



*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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Second Sunday of Advent (C)

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

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Monday 10th Dec 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Special Intention

Tuesday 11th Dec 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 12th Dec 2018 (Feria)

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Tom Leahy
followed by Novena
10:00am: Shalom Convent

St. Lucy

Thursday 13th Dec 2018

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: Lucia Lincoln RIP

St. John of the Cross

Friday 14th Dec 2018

8:30am: Exposition
9:15am: William Redmond RIP

Saturday 15th Dec 2018 (Feria)

10:00am: Shalom Convent

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Zeph. 3: 14-18; Ps: Is 12: 2-6; Phil 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18

Saturday 15th Dec 2018

5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30pm: Gerry Keenan (Keenan)

Sunday 16th Dec 2018

8:30am: For the People
10:30am: Maureen Roberts RIP
(Schmidt/Faulks)

Anniversaries of Death

Joseph Towers, John Frederick Harris, Leo Birnie, Elizabeth Frost, Edward Taylor, Barry Little, Joseph Barr, Thomas Stapleton, Bill Redmond, Patricia Leary, Leslie Hall, Henry Davis, Joseph Byrne, Vera Loom, Tina Holmes †

Christ is the joy we await

God will bring to completion the work he has begun in us. Our love for one another will help us to be blameless when Christ will come again. Our lives on earth are a preparation for the day when the Lord comes and so we should be full of joy and expectancy.

Collections

Gift Aid: £462.00; Cash: £179.00

Catholic Youth Services: Gift Aid: £139.00; Cash: £78.00

Flowers for the Church: £230.00

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 the Building Fund.

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

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.”***

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.

Penitential Service: Monday 17th December at 7.30pm at **Our Lady of the Angels, Erith.**

Penitential Service: Friday 21st December at 7pm at **St. Anselm's, Dartford.**

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**.

Christmas Cards

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

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.

RCIA Course Week 17 – Lounge Area

There will be no RCIA Meeting this week.

Next week's (**Week 18** - 17th December) catechesis will conclude **'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 rconnor01@sky.com and also notify the parish secretary.

Christmas Masses Schedule

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

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We are looking for volunteers to help 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 on 0208 311 2319 or Josie Coward on 01322 272934. Thank you.

Missing Dinner Plates

Two dinner plates were left in the reception area on a trestle table after the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 24th November awaiting collection by their owner. If someone has taken them by mistake, please could they return them. The plates are white with a border of alternating squares, one being brown and the other with alternating circles. The owner would be delighted to be reunited with these two plates. Thank you.

100 Club

Winners: 1. Fr Ignatius Edet; **2.** Derrick Butt; £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

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).

The Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission
'Come back to me' – Teaching and leading in Catholic Schools
and **Chaplaincy Adviser**

Please see notice board for full details of the above event and appointment.