

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Is 66: 18-21; Ps 116; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30	
Saturday 24th August 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Mary O'Gorman	Sunday 25th August 2019 8:30am: Brian McKie RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish
Monday 26th August 2019 (Feria) (Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God) [Bank Holiday] 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Joseph Edet RIP (C. Redmond)	St. Monica Tuesday 27th August 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Deceased members of Cusack and Youngs Families (B. Youngs)
St. Augustine Wednesday 28th August 2019 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Tony Gaffney (H. Davies) Followed by Novena 10:00am: at Shalom Convent 5:00pm: Mass of Reception of the Body of Sister Olivia Jones RIP at Shalom	The Passion of St. John the Baptist Thursday 29th August 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: James Alfred Saunders RIP 11:00am: Requiem Mass Sister Olivia Jones RIP at Shalom
St. Margaret Clitherow, St. Anne Line and St. Margaret Ward Friday 30th August 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Mary Ellen Nolan RIP	Saturday 31st August 2019 (Feria) (Our Lady) or (St. Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Ecclus 3: 19-21, 30-31; Ps 67; Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14	
Saturday 31st August 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Jimmy Murphy (B & M Murphy)	Sunday 1st September 2019 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Derrick Butt (A. Trombetti)

Anniversaries of Death
A. Bushell, Mary Olive, Mary Theresa Cahill, Sr. Frances Joseph, James Saunders, Patrick McGovern, Mary Davis, Barry Wilson, Ernie Carpenter, Winifred Cox, Molly Boshell, Mary Hadfield, Eric Gray, William Stevens, John Poynter.

The last shall be first
We must not think of ourselves as better than others just because we are Christians. In fact many people of other faiths from the East and the West will find their way into God's Kingdom before us. We must set ourselves high standards and try our best to enter the Kingdom by the narrow door.



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: £339.00; Cash: £144.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

The Second Collection,

Next weekend will be for the **Catholic Education Service** which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education.

Gift Aiders please use one of the spare envelopes, and 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.



Parishioners who are sick

Father David is considering adding the names of all parishioners who are sick to the newsletter every week rather than announcing their names every Sunday in the Bidding Prayers. Your thoughts on this suggestion would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity to your Parish

I want to thank all parishioners for your generous offerings to the parish throughout the year. Next month the next payment of £4,000.00 (the 5th of 10 installments) is due for repayment to the Welling Parish. I know that times are hard, but I would want to encourage those who are able, to give a little more to enable us to meet this important financial obligation. Thank you. Father David

Mass Requests

We have **17** Mass Requests left for the Parish, of which **11** are for weekend Masses and **6** are for weekday Masses. It is good to offer the Mass for those we love. If you would like to have a Mass said for the anniversary of a deceased family member or friend, for anyone who is ill or to celebrate a special occasion, please complete a Mass Request Envelope, which is available in the Church, and, together with your Mass Stipend, please leave it with Father David or in the Parish Office. If you would like a specific date for your Mass Request, please notify us as soon as possible to ensure availability and to avoid disappointment.

Annual Parish Feast Day

Our Annual Parish Feast Day this year will be on **Sunday 8th September**, the **Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It will be a day to celebrate together as a parish community through Liturgy and worship followed by sundry entertainments including talent show. The celebration will continue in the hall **after the 10.30am Mass**. Please bring a dish of food to share. Please wear a festive or international costume.

We want to encourage all parishioners to take an active part in the celebration as we hope to use the occasion to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our parish.

We are looking for volunteers to help to **decorate the hall on Saturday evening, 7th September from 7pm.**

Clearing of the Church Compound

Parishioners are sincerely requested to come out and help clean up our Church grounds on **Saturday 14th September** from **9-11am**. This will require some digging and clearing in readiness for planting the new shrubs.

Please, if you are able to assist, kindly sign up on the form in the reception area. Thank you. Father David.

September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Why has the Catholic Church traditionally dedicated the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows? The Memorial of **Our Lady of Sorrows** falls right in the middle of the month on the **15th September**. The 15th September was chosen because the day before, the **14th September**, is the **Feast of the Triumph of the Cross**. Like many of the Marian feasts, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows is tied to an event in the life of her Son. On the 14th September we celebrate the instrument of Christ's victory over death; and the next day, we remember the suffering of Mary as she stood at the foot of the Cross and witnessed the torture and death of her Son. We are also reminded of Simeon's words to Mary (Luke 2:34-35) at the Presentation of the Lord—that a sword would pierce her soul. Through these prayers for September, we can unite ourselves to Mary in her sorrow, in the hope that we will one day also share her joy in the triumph of her Son.

Pauline White

Please be advised that Pauline White, a parishioner in the Parish for the last 53 years, has unfortunately had to move into a Care Home due to Alzheimers. Pauline is at Grovelands Park Care Home in Stephen Road, Barnehurst. She was a very active member of the Church community and had many friends within the parish. Grovelands is a very welcoming place and actively welcomes visitors so if anyone would like to visit her it is very much an open house policy. Dementia is a very isolating disease and cuts its victims off from a normal life. Understandably people can find it hard to deal with someone with the condition but Pauline would like to see her friends within the parish and the community. Thank you. Catherine Adams.

Bexley Deanery Developing World Group

Thank you for your donations in the special envelopes over the past year. We raised **£419.00** to help the Bexley Deanery Group to provide financial support to 7 different projects around the world and help Priests, Religious, Catholic Schools and Orphanages carry out much needed improvement and development works. New projects are now needed. Do you know of any small independent projects in any country that would benefit from a donation of £1,000? Please contact our parish representative Peter Coward on 01322 272934 or 07804 135632 to get more information and an application form. Thank you.

Your Living Churchyard Needs Your Help

Can you help to keep your local St. Paulinus Churchyard neat and tidy by working with us for up to 2 hours each month? We meet on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon. The next work session is on Saturday **14th September**. No heavy jobs need be involved. Please help if you can. Please contact the **Church Office** on **01322 557532** or just turn up. You will be very welcome.

Sister Olivia Jones RIP May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Sister Olivia Jones who has died. Our prayers and condolences are with her family and the LSU Sisters and staff at the Shalom Convent at this time of immense loss. May her Soul and the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Mass of Reception of the Body: Wednesday 28th August at 5pm at Shalom.

Requiem Mass: Thursday 29th August at 11am at Shalom.

Burial: Brook Street Cemetery