

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)****Ecclus 27: 4-7; Ps 91; 1 Cor 15: 54-48; Luke 6: 39-45****Saturday 2nd Mar 2019**5:30- Sacrament of  
6:15pm: Reconciliation (Confessions)  
**Mass of Acceptance for  
Confirmation Candidates**  
6:30pm: Fred Miller RIP**Sunday 3rd Mar 2019**8:30am: People of the Parish  
10:30am: George Abdelmasih RIP  
(A. Trombetti)**Monday 4th Mar 2019 (Feria)**8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Pam Pimenta RIP (S. Whelan)**Shrove Tuesday****Tuesday 5th Mar 2019 (Feria)**8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Fr. Patrick Brennan  
(C. Huxford)**Ash Wednesday (a day of Fasting  
and Abstinence)****Wednesday 6th Mar 2019**06:30: Private Intention  
8:30: Exposition  
9:15am: Anna McDonald RIP  
(J & M Saunders)  
SJS attending  
followed by Novena  
10:00am: at Shalom Convent  
7:00pm: Special Intention**Thursday 7th Mar 2019 (Feria)****No Exposition or Mass  
this morning**10:00am: Requiem Mass  
Brian McKie RIP**Friday 8th Mar 2019 (Feria)**8:30am: Exposition  
9:15am: Maureen Gatrell RIP  
SJS Yr. 1 & Yr. 6 attending**Saturday 9th Mar 2019 (Feria)**

10:00am: at Shalom Convent

**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- Sacrament of  
6:15pm: 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)**Anniversaries of Death**

Jill Sweby, Michael Clinton, Fred Miller, Michael Gaffney, Luigi Cascarini, W. McHugh, Louise Herreng, Ethel Davis, Harry Sparrowhawk, Thomas Caraccio, Helen Bye, George Ward, Michael Teal, Sara Fisher, Irene Small, Joseph Cerutti, Maureen Gatrell, Charles Cooper, Edith Loaker, Dick Whyte

**The test of a man is in his conversation**

Our words flow from what is in our heart. If we are filled with the love of God then we will judge mercifully. Too often we are negative in our criticisms of the petty faults of others forgetting that we too are imperfect. We need to turn to Christ in our weakness, never admitting defeat, knowing that in the Lord we can never labour in vain.

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 Telephone****07485 151159**  
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### Collections

Gift Aid: £332.00; Cash: £152.00

**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 weekend there is a second collection for Poor Parishes which enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.  
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.**

### Morning Mass

There will be no morning Mass on **Thursday 7th March** as there is a Requiem Mass at 10am for Brian McKie RIP.

### Lenten Message from Archbishop Peter Smith

“Lent is the season for each of us to enter into a closer union with the person of Christ and to reflect on how we deal with the temptations which afflict us all in different ways. To do that fruitfully we need to be serious about the three traditional helps towards that end, namely, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But important and vital though these personal efforts are, we need to open our hearts humbly to the life-giving grace and presence of Christ, and ask for his help.

The risen Christ is our Light and our Hope, and invites each one of us to follow willingly and generously in his footsteps, because he is the light that no darkness can overcome”. **Archbishop Peter Smith: 24th February 2019**

### Lent

This week we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday.  
Lent is a penitential period when we prepare for Easter. It is a time to renew our lives. The things we do are to pray, fight evil, fast and help the poor, sick and lonely. In the first place we pray to ask God to give us the courage to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel.

### Ash Wednesday: 6th March 2019

During the Masses on Ash Wednesday, ashes will be blessed and distributed to all. Imposition of the ashes on our foreheads is a symbol of sorrow, sadness or penance. One formula is “remember you are dust and into dust you return”. The other formula is “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” which is a concept reminding us of penance, contrition and a striving of trying to be perfect.

**Remember Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The Church asks us by fasting to eat less on such a day, and not eat meat.**

There will be **three Masses** on Ash Wednesday at **6.30am, 9.15am** and **7.30pm**.

### Lenten Schedule

**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**

### Thank You

A very big Thank You to you to everyone involved with the Induction Mass on Saturday and helping to make it such a special day: Altar Servers, Readers, Floral decorations in the Church, Cleaners, the Folk Group, those setting up and tidying up the hall, serving the refreshments and providing such wonderful food and most especially for making all our guests feel so welcome. **Father David.**

### 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.

### Bexley Deanery Developing World Group

The next meeting of the Group is on **Friday 19th July at 2pm** at St. Lawrence’s in Sidcup. If any parishioner would be interested in representing our Parish of St. Mary of the Crays at this meeting, and subsequently, please contact Vanessa at the Parish Office. Thank you.

### Catholic History Walks

#### Cities of London and Westminster

Please see the notice board for full details of the Catholic History Walks in March and April 2019.

### Film Evenings: Weds 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March

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

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 40 Days for Life

**Wednesday 6th March to Sunday 14th April 2019; 8am-8pm**

#### Help Save Lives in London

See poster and fliers for further information

### May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Maureen Corbett-Smith, Brian McKie, 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.**

**Brian McKie: Funeral: Thursday 7th March** at 10am. **Committal:** 12.15pm at **Eltham Crematorium**

**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.