UK/LifeFest 18**

March for Life UK/LifeFest 18 will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May in Central London; **9.30-1pm** in Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden; **1.30** Procession/March; **2.30-4pm** Rally in Parliament Square with speeches. Please make every effort to attend this event. Go to [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) for full itinerary or see the poster in the reception area.

### **Archibald Gibson RIP May He Rest in Peace✠**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Archibald Gibson. **Funeral:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. **Burial:** St. Paulinus Cemetery at 12.15pm.

### **John Lawlor RIP May He Rest in Peace✠**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Lawlor who passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. Funeral details to follow.

### **John and June McCarthy RIP May they Rest in Peace✠**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John and June McCarthy. **Funeral:** 1<sup>st</sup> May at St. Anselm's at 11.30am: **Committal:** Eltham crematorium at 13:15.

### **Audrey (Trixie) Leonard RIP May She Rest in Peace✠**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Audrey (Trixie) Leonard, Richard Schmidt's Aunt. Our prayers are with the Schmidt family at this time.