



*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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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
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Monday 31st Dec 2018 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Rev. Fr. Noel Hanrahan, Breda, Joan and Family	Mary The Holy Mother of God Tuesday 1st Jan 2019 9.15am: Exposition 10:00am: Special Intention
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen Wednesday 2nd Jan 2019 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Moira Sharp RIP followed by Novena 10:00am: at Shalom Convent	Thursday 3rd Jan 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls 5:00pm: Reception of the body of Sr. Mary O’Riordan at Shalom Convent
Friday 4th Jan 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Christopher Hunt RIP (Hughes) 11:00am: Requiem Mass for Sr. Mary O’Riordan at Shalom Convent	Saturday 5th Jan 2019 (Feria) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60: 1-6; Ps 71; Eph. 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matt 2: 1-12	
Saturday 5th Jan 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Ray Dixon RIP (Hull)	Sunday 6th Jan 2019 8:30am: Deacon Philip Gummett RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish

Anniversaries of Death	
Hugh Brennan, William Malcolm, Paul Walker, Elvire Caborn, Arthur Whitfield, Bryan Keenan, Lily Watts, Sarah Walsh, Johnny Walsh, David Daly, Joan Stapleton, Francis Waugh, James J. Johnson, Sybil Magdalene Hart-Davis, Natasha Bastone, Frederick Davis, Jane Foley, Ann Charters, Stanley Patrick Geraghty, Bernard McHugh, Margaret O’Sullivan†	

Christ in the human family

God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as the model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which human society is built. A good Christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God’s love for us revealed in Christ.

Collections Gift Aid: £316.00; Cash: £195.00 Christmas Offering: £1,995.00 I take this opportunity to thank you all very much for your warm welcome to St. Mary of the Crays and your kind and generous Christmas offerings. Fr. David.

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.



I wish you and your families a very Happy New Year of Our Lord 2019. *Fr David.*

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. *Fr David*

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

The New Year begins with the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, a feast which celebrates a mysterious union between God and a woman. 'When the appointed time came God sent his Son, born of a woman, to redeem the subjects of the Law and enable us to be adopted as sons'. (Gal: 4: 4-4). The Church puts forward Mary to guide us on our journey of faith through this valley of tears. At the birth of her Son she had nowhere to call home. At his death she stood silently at the cross, hardly understanding all that was happening.

As a mother, she was the great giver who formed Christ and made him fully human. She will form us and bring us close to her Son if, in the coming year, we put ourselves under her protection. Even our sorrows and sacrifices will be turned into joys and gladness beyond our imagining. There is surely no better way of starting the new year than celebrating the day that Mary became the Mother of God.

RCIA Course met in the Lounge Area

RCIA catechesis will recommence on the 7th **January 2019**. Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith. Thank you.

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.

Catholic Papers

The prices of the Catholic Papers have now increased: **The Universe £1.50; Catholic Herald £2.50; Irelands Own £1.40**

Flowers for the Church

We now have a collection box in the Church entrance for the beautiful floral decorations in our Church throughout the year. Your contributions are much appreciated and gratefully received. Thank you.

Soon there will be a new Parish Office Telephone Number

Watch this space

Catenian Rosary Collection

A box is on the wall outside the Repository for the collection of Rosaries; any as long as it is in one piece; new, second hand etc. These will be sent all around the world to where they are needed, including prisons in this country. The Catenians would like to thank you for the 25 Rosaries which have been donated so far. Please take a leaflet to find out more about the Catenian Association. Please read the letter of thanks we have received from The Catenian Rosary Group.

St. Mary's Community Club

New Year's Eve, Monday 31st December 2018: 7.30pm to Midnight

St. Mary's Community Club

The Club is open to relax with friends on Friday and Saturday evenings 7.30-11.00pm and Sunday Lunchtimes 12.00-2.00pm.

Making use of the Community Club facilities is to be encouraged for Family Events, Baptisms, maybe a Funeral or as a means of socializing with parishioners. The Community Club is a great asset and benefit to the Parish and should be enjoyed by all. Community Club bookings can be made via Anne-Marie at the bar.

100 Club

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.

The Great British Bake Off

www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk; or text 07940-464720 if you are interested. Applications close on Sunday 6th January 2019. See notice board for full information.

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.