



*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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Parish Hall

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Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

Ezek. 17: 22-24; Ps 91; 2 Cor. 5: 6-10; Mark 4: 26-34

Saturday 16th June 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Catherine McKie RIP (Cowdell)

Sunday 17th June 2018

8:30am: Thanksgiving Gillespie Family
10:30am: For the People
1.30pm: Baptism Kieran Huseyin

Monday 18th June 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Marion Gillespie RIP (Murrell)

Tuesday 19th June 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: For all who are ill in the parish

St. Alban

Wednesday 20th June 2018

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Holy Souls followed by Novena

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Thursday 21st June 2018

8:30am: Exposition
11:00am: Funeral Marion Gillespie

Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More

Friday 22nd June 2018

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Marion Gillespie RIP (M. Gates)

Saturday 23rd June 2018 (Feria)

10:00am: Shalom Convent

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Jer. 1: 4-10; Ps 70; 1 Pet 1: 8-12; Luke: 1: 5-17

Is 49: 1-6; Ps 138; Acts 13: 22-26; Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Saturday 23rd June 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Phil Nathanielsz RIP (Foley)

Sunday 24th June 2018

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Edathipparambil Family RIP
12:30pm: Baptism Thomas Millar

Anniversaries of Death

Louise Sney, Brian Doherty, Jackie Gallagher, Charles O'Loughlin, Anna Million, William Connolly, Thomas Williams, Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer, Agness Dann, John Burke, Julia Powders, P. B. Doherty, Barrie O'Sullivan, John Dolan, Joseph Wickers, Jenny Barter, Bridget Evans †

The kingdom and the mustard seed

The mustard seed is very tiny yet when it is sown in good soil it becomes a very large shrub in which all types of little birds can find shelter to build their nests. The kingdom of God is within us and if we allow it to grow then people will come to us because they see that we are truly witnesses to Christ. Waking or sleeping, the kingdom is growing within us if we do things pleasing to God. We may seem insignificant in the world's eyes but we are confident that it is God who gives the increase and for this we thank him.

Collections

Gift Aid: £280.00; Cash: £164.00

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £239.00; Cash: £181.00: **Total to Date: £7,409.55**

St. John's Seminary: £250.00: **Total to Date: £515.00**

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

This weekend there is a second collection for Day for Life. This is the Day in the Church's Life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

Welcome

We would like to welcome Father Alvan Amadi, a Priest of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, who is visiting our parish from USA.

A short-term Assistant Priest

Archbishop Peter has appointed Father Joseph Edem, a priest of the Diocese of Aba (Nigeria) as an assistant priest here in Crayford. Father Edem will arrive to resume his pastoral ministry with us on Saturday, the 30th of June. We look forward to his arrival and making him feel welcome in the parish and the diocese.

Father's Day: Sunday 17th June 2018

I would like to wish all Grandfathers, Fathers and Fathers-to-be a very Happy Father's Day. Fr. Ignatius.

Mission Appeal

Next weekend, 23rd/24th June, there will be a Mission Appeal by the sisters of the Daughters of Divine Love. The Daughters of Divine Love Congregation, an order of religious women was founded by Late Bishop Godfrey Okoye, C.S.Sp., on July 16, 1969 in Nigeria, during the Nigerian Civil War (Biafra War). The congregation has over 900 sisters ministering in 15 countries around the world. They run a charity home in Nigeria where they care for orphans, disabled children and the poor. We warmly welcome the Sisters to our parish.

Annual Lesnes Abbey Procession of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday 24th June 2018 at 3pm

Join the Deanery Parishes of Bexley and Greenwich at Lesnes Abbey ruins, Abbey Road, Abbey Wood. Gather at your parish marker for 3pm. First Holy Communion children and uniformed groups should gather as directed. Altar Servers to go to the Minsters tent.

Summer Raffle

This week we are starting to sell Summer Raffle tickets, £1 per ticket. All Raffle proceeds to go to St. John's Seminary, Womersley sponsored by the Blackheath, Chislehurst and Swanley Catenians. There are many prizes. Please help us to raise money for such a worthy cause.

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. John Fisher (Bexley) Celebration Day: 23rd June 2018

See notice board for further information.

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.

Catenian Rosary Collection

A box is on the wall outside the Repository for the collection of Rosaries; any as long as it is in one piece; new, second hand etc. These will be sent all around the world to where they are needed, including prisons in this country. The Catenians would like to thank you for all of the Rosaries which you have donated so far. Please take a leaflet to find out more about the Catenian Association.

100 Club Winners: 28: Eddie Staunton; 52: Sylvia Whelan; £50 each

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.

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. **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 Ignatius**

Bexley Food Bank

During summer, many food banks struggle with low food stocks, yet the need for emergency food to support people in crisis remains. Bexley Food Bank is in need of tinned fish, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, rice pudding, long-life milk, coffee, noodles, squash, long-life fruit juice, tins of spaghetti, tins of tomatoes, tinned sweetcorn, tinned carrots, tinned peas, pasta sauce and cereals (but not porridge). Toiletries; including washing powder, toilet rolls & disposable razors.

Churches Together in Crayford

CTiC AGM: Tuesday 26th June in social room. Refreshments at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Marion Gillespie RIP May She Rest in Peace✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marion Gillespie. Our prayers and condolences to David and the family at this time of immense loss. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. **Funeral Mass:** Thursday, 21st June at 11am; **Committal:** (Family only) St Paulinus Church Cemetery, 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Macmillan Cancer, a JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/David-Gillespie6

has been set up for these. Thank you.