



*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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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: People of the Parish 10:30am: Maureen Roberts RIP (Schmidt/Faulks) 4:00pm: Parish Christmas Carol Service followed by Refreshments
Monday 17th Dec 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Laurie Goodwin RIP 1:30pm: SJS Junior Christmas Carol Service	Tuesday 18th Dec 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls
Wednesday 19th Dec 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Maria Coelho RIP followed by Novena 10:00am: at Shalom Convent	Thursday 20th Dec 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Marion Gillespie RIP
Friday 21st Dec 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Bernice and Brian McKie (Hull)	Saturday 22nd Dec 2018 (Feria) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
Fourth Sunday of Advent (C) Mic 5: 1-4; Ps 79; Heb. 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45	
Saturday 22nd Dec 2018 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Genoeffa Smith RIP (L. Smith)	Sunday 23rd Dec 2018 8:30am: Gregory and Leila Married Life (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish

Anniversaries of Death

Annie O'Neil, René Holloway, Mercy Easton, Sr. Weseloh, Winifred Ward, Angel and Jerry McCarthy, Mgr. Joseph Harris, Percy Holmes, Sydney Davies, Esther Bracken, Patrick Davis, Cecilia Trevethan, Maria Coelho, Sr. Ada Hudson, Michael Twomey, Kenneth Smith, Neville Pryke, May Callan, F. Bonyngo, Peter Cascarini, Derick Hudson, Henry Gomes, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and daughter, Jamie Cunningham †

The Lord is very near

The Lord is very near and this thought should make us happy. We have no need to worry and if we ask God for anything we want he will not refuse us. We look forward confident and unafraid to the future with hope because the Lord is with us. He is the cause of our happiness. We are a people of hope and joy.

Collections

Gift Aid: £330.00; Cash: £394.00

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £303.00; Cash: £157.00: **Total to date £10,344.55**

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

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.



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.

RCIA Course Week 18 – Lounge Area

This week's 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.

Support your Parish by Patronising Our Repository

Please support your Parish by buying your Christmas Cards from the Repository. We also now stock Prayer Cards: Daily Prayers, The Holy Rosary and Going to Confession. Please kindly put a donation in the payment box in the reception area.

Christmas Posters

Please take a Christmas Poster to share the Joy and Peace of the Christmas Season. The poster displayed clearly on your window will entice people to think what Christmas is all about.

Missing Men's Purse

A man's red leather wallet was lost at the Christmas Bazaar on the 24th November. If anyone remembers seeing this, the owner would be delighted to be reunited with it. Please contact the Parish Office.

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. All 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.

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

St. Mary's Community Club Christmas and New Year Opening Times
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day: Closed
New Year's Eve, Monday 31st December 2018: 7.30pm to Midnight

St. Mary's Community Club Saturday 22nd December 2018

An evening of Live Music with Taz; Raffle;
Please see posters for more information.

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: 1: Father Ignatius Edet; 14: 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.

Sr. Mary O'Riordan (LSU) RIP May She Rest in Peace✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Mary O'Riordan who died on the evening of Thursday 6th December 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with the LSU Sisters (Shalom Convent) and the family of Sr. Mary O'Riordan on her transition to eternal life. **Reception of Remains:** 3rd January at 5pm: **Funeral:** 4th January at 11am.

Pamela Pimenta RIP May She Rest in Peace✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pamela Pimenta who died on the 3rd December. Our prayers and condolences to her husband Desmond and the family.
Funeral: Thursday 27th December at 11am. **Committal:** St. Paulinus Cemetery.

Janet Lane RIP May She Rest in Peace✠

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Lane who died on the 9th December. Our prayers and condolences to her family.