

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Ps 66; Apoc. 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23-29	
Saturday 25th May 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Brian McKie RIP (Collins Family)	Sunday 26th May 2019 8:30am: Helda Kumar RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish Mass with First Holy Communion
St. Augustine of Canterbury Monday 27th May 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Brian McKie RIP (Hughes Family)	Tuesday 28th May 2019 Feria 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Patricia Hanrahan (E & A Staunton)
Wednesday 29th May 2019 Feria 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Mary Goodhind RIP Followed by Novena 10:00am: at Shalom Convent	The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation Thursday 30th May 2019 6:30am: Private Intention 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Marion Gillespie RIP 7:30pm: Special Intention 8:15pm: The Gift: Session 5
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday 31st May 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Caroline Bennett RIP (Jane & Francis Gracias)	First Saturday St. Justin Saturday 1st June 2019 8:15am: Exposition and First Saturday Devotion 9:15am: Private Intention 10:30am: at Shalom Convent
Seventh Sunday of Easter (C) Acts 7: 55-60; Ps 96; Apoc. 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17: 20-26	
Saturday 1st June 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Brian McKie RIP (Trish and Glenn)	Sunday 2nd June 2019 8:30am: Richard Francis Wheeler RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish

Anniversaries of Death
Lillian Donovan, Phyllis Bastone, Lianne Dwyer, Michael Hogan, Margaret Lucas, Holly Sharp, Margaret Connolly, Albert Callen, Elizabeth Mitchell, Gladys Bigwne, Kathleen Margaret Day, Marion Gillespie, Reginald Cox, Freda Weston, Victoria Jarvis

Peace I give you
The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father in the name of Christ to teach us a new life. We are not to obey rules and regulations as something external but rather we keep God's law through a real conversion of heart. Then the peace of Christ which the world cannot give will come to us as Christ's gift.



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 the
Miraculous Medal:
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

Parish Collection: Gift Aid: £564.00; Cash: £107.00

Ecclesiastical Education: Gift Aid: £128.00; Cash: £91.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

First Holy Communion

This **Sunday 26th May** we will be celebrating the **First Holy Communion** by the **23 Candidates** in our Parish. Please remember all these children, their families and the Catechists in your prayers.

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOD CALLING! Have **you** got one hour in the week to spare? A *Eucharistic Adoration Presentation* is coming to this parish next weekend, **1st and 2nd June 2019**, with Tony Baker and Maria Christopher from the Eucharistic Adoration Committee.

There will be a **Helpers Meeting** on **Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm** to make preparations for the presentation. **Are there 3 or 4 parishioners who would be able to attend the meeting, please?** There will also be a **Post Presentation Meeting** on **Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm**, for the helpers to take over and form a local committee.

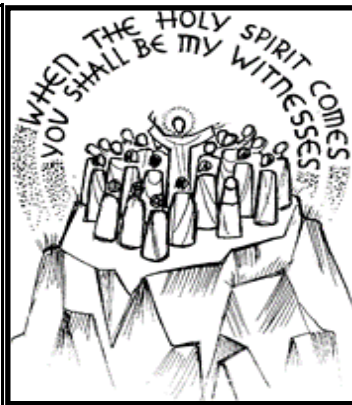
Please advise Father David as soon as possible.



The Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday 30th May 2019 is the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Holy Mass will be celebrated at **6.30am, 9.15am and 7.30pm**.

The Ascension, which marks the final departure of Christ from his friends on earth, celebrates hope in our future. It proclaims that Jesus, who spent his life in Jerusalem and the surrounding countryside, achieved the work he was sent to do and is now in heaven in the company of God the Father, beyond the boundaries of death and decay. Where Christ has gone we hope to follow, once our earthly journey is over.



The Gift: A Life in the Spirit Course

30th May: Session 5: Unwrapping God's Gift (**8:15pm start**)

6th June: Session 6: Living in the Spirit.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on **Friday 31st May** for **9** days finishing on Saturday 1st June, the day before Pentecost. The Novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all Novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost.

First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday Devotion takes place every First Saturday morning with Exposition at 8.15am followed by 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), according to Lúcia of Fátima, was requested by the Virgin Mary in an apparition at Pontevedra, Spain in December 1925.



Donations for Candles

A big thank you to all parishioners who have kindly donated towards the cost of the new Church Candles. Your gifts are greatly welcomed and are very much appreciated by the Parish. We now have the amount we need. Thank You.

Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **World Communications Day**. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

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

Grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes

It has been suggested that the Parish creates a Grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes to be dedicated to all parishioners, past and present, who have given service to the Parish in any way. Research has suggested that a reasonably life-size statue of Our Lady of Lourdes (4/5ft) will cost in the region of £1,500.

Would you be able to make a donation to this good cause? No amount is too big or too small.

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Gift Aid

Could the Gift-Aider using **Gift Aid Box 349** please contact Richard Gillespie by email as soon as possible on **07504-460736**. Thank you

St. Mary's Social Club presents Andy's Quiz: Saturday 29th June

6 per team; £6/person; Fish/Chips or Sausage/Chips

Entry forms at bar; to be returned by 23rd June

Altar Servers Summer Break: Tues 6th to Fri 9th August 2019

Please see the notice board for further information.

May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of **Pauline Price** who has recently died. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with her daughter Michelle Carrano and family at this time of immense loss. May her Soul and the Souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Funeral: Thursday 13th June at 12noon: **Burial:** Brook Street Cemetery, Erith at 1.30pm.