



St Mary of the Crays
Catholic Church
(part of the Roman Catholic
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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, Tues-
day,
Wednesday, Friday
Telephone: 01322 523 492
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Priest Surgery: Tuesday, 7-8pm

| The Epiphany of the Lord (C) Is 60: 1-6; Ps 71; Eph. 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matt 2: 1-12 | |
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| Saturday 5th Jan 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Rec- onciliation 6:30pm: Ray Dixon RIP (Hull) | Sunday 6th Jan 2019 8:30am: Deacon Philip Gum- mett RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish |
| Monday 7th Jan 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Special Intention | Tuesday 8th Jan 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Olive Muriel Wheeler RIP |
| Wednesday 9th Jan 2019 (Feria) 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls followed by Novena 10:00am: at Shalom Convent | Thursday 10th Jan 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Sarah and James Dean RIP |
| Friday 11th Jan 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Peter Kilner RIP (B. Youngs) SJS Yr. 3 & Yr. 4 | Saturday 12th Jan 2019 (Feria) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent |
| The Baptism of the Lord (C) Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ps 103; Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7; Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22 | |
| Saturday 12th Jan 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation Candidates 6:30pm: Peter Stevens RIP (J & M Saunders) | Sunday 13th Jan 2019 8:30am: People of the Parish Mass of Welcome for Catechumens 10:30am: Thanksgiving John Nyodeka |
| Anniversaries of Death | |
| Dan Shine, George Caborn, John McGrath, Derek Whitaker, James Morrison, Margaret Mary Glover, Patrick Harris, Amy Masters, Annie Lawless, Jack Yarham, Olive Muriel Wheeler, William Burgess, George Yeo, Agnes Robb, Peter Threlfall, Gordon Scanlon, Caroline Coppings, Alice Shea, Maurice Colyer, Stephan Beegan, Angelo Raccagni, May Davis, Joseph Andrews, Rev. Bro. Richard Baptist Quirke, Harry Shelton, Frederick Dowell, Elizabeth Yeo, John Glover, Agnes Gilligan, Linda Savage, George Huggett | |

Christ is revealed to all peoples

Wise men from the east guided by a star came to worship Christ. In them we see the homage of all the nations to Christ who is for ever the light of the world. We too can become an epiphany – a revealing – of God if we lead full Christian lives.

Collections Gift Aid: £344.00; Cash: £325.00
Crib Collection: £80.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Building Fund**.
Next weekend there will also be a Retiring Collection for the **White Flower Appeal** which is the annual appeal for **The Society of Unborn Children**.
Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Like the Magi we are called to search and to discover the presence of Christ in our lives. It's an on-going relationship which cannot be programmed, labelled or packaged. What's important is to be open and receptive in order to read the signs of the times. Christ is being born every day in our lives. Nevertheless, although God has come to us, we shall find him only if we search for him and discover him, only if we set out on a journey to meet him.



Confirmation 2019:

Young People and Parents please note the following points in relation to the Confirmation Programme:

Monday 7th January: The programme resumes at 7.15pm please candidates be on time. **Enrolment fees and First & Second Deposits for Whitstable are now due**

Friday 11th January: Practice for the Enrolment Mass, meet at 4pm (or asap) in the Church Reception Area

Saturday 12th January: 6.30pm Mass is a special Mass within the programme asking our Parish Family to pray for you at this time in your lives and to witness, as you reaffirm your Baptismal promises and ask for guidance of the Holy Spirit to grow in the knowledge and love of God. Meet in the Church Reception Area at 6.20pm.

Any queries please contact Bernice (07831 851818) or any member of the team.

RCIA Course meet in the Lounge Area

This week's catechesis will be on the **7th January 2019** which will cover the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the organisation of the Church. Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith. Thank you.

Sunday 13th January, 10.30am is the Mass to Welcome the Catechumens into the Church. Please come and join us.

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.



Support your Parish by Patronising our Repository

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

Parish Office

During office hours the new Parish Office telephone number is **07485 151159**. Please call the Presbytery on 01322 523492 outside office hours.

The Parish Office is open on **Mondays 8.30-11.30am, Tuesdays 7.30-11.30, Wednesdays and Fridays 8-12.**

Foodbank

I wanted to share the following extract from an email received on Christmas Eve: -

"People have been very generous this Christmas with donating to the Food Bank which has been good. However, these donations will go in no time at all - that is why we are always so grateful for the Churches of Crayford donations consistently throughout the year. Thank you for all you do for Erith Food Bank"

I also add my sincere thanks to you all for your generosity throughout 2018. Unfortunately the need is greater than ever. Please keep an eye on the boxes for updates on latest needs. God Bless you all, Alex

Catholic Papers

The prices of the Catholic Papers have now increased:

The Universe £1.50; Catholic Herald £2.50; Irelands Own £1.40

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

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).