



*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, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday

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Parish Hall

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Kings 19: 4-8; Ps 33: 2-9; Eph. 4: 30-5: 2; John 6: 41-51	
Saturday 11th Aug 2018 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Bill Baillie RIP (Pearce)	Sunday 12th Aug 2018 8:30am: Alexander Greatorex RIP 10:30am: Margaret Blakesley RIP
Monday 13th Aug 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Brenda Brooks RIP (Homer)	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe Tuesday 14th Aug 2018 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Elaine Murphy's Intention
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday 15th Aug 2018 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Mervyn Willsher (H. Davies) followed by Novena 7:00pm: Gregory and Leila Coward – Happy Married Life	Thursday 16th Aug 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Jerome D'Souza
Friday 17th Aug 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: George Óg, Hélène and Tara Rice	Saturday 18th Aug 2018 (Feria) 10:00am: Shalom Convent

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Prov. 9: 1-6; Ps 33; Eph. 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58

Saturday 18th Aug 2018 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Josie Shandley RIP	Sunday 19th Aug 2018 8:30am: Margaret Griffith RIP 10:30am: Antoinette Trombetti (McAleavey)
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Anniversaries of Death

Alexander Greatorex, Sr. Ita Hynes, Margaret Mary Waugh, Joyce Daly, Carmen Aprahamian, Bernard Coligan, Antonietta Dobby, Francis Stickings, Tommy Jennings, Cecil Andrews, George Aprahamian, Anne Potter, Harriet Rattenbury, Paul Manley, Danny Driscoll, Jim Shelley, Kay Hudson, Ingrid Simmons†

The bread is my flesh for the life of the world

Christ is the living bread come down from heaven and anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Just as Elijah the prophet was strengthened by the food given to him by God so we too are helped by the Eucharist to continue in our pilgrimage back to our Father. Through this Eucharist we are reminded that if we are to follow Christ we must love as he loved us.

Collections

Gift Aid: £389.00; Cash: £169.00

Exposition and Morning Prayers

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

Second Collection

This Sunday there is a second collection for the Building Fund.

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

New Parish Email Address

In line with the new GDPR 2018, the Parish has been issued a new Diocesan Email Address: **crayford@rcaos.org.uk**.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is now open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday a.m.

A new contact number for the parish office

After due assessment and consultation with the Finance/Management Committee, we have decided to discontinue running the current second telephone line in the parish office, effective from the 10th August. A cheaper option with a mobile line is being explored, which would assist in the parish saving at least £480 per annum. New number to be advised by next week.

Wednesday 15th August 2018

Wednesday 15th August 2018 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses at 9.15am and 7pm.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption means that Mary, on the completion of her earthly life, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven as the fulfilment of her destiny which she achieved by living a life of loving response to God's will.

This is a very joyful feast, proclaiming for us the Good News of salvation. It's a reminder that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and that like Mary we are destined for glory. One day we too shall enjoy the vision of God in heaven as whole people – body and soul.

Clearing of the Church Compound

We want to thank all who volunteered a few weeks ago to help clean our Church compound. We still have much to be done, and are once more calling on parishioners to volunteer to come out on Saturday, 1st September from 9-11am. Cooked breakfast will be provided. Please, kindly sign up in the reception/entrance.

Repository Co-ordinator

Unfortunately Fiona Salem has had to stand down from her service in the parish as Repository Co-ordinator. Please consider taking on this role; it is not arduous, mainly consisting of ordering, checking orders, pricing up and displaying them. Ideal for any adult who loved to play 'shops'. Jeannie is able to continue until the end of September. If you feel called to serve the parish in this capacity please contact Father Ignatius who has Jeannie's contact details.

Annual Parish Feast Day

In response to suggestions by parishioners, 8th September, feast of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be observed as our parish patron saint day, starting from this year (**Sunday, 9th September**). It will be a day to celebrate together as a parish community through liturgy and worship followed by sundry entertainments. A pilot committee will be formed to help organise the event. Volunteers are warmly welcome. Thank you. **Father Ignatius**.

Altar Servers Training

Saturday, 18th and 25th August and 1st and 8th September from 11.30am to 12.30pm. Parents of all new applicants, please kindly take note.

First Communion 2019

Dateline for submission of application forms is by the **12th August**.

Summer Raffle

The Summer Raffle will be drawn this Sunday, 12th August.

There are still some tickets left to be sold, £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. **So far £1,201.00 has been raised.**

Thank you for your generosity to your Parish

I want to thank all parishioners for your generous offerings to the Parish throughout the year. This month the next (the 4th of 10 installments) payment of £4,000.00 is due for the loan from Welling parish. I know that times are hard, but I would want to encourage those who are able, to give a little more to enable us to meet this obligation. 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.

The RCIA Programme has started

Please pray for the 6 parishioners who have started the RCIA Programme. The next meeting will be on **Monday 13th August at 7.30pm** in the Reception Area of the Church. Any other person who would like to join should come to the meeting.

100 Club Winners: 2: Monica Murrell: 5: Patrick Keenan £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.

Gift Aid

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.

A New Baby Born in the Parish

Congratulations to Kevin and Inge on the birth of their first baby (a boy), **Kai Gonsalves** on Tuesday, 7th August. The happy new parents and baby can be contacted at 7 Townhall Square, Crayford DA1 4FH.

Sr. Margaret Barry LSU – RIP

Our thoughts and prayers are with the LSU Sisters (Shalom Convent) and the family of Sr. Margaret Barry on her transition to eternal life in the early hours of Wednesday, 8th August. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.