

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Eccl. 1: 2, 2: 21-23; Ps 89; Col 3: 1-5, 9-11; Luke 12: 13-21	
Saturday 3rd August 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Brian McKie RIP (Lyons)	Sunday 4th August 2019 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Bill McKie RIP (McKie) (St. John Vianney)
Monday 5th August 2019 (The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: William Francis McClean RIP	The Transfiguration of the Lord Tuesday 6th August 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Special Intention (JR)
Wednesday 7th August 2019 (St. Sixtus II and Companions/ St. Cajetan) 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Special Intention (JR) Followed by Novena 10:00am: Mary Stevens RIP (LSU) at Shalom Convent	St. Dominic Thursday 8th August 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Elaine Murphy Intention
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Friday 9th August 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: In thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Marriage (McKie)	St. Lawrence Saturday 10th August 2019 10:00am: Fr. Alan Wright RIP at Shalom Convent
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Wis. 18: 6-9; Ps 32; Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 12: 32-48	
Saturday 10th August 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Tambini Family	Sunday 11th August 2019 8:30am: Richard Hanrahan RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish
Anniversaries of Death	
John Hartnett, John Newling, Richard Metcalfe, Anita McConville, Peter Foley, George Caborn, Maura Sharp, Albert Sweby, Leslie Cocks, Sr. Margaret Barry	
There is more to life than wealth and riches	
We tend to look for material security in this world until it becomes an obsession with us. Yet we cannot take our riches with us when we die. We need to live the life of grace as people who have died to the things of this world in order to live for the spiritual riches of a life given to Christ. In this way we will get our priorities right and our lives will be full of true happiness and meaning.	



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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8:30am-10:30am,
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday

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Priest Surgery: Tuesday, 7-8pm

There is no Parish Surgery
this week

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Collections

Parish Collection: Gift Aid: £379.00; Cash: £129.00

Flowers for the Church: Gift Aid: £61.00; Cash: £129.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Second Collection

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.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

The story of the Transfiguration is a good example of the strength and assurance we can derive from prayer while facing the difficulties of life. The purpose of Christ's ascent was to seek divine guidance in quiet prayer. If we are to get away from living the half-life, under cover of darkness, and discover what God's plan is for us, we need periods of peace and tranquility so that God's voice is not crowded out.

The purpose of the Transfiguration on the mountain was to make the Apostles aware of the Divine presence in the man with whom they walked and talked and to establish beyond all doubt in their minds that Jesus was the Son of God. It revealed to the Disciples who their master really was and by giving them a taste of future glory and preparing them for the humiliation of the Passion. Christ was inviting them to crawl up the hill of Calvary and carve their names on the foot of the Cross.

Calling all parents who wish to enroll their child on the First Holy Communion Programme 2020

Please take and fill in the application form which you will find on the table as you come into Church. You need to return it by **next Sunday 11th August!!** Applications after this date will not be considered as the programme begins in early September. Please return your form to Father David, Bernadette Hughes or Anne Russell. Thank you. Look forward to hearing from you.

RCIA – Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

There will be an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course for adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, for adults who have not been baptised and also for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Catholic Church or would like to know more about their faith. Please see Father David or contact the parish office.

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.

Day of Renewal: Saturday 7th September 2019 at Aylesford Priory
Healing and empowering with prophetic gifting
Please see the notice board for further information.

Grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes

It has been suggested that the Parish creates a Grotto with statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette to be dedicated to all parishioners, past and present, who have given service to the Parish in any way. Many thanks to those who have contributed so generously so far. Further donations are still very welcome.

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 begin 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.

VERY URGENT APPEAL FROM THE FOODBANK

We have received an appeal from Erith Foodbank this week who are desperately short of supplies at present. Anything you can give would be acceptable but I have updated the boxes in reception with their most needed items. **Tinned meat, tinned fish and tinned fruit are at crisis levels and are most urgent.** Thank you, as always, for your support which is needed more than ever. Alex Rees.

St. Mary's Community Club

The Club is open to relax with friends on Friday and Saturday evenings 7.30-11.00pm and Sunday Lunchtimes 12.00-2.00pm. Making use of the Community Club facilities is to be encouraged for Family Events, Baptisms, maybe a Funeral or as a means of socializing with parishioners. The Club is a great asset and benefit to the Parish and should be enjoyed by all. Community Club bookings can be made via Anne-Marie at the bar.

100 Club

Winners: 5: Patrick Keenan; **26:** Elisa Leung

Please join our 100 Club. Please contact Jim Saunders. It is a great way of raising funds for the Parish and the Building Fund. Your continued support is very greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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 then please contact our parish representative Peter Coward on 01322 272934 / 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 sessions are on Saturdays **10th August** and **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.

Registered Childminder

Looking for registered childminder for drop offs and pick ups from St Mary's Playgroup, Monday to Wednesday 3 days a week starting September 2019. Holiday cover will be required. References will be taken up. Please contact Danika on 07985 621613 any time. If you leave a message I will call you back.