



*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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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
Monday 24th Dec 2018 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls 5.30pm: Christmas Carols 6:00pm: Vigil Mass: Special Intention 11:30pm: Christmas Carols 12:00am: People of the Parish followed by Reception	The Nativity of the Lord Tuesday 25th Dec 2018 8:30am: Richard Hanrahan RIP and Regina Bernard RIP 10:30am: John and Teresa Lynch RIP
St. Stephen Wednesday 26th Dec 2018 9:15am: Exposition 10:00am: Maureen Deekes RIP (Murrell) followed by Novena 11:00am: at Shalom Convent	St. John Thursday 27th Dec 2018 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Krystyna Helena Laszcz RIP 11:00am: Funeral of Pamela Pimenta
The Holy Innocents Friday 28th Dec 2018 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Deceased members of the McKie and Coligan Families	St. Thomas of Canterbury Saturday 29th Dec 2018 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C) Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28; Ps 83; 1 John 3: 1-2. 21-24; Luke 2: 41-52	
Saturday 29th Dec 2018 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Joan Brooks RIP (T. Saunders)	Sunday 30th Dec 2018 8:30am: Deacon Philip Gummett RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish

Anniversaries of Death

Eloise Wright, Bert Yeo, Michael O'Keeffe, Joseph Birnie, Violet George, Joseph Nicholls, Margaret Whitfield, Marguerite O'Brian, Ivy Haley, Thomas Carragher, Francis Fisher, Jim Cassidy, Krystyna Helena Laszcz, Joan Brooks†

Mary, Mother of my Lord

Mary does the will of God perfectly. When God speaks to her she is prompt to obey and in her flesh God's word becomes incarnate. Of all women she is the most blessed because she believed that God's promises would be fulfilled in the humblest of his creatures. She is the servant of everyone. She was for Elizabeth the cause of her joy. She is the same for us.

Collections

Gift Aid: £352.00; Cash: £175.00

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.



Christmas Wishes

We would like to wish you all and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2019.

For those travelling this Christmas

For all those parishioners who will be away this Christmas, we wish you safe travels and a Happy Christmas holiday.

A Christmas Message from Area Auxiliary Bishop

In the Visitation, Mary and Elizabeth help each other to see (to believe) that God has blessed and chosen them for a special mission and that God will be with them as they carry out that mission.

As we prepare for Christmas, we are reminded that Mary is our model and our inspiration – her belief in God's presence, her trust in God's promise and her generosity in giving witness to God's love. Rt. Rev. Patrick Lynch SS.CC.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to contribute to the Christmas celebrations including the Liturgy Group, those who decorated the Church, the Church cleaners, the Folk Group and the Altar Servers. **Father David**

Christmas Offerings

Christmas offerings are by custom given for the support of Priests in parish ministries. Together with the Easter offering, it forms the main source of income of parish clergy in the Diocese who do not receive a wage throughout the year. Envelopes are available in the Church.

Christmas Crib Offerings

This year our Christmas Crib Offerings will support the **Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund**. The fund provides one-off grants to support children and families who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny raised through your Crib Offering will be given out through these emergency grants to local children and families in dire need.

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.

Support your Parish by Patronising our Repository

Kindly support your Parish by buying your gift items from the Parish Repository. It is open throughout the week before and after Masses.

RCIA

RCIA catechesis will recommence on the 7th January 2019.

Thank You Message from Father Ignatius

Thank you for your presence in large numbers and for your support and good wishes at my Induction Mass in Tolworth on the 7th December.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless. **Father Ignatius.**

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

An evening of Live Music with Taz; Raffle;

Please see posters for more information.

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

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.

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).

TBB – Jobs available in Bexley or London

Various paid or voluntary job advertisements – see notice board for full details.

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.