

First Sunday of Lent (C)**Deut. 26: 4-10; Ps 90; Rom 10: 8-13; Luke 4: 1-13**

Saturday 9th Mar 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Brian McKie RIP (Betty & Mick Murphy)	Sunday 10th Mar 2019 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Silvio Rossi RIP (A-M Pateman)
Monday 11th Mar 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Brian McKie RIP (McCarthy Family)	Tuesday 12th Mar 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Caroline Bennett (DG)
Wednesday 13th Mar 2019 (Feria) 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Brian McKie RIP (Shrimpton) followed by Stations of the Cross 10:00am: at Shalom Convent 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross	Thursday 14th Mar 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Angela Deane RIP (S. Deane) Followed by Novena
CAFOD Lenten Fast Day Friday 15th Mar 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Brian McKie RIP (Schmidt/Faulks)	Saturday 16th Mar 2019 (Feria) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent

Second Sunday of Lent (C)**Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18; Ps 26; Phil 3: 17-4:1; Luke 9: 28-36**

Saturday 16th Mar 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Brian McKie RIP (Foley)	Sunday 17th Mar 2019 8:30am: Annie Bugeja (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
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Anniversaries of Death

Francis Lintott, Daniel O'Halloran, William Griffith, Maria Theaves, Albert Winterton, Reg Clemas, Edward O'Loughlin, Billy Chandler, John Hennessy, Margaret Hoey, Miriam Nutt, Amy Gumm, Brian Shandley, Arthur Gillespie

The Lord hears our voice

In the midst of all our troubles God hears us and will lead us into a promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow him. There is no temptation which cannot be overcome if we are open to the Spirit who tells us Jesus is Lord whom God raised from the dead. God, through the risen Jesus is always with us just as in the Old Testament he rescued the Jews out of their bondage in Egypt.



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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Collections

Gift Aid: £462.00; Cash: £438.00
Poor Parishes: Gift Aid: £149.00; Cash: £124.00

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.



Second Collection

This second collection this weekend for the **Building Fund** is to raise money to refurbish the toilets.

Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.

Parish Surgery

There will be no Parish Surgery this Tuesday 12th March 2019.

Lenten Message from Archbishop Peter Smith

Every year, the season of Lent offers us the opportunity to stand back a little from our daily concerns, and reflect on our lives in the light of the Gospel. The Church gives us the season of Lent as a time to recall, and to reflect on the meaning of our Baptism and the commitment which flows from it. Do I understand and generously accept the responsibilities which arise from being Baptised? Does my life mirror the fact that I have been created in the image and likeness of God? Do others see me, and in the way I relate to others, something of the unconditional love, compassion and mercy of God?

We are called to undertake this reflection during Lent always in the light of the Paschal Mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. It was through that act of unconditional love that Christ won for us the forgiveness of our sins, and the promise of communion and eternal life with the living God, Father Son and Spirit.

Archbishop Peter Smith; 24th February 2019

Lenten Programme 2019

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8.30am every weekday.

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays after Mass and at 7.30pm.

Novena: Thursdays after Mass during Lent

“Let It Be Done Unto Me according to Your Word”: the date and time to be advised.
Wishing you all a grace-filled and blessed Lent

Lenten Penitential Services

1. **St. Anselm's, 89 West Hill, Dartford:** Friday 12th April 2019; 7-8pm followed by Mass and includes Eucharistic Healing Service.

Lenten Family Fast Day

Friday 15th February 2019 is the **CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day**. Let us make a special effort on this day to focus our attention on the poor and needy in the world. Do consider donating money save by your fasting to CAFOD.

LEPRA

On the weekend of 23rd and 24th March, Abi Wells, a representative from LEPRA will be coming to all Masses to make an appeal. LEPRA continues to cure people of leprosy and to support them and their families towards a healthy life free of disability and the fear of disfigurement. It costs LEPRA roughly £25 to cure on individual of the disease of leprosy. It is hard for us to imagine the relief of having the use of limbs or sight restored. This is the work that you support when you welcome LEPRA into your parish.

St. Mary of the Crays Social Club St Patrick's Day Lunch Sunday 17th March 2019

Tickets: Adults £10; Children £5 (*tickets only for food, not to attend*)
Bacon, Cabbage, Potatoes and Parsley Sauce. Cold Dessert: Gateau or Cheesecake
Food will be served from the Church Hall between 13:30 and 14:30
Last ticket sales Friday 15th March; tickets available at the bar

Christ the King Sixth Form Open Evenings Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 9th May; 4.30-7.30pm

Film Evenings: Weds 13th, 20th & 27th March

Wed 13th March will show the 1st of a 2-part movie on **St Philip Neri**, the **Second part (including a recap) on Wed 20th March**. Watch either or both parts. Includes sub-titles.

Wed 27th March will re-show (by popular request) a highly inspirational and entertaining movie about solo pilgrims walking the **Camino de Compostela** (Way of St James).

All three events will be held at **St John Fisher Church Hall, Bexley**. Admission free, bar open & charity stall. All welcome. Arrivals from 7 pm for 7:30 pm starts.

Flowers for the Church

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

Repository Co-Ordinators

We would like to thank Theresa Kasso who has volunteered to serve the Parish in her role as Repository Co-Ordinator and we wish her well in her new parish ministry. Please kindly keep her in your prayers.

If any other parishioners are interested in assisting Theresa with this valuable service in the parish, please contact Father David or the parish office. Thank you.

St. Joseph's School Governor Vacancy

St Joseph's is in need of a new Governor. The Governing Body is in charge of the strategic vision of the school and reviews all aspects of school life offering support and challenge. Currently the school is looking for someone to become actively involved. An interest in finance would be beneficial but not essential. Please contact Mrs. Sinclair, Head Teacher or Mr. Clarke, Chair of Governors for more information.

Altar Servers Rally: Monday 6th May 2019 at Aylesford Priory, Kent

Sung Mass 11:30am; Principal Celebrant Father Francis Kemsley O.Carm, Prior of Aylesford Priory. All servers, families and friends are welcome

May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Maureen Corbett-Smith, Christine Hand** and **Nuz Courtney** who have recently died. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with their families at this time of immense loss. May their Souls and the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Nuz Courtney: Funeral: Wednesday 20th March at 10am. **Committal:** Eltham Crematorium at 11.45am.

Maureen Corbett-Smith: Reception of Body: Thursday 21st March at 5pm: **Funeral: Friday 22nd March** at 11.30am

Christine Hand: Funeral details to follow.