



*St Mary of the Crays
Catholic Church*

*(part of the Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Southwark)*

Holy 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 of the Word of God)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm
and on request

Parish office

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

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First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jer. 33: 14-16; Ps 24; 1 Thess. 3: 12 – 4: 2; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Saturday 1st Dec 2018 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Ann Neely (J & M Saunders)	Sunday 2nd Dec 2018 8:30am: Dennis Ives RIP (Price) 10:30am: For the People
St. Francis Xavier Monday 3rd Dec 2018 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls	Tuesday 4th Dec 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Hector Arevalo RIP (Blakesley)
Wednesday 5th Dec 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Brian McKie (Hanrahan) followed by Novena 10:00am: Shalom Convent	Thursday 6th Dec 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Joseph Dike Gwam RIP
St. Ambrose Friday 7th Dec 2018 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Jim Askew RIP (LSU) SJS Yr. 3 & 4 attending	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday 8th Dec 2018 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Special Intention (DG) 10:00am: Shalom Convent

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5: 1-9; Ps 125; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 1-6

Saturday 8th Dec 2018 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Mrs. S. Holloway RIP (Foley)	Sunday 9th Dec 2018 8:30am: Thanksgiving for the people of the parish (Loretta Ives & Family) 10:30am: For the People
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Anniversaries of Death

Philip Harris, Louisa Byrne, Francis Connolly, Helen Cooper, Victoria Nicholls, Marie Toomey, Eleanor McDermott, Dennis Howie, Dorothy Morrison, Joseph Frost, Winifred Burgess, Angela Cuddy, James Hewitson, Annie Hennessy, Mathew Goldfinch, Sid Hopkins, William Snelders, Rod Rowe, Michael Collins, Mai Harris, Freda Marie Statton†

Your liberation is near at hand

We have no reason to fear the second coming of Christ if we allow God to teach us how to grow in holiness. We ask him to help us to love one another with generosity and integrity. In this way we will be able to hold our heads high and have the strength necessary to survive all that will happen in our lives so that when the time comes we will stand in confidence before Christ and his saints.

Collections

18th and 25th November: Gift Aid: £706.00; Cash: £352.00

Archbishop's Admin Fund: Gift Aid: £95.00; Cash: £96.00

Parish Christmas Bazaar: £3,037.00

Breakdown available on the notice board; Raffle winners on notice board.

Well done and thank you to each and everyone who took part.

Exposition and Morning Prayer

Please come and visit our Lord: the Church is open from 8am.

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



Second Collection

This weekend there is a second collection for **flowers for the Church for Christmas**.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Building Fund**.

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

St. Mary's Community Club Donation

We have received a donation to the parish of £4,000.00 from St. Mary's Community Club, for which we are thankful and very grateful.

Advent Message from Archbishop Peter Smith

The season of Advent which we begin today, is a season of hope, longing and joyful expectancy, but is also a penitential season. As we look forward to and prepare for the celebration of Christmas, we need to put our trust firmly in the risen Christ who said: ***"If you want to be a follower of mine, you must take up your cross and follow me."*** and ***"Fear not, I am with you always, yes, even to the end of time."***

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Peter Smith

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Peter Smith will be read at all Masses this weekend. A copy is available on the notice board, and some copies to take home.

A copy of the **Pope Francis' Papal Letter** from August 2018 is also available to read on the notice board and in the reception area, and some copies to take home.

Advent Liturgical Programme 2018

Daily Eucharistic Exposition: 8.30am

Confessions: Father David will be available before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses, up to 10 minutes before Mass.

Parish Carol Service: Sunday 16th December; 4-5pm, with refreshments afterwards.

SJS Junior Carol Service: 17th December at 1.30pm. Parents and parishioners invited followed by tea, coffee and mince pies in the school hall.

Take some time to reflect this Advent

Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our **Diocesan Spirituality Commission** has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk

RCIA Course Week 16 – Lounge Area

This week's catechesis will be continuing with **'A Stroll through the Mass**. Please, kindly continue to keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith. Thank you.

Readers at 10.30am Mass

We would like to re-introduce a rota for readers at 10.30am Mass. If you are interested (especially if you are a young person), please contact Mike Whitaker on 07768-194487 or mike@bramernic.com. Training will be provided.

Baptism Courses

Any parents wishing to arrange a Baptism between now and the end of February 2019 will need to attend the compulsory Baptism Courses which will be held in the Church Centre. The dates available are **either** Saturdays 15th, 22nd and 29th December at 2.30pm **or** Tuesday 4th, Friday 7th and Tuesday 11th January at 2pm. Contact Anne Connor 01322 862995 or reconnor01@sky.com and also notify the parish secretary.

Calling all Holy Scrubbers

It is That Time of Year again - no not Christmas, time to collect your new Cleaning Rotas. They are available in the Church Entrance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their support over the last year and to welcome the new members who have joined us in the last few months. If anyone has an hour to spare every four weeks and would like to help, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Father David or me (Valerie) on 01322 271058.

Parish Mass Books

As we have now begun a new Liturgical Year, if anyone has any Parish Mass Books for the last Liturgical Year at home, can they please return these to the Sacristy as soon as possible.

Christmas Cards

Please support the Parish by buying your Christmas Cards from the Parish Repository in the reception area before and after all Masses.

Christmas Masses Schedule

Christmas Eve (Mon 24th December)	5:30pm	Carols
	6:00pm	Vigil Mass (children)
	11:30pm	Carols
	12:00am	Midnight Mass & reception
Christmas Day (Tues 25th December)	8:30am	Mass
	10:30am	Mass
St. Stephen's Day (Weds 26th December)	10:00am	Mass

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We are looking for volunteers to decorate the Church for the Christmas season on Saturday 22nd December at 10.30am. Everybody welcome. If you have any greenery such as holly, ivy or any other evergreens that we can use, please leave it in the Church reception area for the 22nd December. Please could you bring scissors or secateurs and gardening gloves as these may be very useful. If you have any enquiries please phone Liz Doherty (0208 311 2319) or Josie Coward (01322 272934). Thank you.

Gift Aid

If you are a Tax Payer, you need only fill in the form available in the Church entrance with a few details. Please place the form in the Sacristy or the Parish Office. 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).

100 Club Winners

Kindly consider being a member! It is a great way of raising funds for the Parish and the Building Fund. Please see Jim Saunders. Thank you.