



*St Mary of the Crays  
Catholic Church*

**Mass is celebrated**

Monday – Friday at 9.15am

***(Exposition & Morning Prayer:  
8.30am; Novena to Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help: Wednesday,  
after Mass)***

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, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday

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**Priest Surgery:** Tuesday, 7-8pm

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**Parish Priest**

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Fr. Joseph Edem

**Parish School**

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**Parish Hall**

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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**Is 35: 4-7; Ps 1454; Jas 2: 1-5; Mark 7: 31-37**

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: For the People

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018

8:30am: Elizabeth Greatorex RIP  
10:30am: Laura Roper RIP (Redmond/  
Bradley) with Baptism of Kai Gonsalves

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am:

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 (Feria)

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

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Maureen Quinn RIP (H. Davies)  
followed by Novena  
**6:00pm:** Shalom Convent

### St. John Chrysostom

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am:

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018

8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Mrs. Sikiratu Ojejimi RIP

### Our Lady of Sorrows

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018

10:00am: Shalom Convent

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**Is 50: 5-9; Ps 114; Jas 2: 14-18; Mark 8; 27-35**

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:30pm: Laurie Goodwin RIP

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018

8:30am: David Burgess RIP (Murrell)  
10:30am: Joan Brooks RIP (D'Mello)

## Anniversaries of Death

K. Lynch, Arthur Mills, Clemence Duggan, Dennis Scannell, Christopher Fisher, Bet Robinson, Elizabeth Cope, Mary Bridget Flynn, Graham Collins, Doug Finch, Peter Faria, Allan Moore, Jim Bonyng, Mary Clifford, Herr Kornelius Kones, Parents of Mr. and Mrs. J. McAleese, Sr. Agnes O'Driscoll, Sikiratu Ojejimi✠

## Christ makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak

The power of Christ helps us to understand the Gospel and to speak its message to other people. Even though in the world's eyes we are poor nevertheless it is God who chooses people like us to be heirs to his kingdom. When we are downhearted we must learn not to be afraid. Our God is faithful to his promises.

## Collections

**26<sup>th</sup> Aug and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep:** Gift Aid: £987.00; Cash: £344.00

Catholic Education: Gift Aid: £60.00; Cash: £133.00

## 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 weekend there is a second collection for the Building Fund.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Home Missions which provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the Gospel in our own country.

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

### **Appointment of New Parish Priest**

I want to thank you all for your kind understanding, support and prayers after the announcement of my transfer from the parish. It is indeed a moment of anxiety for all of us, but relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Crays, I believe this period also provides us, individually and collectively, a moment of grace, discernment and openness to the will of God for all of us and our beloved parish.

Archbishop Peter has appointed me as parish priest of Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth in the deanery of Kingston. He has also appointed a new parish priest for Crayford, and will be announced next weekend. Thank you and God bless you all. **Father Ignatius**

### **Parish Office**

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

### **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 Telephone Contact**

Please, kindly note that the parish now has one telephone line for both the office and the presbytery: 01322 523492

### **Annual Parish Feast Day**

This weekend is a special weekend in our parish. The feast is ready. Please, all are warmly welcome to come to the banquet. Let's celebrate our rich cultural diversity as a parish community under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St Mary of the Crays). I welcome all to participate actively in the festive Mass at 10.30am and the activities in the hall afterwards. Thank you and God bless! **Father Ignatius**.

### **Home Mission Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Next Sunday will be Home Mission Sunday when we will pray for the spread of the Gospel and in the second collection we will have the opportunity to support it financially by giving what we can. The money you give to this collection does not go abroad but is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith. For more information about the Home Mission Office please visit **[www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk)**.

### **Thank You**

A very big thank you to all parishioners who volunteered for the clean-up of our Church grounds last Saturday and the clear-out of the huge rubbish on Monday and Tuesday. May God bless and reward you all for your selfless sacrifice and labour of love for the good of your parish, Amen.

### **First Holy Communion 2019**

**Parents of children making their First Holy Communion in 2019:** please remember there is a meeting at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** in the Social Room. This is a compulsory meeting to start the programme.

### **RCIA – Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?**

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course began five weeks ago with six catechumens/candidates. It is 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 the Catholic faith. **It is held on Monday, from 7.30pm to 8.45pm in the Reception Area.** Registration forms are still available from the parish office.

### **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers**

The annual Day of Recollection for the South East Area will take place at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Bell Trees Grove, SW16 2HY on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Please collect a form from the parish office to register if you wish to attend.

### **Diocesan Day for Catechists: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

All Catechists and Children's Liturgists are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 6HR. This Day is for all Catechists of the Diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process. Details of the programme are available on the notice board.

### **Catenian Rosary Collection**

A box is on the wall outside the Repository for the collection of Rosaries, to be sent all around the world to where they are needed, including prisons in this country: new or used provided it is in one piece. Please take a leaflet to find out more about the Catenian Association.

### **100 Club Winners: 9: Brian McKie: 15: Peter Coward £50 each**

Kindly consider being a member! It is a great way of raising funds for the parish and the building fund. Your continued support is very greatly appreciated. Please see Jim Saunders. 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. **Richard Gillespie** (Gift-Aid Co-Ordinator)

### **Rev. Dr. John Mulligan RIP May He Rest in Peace✠**

Please kindly remember in your prayers the Late Rev Dr. John Mulligan, parish priest of St Teresa of the Child Jesus (Morden) who passed away suddenly but peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of Thursday, 6 September 2018. Until his sudden departure, John was the lead person organising our diocesan participation in the Adoremus Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress which is being held in Liverpool this weekend, and was looking forward to join other pilgrims at Liverpool on Friday. We remember his family and parishioners in our prayers. May his soul rest in peace, Amen.