

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Candlemas Jer. 1: 4-5, 17-19; Ps 70; 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13; Luke 4: 21-30	
Saturday 2nd Feb 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Les Cope RIP	Sunday 3rd Feb 2019 8:30am: Dennis Ives RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Monday 4th Feb 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Kathleen Coyle (B. Youngs)	St. Agatha Tuesday 5th Feb 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls
St. Paul Miki & Companions Wednesday 6th Feb 2019 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: For all retired Priests followed by Novena 10:00am: Josephine Calder RIP at Shalom Convent	Thursday 7th Feb 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Sarah and James Deane RIP
Friday 8th Feb 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Jessica Donegan (E & A Staunton)	Saturday 9th Feb 2019 (Feria) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Is 6: 1-8; Ps 137; 1 Cor 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11	
Saturday 9th Feb 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Cathy Bull 80th Birthday (Murphy)	Sunday 10th Feb 2019 8:30am: Rev. Edmund Carroll RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish

Anniversaries of Death
George Fielder, John Goffrey, Peter Berzolla, John Gavin, Henry Finch, Patrick Foley, Albert Cowdell, John Harrington, Peg Wills, Daniel Dunning

The greatest gift is love
We are a people not only of faith and hope but especially of love. Love is the greatest gift which the spirit of Christ gives to the members of his Church. This gift is also given to those outside the Church and for this we should thank God. Love breaks down human barriers and divisions. Love will bring about Christian unity and greater Christian witness if we are open to the spirit.



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

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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

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Building Fund. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

Baptism Preparation Courses

Any parents wishing to arrange a Baptism between now and the end of April 2019 will need to attend the compulsory Baptism Preparation Courses which will be held in the Reception Area in the Church Centre on Saturdays 16th, 23rd and 30th March at 2.30pm. Please contact Anne Connor on 01322 862995 or rconnor01@sky.com. Please also notify Vanessa at the Parish Office. All Baptism Forms and Godparent Forms should be completed and returned to Vanessa at the Parish Office. Thank you.

First Saturday Devotion

The First Saturday Devotion will take place every First Saturday morning after Exposition at 8.15am and Mass at 9.15am. The Devotion consists of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receiving Holy Communion, reciting a decade of the Rosary and a 15 minute meditation in the company of Our Lady. The First Saturday Devotion (also called the Act of Reparation to the Immaculate heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary) which, according to Lúcia of Fátima, was requested by the Virgin Mary in an apparition at Pontevedra, Spain in December 1925.

The Blessing of the Throats

The Blessing of the Throats is celebrated on the 3rd February, the Feast day of St. Blaise of Sebaste. St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the Fourth Century. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a Bishop. His religion spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the Eighth Century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.



Father David's Induction Mass: Saturday 23rd February at Noon

As a Parish we are hosting a very special event in the life of St. Mary's as our new Parish Priest, Father David, is inducted by Bishop Pat Lynch.

Following the Induction Mass there will be a reception in the hall for our guests. In order to arrange this event and ensure it is a sociable and successful occasion we are asking if you could please possibly help:

- ◆ Providing an item of food for the buffet table. Please could you complete the list in the reception area detailing the food that you are going to bring;
- ◆ Help to serve tea and coffee
- ◆ Assisting with the setting up of the hall; help during the evening; washing up and clearing tables; cleaning and clearing up at the end of the afternoon.
- ◆ Helping the cleaning team to clean the Church—all volunteers welcome
- ◆ Arranging the flowers in the Church.

Please contact Bernadette Hughes or speak to Bernadette after Mass.

Thank you all for your help and support

Collections

Gift Aid: £378.00; Cash: £162.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

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.

RCIA Course meet in the Lounge Area

This week's catechesis will be on **Monday 4th February 2019**. Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers. Thank you.

Repository Co-Ordinators

Anyone interested in providing this valuable service for the parish, please could you contact the Parish Office. 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.

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).

A Day with Mary: 9th and 16th February 2019

See notice board for further details

Our Lady of Walsingham Statue: visit to St. George's Cathedral

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the Slipper Chapel will soon visit St. George's Cathedral in Southwark as part of her ongoing Dowry Tour of visitations to the Catholic Cathedrals of England. The visit will take place between 21st to 23rd February 2019. Archbishop Peter Smith will be presiding at the closing Mass on Saturday 23rd February at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/ourladydowry>

Flame 2019: 2nd March 2019: The SSE Arena, Wembley

The biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back.

For more information on speakers, musicians and bookings please go to www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2019

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

St Thomas More Church, Bostall Park invite parishioners to accompany them on their Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes this coming October. All Parishes in the Deanery are welcome to come and share some time together.

Noreen at Tangney Tours will be taking all the bookings direct. The dates for the Pilgrimage are Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2019 (4 nights) and the price is £560 per person based on two sharing. Deposits of £100 are now being taken to secure places.

Please contact Katie Robinson, the Parish Secretary at St. Thomas More Church at bostallpark@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 020 8303 2189.

Maureen Corbett-Smith RIP May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Corbett-Smith who died on the 26th January 2019. Our prayers and condolences to Lisa Adams, her daughter, and the family at this time of immense loss. Funeral details to follow.