

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C) Is 43: 16-21; Ps 125; Phil 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11	
Saturday 6th Apr 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Brian McKie RIP (Betty & Mick Murphy)	Sunday 7th Apr 2019 8:30am: In thanksgiving (D Marriner) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Monday 8th Apr 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Nuz Courtney RIP (J & M Saunders)	Tuesday 9th Apr 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Mary Goodhind RIP (M & L Murrell)
Wednesday 10th Apr 2019 (Feria) 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Private Intention Followed by Stations of the Cross 10:00am: Victoria Gutierrez RIP (LSU) at Shalom Convent	Thursday 11th Apr 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Baby Kirsty Evans RIP (Evans) Followed by Novena
Friday 12th Apr 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Nora O'Shea RIP	Saturday 13th Apr 2019 (Feria) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C) Is 50: 4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2: 6-11; Luke 22: 14-23: 56	
Saturday 13th Apr 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Brian McKie RIP (Hull)	Sunday 14th Apr 2019 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Audrey (Trixie) Leonard RIP (Schmidt)
Anniversaries of Death	
Bridget O'Loughlin, Ron Futter, Hedwig Anderer, Margaret Barr, Daniel Molloy, Florence Lysaght, Geoff West, Silvio Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Eileen Churchill, Fr. Tony Lawson, Baby Kirsty Evans, Regina Bernard, Gladys Keens, Monica O'Neill, Rose Locke	
The Lord who forgives	
Christ came to show compassion and forgiveness for sinners. He condemned sin but let the woman guilty of adultery go free with the reminder that she was to sin no more. None of us is perfect since we can only hope that we will be saved. We suffer in this life but we can accept the loss of everything as so much rubbish if only we can have Christ and be given a share in his resurrection. In this way God, through Christ, is doing something new and is calling us from sinfulness to a life of service. In these last days (of Lent) please, go to Confession.	



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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If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider signing up for the “Gift Aid Scheme” for the Church to claim back from HMRC 25p for every Pound your give. Thank you.

Second Collections

This weekend there is a second collection for the **flowers for the Church for Easter.**

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.

Exposition and Morning Prayer

Please come and visit Our Lord: the Church is open from 8am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 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.

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 11th April: Session 5 and bonus material**

Wishing you all a grace-filled and blessed Lent.

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.
4. **St. John Fisher, Bexley:** Monday 15th April at 7pm.
5. **Our Lady of the Angels, Erith:** Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: 14th April 2019

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Acclaimed as king and hailed as a conquering hero by the cheering crowd he seemed to have arrived at the fulfilment of his earthly mission. For Christ, it is the beginning of the last week of his life, a week of violent contrasts, which will end in grief and glory. The palms will soon be formed into crosses and the cheers will turn into jeers calling for his death. Throughout the passion our attention is focused on Jesus who appears as a person completely absorbed in prayer, responding quietly and sensitively to each new moment of sorrow.

Holy Week and Easter Triduum Services

Holy Week and Easter Triduum Programme of Services will be available for collection from next weekend. Please may every family take a copy. You may also collect a copy for your neighbours and friends. **Please take a poster for Holy Week for you, your family, friends and neighbours.**

Reception in the hall following the Easter Vigil

On Saturday 20th April, the parish will be a reception in the hall after the Easter Vigil. Please could you bring food to share .

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

On **Wednesday 17th April** at 11:30am the Mass for the Institution of the Sacred Priesthood (Chrism Mass) will take place at St. George’s Cathedral during which all Priests will renew their commitment to the sacred Priestly ministry. At this Mass, the Bishop, in the presence of the Presbyterium, consecrates the Chrism and blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens. Please let us remember to pray for our Priests.

Day of Preparation for Holy Week

At St Thomas More Bexleyheath we have a Day of Preparation for Holy Week on Saturday 13th April: **10am** Mass; **10.30am** Adoration; **10.45 am–12.00 noon** and **4pm–5.30pm** Confession; **5.30pm** Benediction; **6.30pm** Palm Sunday Vigil Mass.

Altar Servers Rehearsals for Holy Week & Triduum

I would like to invite all Altar Servers who would like to serve at Masses and the Sacred Liturgies on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, to kindly sign up on the Rota in the Sacristy. Please, kindly note that all who wish to serve at these services must attend a rehearsal at **9am on Saturday 13th April 2019.** Thank you. Father David.

St Mary’s Grounds

Dear parishioners, since the front of St Mary’s Grounds have been mainly cleared we are planning to replant shrubs in the front border. If you are interested in contributing to this project either by purchasing/donating a shrub or by signing up to fund a shrub that will be purchased in your name, please sign on the list which will be posted in the church reception area. For any other information please phone Josie on 01322 272934. Thank you.

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.



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.

‘Knights of the Air’: Alcock and Brown Centenary 2019

John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown were the first to successfully fly across the Atlantic on 14-15 June 1919. They made the journey in a WW1 “Vickers Vimy” plane originally designed and built in the Vickers factory here in Crayford. The pilots visited Crayford to celebrate their success on the 23rd July 1919. To mark this important centenary, the Alcock and Brown Centenary Project Group (Crayford), supported by the London Borough of Bexley and with a grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, have organized a number of special events throughout 2019. Flyers with full details in reception area.