

<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b> <b>Exod. 32: 7-11, 13-14; Ps 50; 1 Tim 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32</b>	
<b>Saturday 14th September 2019</b> 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Sr. Olivia Jones RIP	<b>Sunday 15th September 2019</b> 8:30am: Brian McKie RIP (Adams) 10:30am: People of the Parish
<b>St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian</b> <b>Monday 16th September 2019</b> 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Jeremiah & Abigail Callahan RIP (J & M Saunders)	<b>Tuesday 17th September 2019</b> (Feria) (St. Robert Bellarmine) <b>**8:15am:</b> Exposition <b>**9:00am:</b> Brian McKie RIP (McKie Family)
<b>Wednesday 18th Sept. 2019</b> (Feria) (St. Edith of Kemsing) 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Private Intention Followed by Novena 10:00am: Sr. Anne McCarthy 70th Jubilee: at Shalom Convent	<b>Thursday 19th September 2019</b> (Feria) (St. Theodore of Canterbury) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Special Intention (JR)
<b>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions</b> <b>Friday 20th September 2019</b> 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Deceased Baker Family (D'Cruze)	<b>St. Matthew</b> <b>Saturday 21st September 2019</b>  10:00am: at Shalom Convent
<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b> <b>Amos 8: 4-7; Ps 112; 1 Tim 2: 1-8; Luke 1-13</b>	
<b>Saturday 21st September 2019</b> 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Joseph Edet RIP (B. Youngs)	<b>Sunday 22nd September 2019</b> 8:30am: Brian McKie RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
<b>Anniversaries of Death</b>	
Sr. Agnes O'Driscoll, Gladys Storrie, May Davies, Harry Penny, Irene Lintott, Christopher Gohery, Lily Young, Mary Davies, David Edwards, Michael Donnelly, Pauline Mullan, Michael Talty, Michael Maguire, Sr. Mary Kostka, Harry Stanton, Suzanna Bull, Eileen Armstrong, Billy Davies, Sammy-Jo Hopkins, A. H. Victor Freeman, Catherine Driscoll, Peter Bracken, Edith Donnelly	
<b>Christ welcomes and forgives sinners</b>	
The story of the prodigal son is one of the most famous ever told by Jesus. The father in this story is merciful to his wayward son because he loves him and forgives him his past misdeeds. God is our Father who forgives us because he loves us. We should have no fear in returning to him no matter what we have done in the past. Our forgiveness is to be found in Christ who came into this world to forgive sinners.	



St Mary of the Crays  
Catholic Church  
(part of the Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of Southwark)

**Holy Mass is celebrated**  
**Monday – Friday at 9.15am**  
*(followed by the Rosary)*  
*(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**  
**(Confessions)**  
**Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm**  
and on request

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### Collections

**Parish Collection:** Gift Aid: £341.00; Cash: £179.00

**Building Fund:** Gift Aid: £141.00; Cash: £164.00; **Total to Date: £1,024.55**

**Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support**

### Today we celebrate Home Mission Sunday

We are invited to find ourselves in the Gospel story as we accompany the characters who call out, '**Rejoice with me!**' These words express the joy of finding something, or someone they had lost. Imagine the joy in your own heart when you see someone you love coming home to Church, because they are seeking, or have found Christ. Occasionally this happens by direct divine intervention, but more often ***we are called to be the face of Christ, praying for, inviting and welcoming those we love into a relationship with Him.***

Thankfully we are not alone in this task. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work, and our donations to the **second collection** will enable them to help the local Church **share the joy of the Gospel** throughout England and Wales. In short, the second collection helps them to help us.

For more information about the Home Mission Office or to donate online please visit **[www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk)**.

### Signing School Forms

Father David will be available to sign school forms not after Saturday and Sunday Holy Mass. Please phone or email to book an appointment to see Father David for an after school or evening appointment. Thank you.

Parents and Carers please meet with the Catechists of the First Holy Communion Programme on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in social room for a nuts and bolts preparation meeting. Thank you. Father David.

Thank you to everyone: parishioners, staff, parents and children of St. Joseph's School who took such a full and active part in Our Lady's Feast Day and Education Sunday. Thank you to the servers, singers, musicians, flower arrangers, church cleaners and decorators. It was such a joyful day in celebration with and for Our Lady on her birthday. Thank you very much.

### Clearing of the Church grounds

A very big thank you to all parishioners who volunteered for the clean-up of our Church grounds this weekend. God bless you and reward you for your labour of love for the good of your Parish. Amen.

### 40 years of Priesthood

Father David was ordained a Priest on the 29th July 1979. Please, may we celebrate this event on **Saturday 5th October 2019 with Holy Mass at 12 noon** followed by refreshments in the hall? Hopefully, his family, former parishioners together with a number of Priests will be attending. Please note the date in your diary. Please come and take part. Please watch the notice board for various "jobs". (*The 29th July was in school holidays and the 5th October is his Mother's birthday (1925) and his Mother's and Father's Wedding Anniversary (1946).*)

### NOTE TO ALL CATECHISTS

Could all Catechists please collect a letter from the reception area regarding the Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 28th September 2019 at St. George's Cathedral. For all those Catechists attending, this form must be returned to the Parish Office by **Friday 20th September 2019** at the latest. Thank you.

**On Saturday 28th September 2019**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. **[www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)**

### Prayer Meeting: Weds 25th September 7:30-9pm in Reception Room

The first of monthly Prayer Meetings starts on 25th September. The plan is to start with praise and worship and let the Holy Spirit lead us into deeper prayer.

### St. Mary's Social Club Forthcoming Event: Andy's Quiz Night

**Saturday 12th October 2019**

6 people per team; £6 per person; Fish/chips or Sausage/chips

Entry forms are available at the bar – **to be returned by the 6th October**

### Church Car Park Not for School Pick-Up and Drop-Off

This is a polite reminder that since **1st April 2017**, the Church car park has been reserved strictly for use for Church purposes only:

***Picking up or dropping off pupils is not permitted at any time!***

Unfortunately, some parents are continuing to violate this protocol, thereby, taking us back to the same old problems and Parishioners are finding it difficult once again to attend early Prayers in the Church and 9.15am Holy Mass. Please, may all concerned kindly make every effort to comply with this instruction for the good of all and in respect to our Church facility. Thank you.

### Gift Aid

If you are a Tax Payer, you need only fill in the form available in the Church entrance with a few details. Please place the form in the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Please note every £5.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £6.25 to St. Mary's. Thank you. **Richard Gillespie** (Gift Aid Co-ordinator).

### 100 Club Winners: 16: John Doherty; 29: Father David Gummett £50 each

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.

### Day of Renewal at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark

**Saturday 5th October 2019; 9.45am – 4.45pm**

"A great cloud of witnesses" (*Hebrews 12:1*) and a Healing Service

Please see the notice board and fliers for further information

### Please pray for the members of our parish family who are sick:

Alan Wall, Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Annette Staunton, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Clare Cooney, David Hull, Derrick Butt, Eva Austin, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lorraine Darcy, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Sheldon, Renee Rae, Tommy Cox and Veronica Francis