

**Third Sunday of Lent (C)**

**Exod. 3: 1-8, 13-15; Ps 102; 1 Cor. 10: 1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9**

<p><b>Saturday 23rd Mar 2019</b> 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Patrick Coyne (A. Whitaker)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 24th Mar 2019</b> 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Maria da Silva RIP (Sandra &amp; Siblings) <b>12:30pm: Whitehead Baptisms</b></p>
<p><b>The Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord</b> <b>Monday 25th Mar 2019</b> 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Brian McKie RIP (M &amp; L Murrell)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 26th Mar 2019 (Feria)</b> 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Kevin Gummett 90th Birthday (DG)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 27th Mar 2019 (Feria)</b> 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Fred and Mary Davies RIP Followed by Stations of the Cross 10:00am: at Shalom Convent <b>7:30pm: Stations of the Cross</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 28th Mar 2019 (Feria)</b> 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Nuz Courtney RIP (Blakesley) Followed by Novena</p>
<p><b>Friday 29th Mar 2019 (Feria)</b> 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Margaret Cox RIP</p>	<p><b>Saturday 30th Mar 2019 (Feria)</b> 10:00am: at Shalom Convent</p>

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)**

**Josh 5: 9-12; Ps 33; 2 Cor. 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

<p><b>Saturday 30th Mar 2019</b> 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: John Kulczycki (Carol and Marion)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 31st Mar 2019</b> 8:30am: Dennis Ives RIP (St. Mary's Social Club) 10:30am: People of the Parish</p>
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**Anniversaries of Death**

George Clements, George Stickings, William Hand, Maureen McGrath, Grace Foley, Joan Baillie, Geraldine Mary Collins, Mary O'Halloran, Margaret Murphy, Jane Finch, Michael Kelly, Desmond Barnes, Ernie Callahan, Catherine Boyd, James Boyd, Bernadette Connolly, Robert Rawlings, Beatrice Sinclair, Elizabeth Doyle, Arthur Whitaker, Albert Coley, Peter O'Grady, Kathleen Twomey, Kathleen Riley

**God said: "I am who I am".**

God the creator of all things is faithful to his word. He is the one who acts, who intervenes in our lives, so that we turn to him in repentance. Despite God's goodness to the Jews in the desert many of them fell away from their belief. The events that happened to them in the Old Testament are a warning to us lest we make the same mistakes.



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: £333.00; Cash: £177.00

**Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support**

### LEPRA

This weekend, **23rd and 24th March**, Abi Wells, a representative from LEPRA will be making an appeal at all Masses. 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 an 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 we will support in welcoming LEPRA this weekend in our parish of St Mary's, Crayford.

### 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.



### Lenten Programme 2019

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 8.30am every weekday.

**Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays** after 9:15am Mass and at 7.30pm.

**Novena of the Miraculous Medal: Thursdays** after 9:15am Mass during Lent

**"Let It Be Done Unto Me according to Your Word": 7.30pm-9:00pm:**

- ◆ **Thursday 4th April: Sessions 3 and 4**
- ◆ **Thursday 11th April: Session 5 and bonus material**

**Wishing you all a grace-filled and blessed Lent.**

### St Joseph's School Easter Service Invitation

The children and staff warmly invite parishioners to their Easter Service on **Monday 1st April 2019 at 10.15 am.**

### Lenten Penitential Services

1. **St. Lawrence of Canterbury, Sidcup:** Monday 8th April at 7.30pm
2. **St. Stephen's, Welling:** Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm.
3. **St. Anselm's, 89 West Hill, Dartford:** Friday 12th April 2019; 7-8pm followed by Mass and includes Eucharistic Healing Service.
3. **St. John Fisher, Bexley:** Monday 15th April at 7pm.
4. **Our Lady of the Angels, Erith:** Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm

### Prayer Sponsors for First Holy Communion Candidates

Our 25 Candidates for First Holy Communion this year are asking for parishioners to pray for them as they continue in their preparation for this most Holy of Sacraments. If you would like to sponsor one of the Candidates there is a list of the children's names on the table opposite the Sacristy. Please PRINT your name in the space provided. Thank you on behalf of each candidate.

### New Fundraising Ideas

The toilets upstairs in the Church Centre are in urgent need of refurbishment and we are looking for ways to raise more funds. If any parishioners have any thoughts about fundraising ideas, please contact Jim Saunders, Ron Bull or Josie Coward with your thoughts. We look forward to hearing your ideas and thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The Feast of the Annunciation is a solemn feast in Catholicism in honour of the Virgin Mary. Common prayers recited include the "**The Hail Mary**," and "**The Angelus**." This Feast is also called the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Annunciation dates back at least to the Fifth Century.

The Annunciation, as much as, or even more so than Christmas, represents Christ's incarnation. When Mary signaled to Gabriel her acceptance of God's Will, Christ was conceived in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. While most of the Fathers of the Church say that Mary's *fiat* / "**yes**", was essential to God's plan of salvation, God foresaw Mary's acceptance of his Will from all eternity.

The Annunciation testifies powerfully to the truth of the Catholic tradition that Mary was indeed a virgin when Christ was conceived, but also that she intended to remain one perpetually. Mary's response to Gabriel, "How can this be since I have no husband?" in Luke 1:34 was universally interpreted by the fathers of the Church as a statement of Mary's resolution to remain a virgin forever.

### Easter Egg Hunt

We are holding an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday, 21st April. It will be open to children up to Year 6 school age. The entrance fee per child will be **£1**. All profits will go to the Building Fund. Please support this idea which came from Chinaza Eke, one of our Parish Confirmation Candidates. Tickets available from Jim Saunders or the Parish Office.

**We are looking for contributions of small Easter eggs.** Please could you bring your Easter eggs to the Sacristy. Thank you.

### Nuz Courtney RIP

A huge thank you from Joe Courtney and his family to everyone in the Parish who have helped in so many ways whilst Nuz was ill and since she died. The Requiem Mass and the Committal were beautiful services and Reception in the hall afterwards was amazing. We are extremely thankful and grateful to be part of such a loving and supporting community and for all of the help and love we have received from everyone involved in the Parish.

### May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of **Christine Hand** and **Mary Goodhind** 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.**

**Christine Hand: Funeral: Wednesday 3rd April** at 11:30am at **St. John Fisher, Bexley.**

**Mary Goodhind: Funeral: Monday 1st April** at 12 noon, at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Tamworth Road, Long Eaton. Mary's family are extremely thankful for the prayers that have been offered for her at this sad time. If any old friends are able to attend Mary's funeral, please contact Mary's daughter Helen, on email [hm67fowler@sky.com](mailto:hm67fowler@sky.com) or **07463 250 772** so that she can let you have details of the internment and refreshments afterwards. Floral tributes are welcome.

if anyone would like to make a donation in memory of Mary, the Canaan Trust is a charity that supports homeless men in Long Eaton, and the family would like to direct you there [www.canaan-trust.co.uk](http://www.canaan-trust.co.uk).