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First Sunday of Advent (A) * * * * *	
Is 2: 1-5; Ps 121; Rom 13: 11-14; Matt 24: 37-44	
Saturday 30th November 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Annette Staunton RIP (Hull)	Sunday 1st December 2019 8:30am: Brian McKie RIP (Doherty) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 2nd December 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Agnes and Thomas O'Connell RIP (Betty and Mick Murphy) (V. E. C. Martyrs' Day transferred)	St. Francis Xavier Tuesday 3rd December 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Derrick Butt RIP (J & M Saunders)
Wednesday 4th December 2019 (Feria) (St. John Damascene) 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls Followed by Novena 10:00am: at Shalom Convent	Thurs. 5th Dec. 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Elvis Francois (Wellbeing) (Redmond)
First Friday (for the Sacred Heart of Jesus) Friday 6th December 2019 (Feria) (St. Nicholas) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Norman Ballantyne RIP (B. Youngs) SJS Yr. 3 and Yr. 4 attending	First Saturday St. Ambrose Saturday 7th December 2019 8:15am: Exposition and Devotions 9:15am: Private Intention 10:30am: at Shalom Convent
Second Sunday of Advent (A) (Bible Sunday) Is 11: 1-10; Ps 71; Rom 15: 4-9; Matt 3: 1-12	
Saturday 7th December 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: John Brown RIP (Hughes)	Sunday 8th December 2019 8:30am: Amanda Murrell (Wellbeing) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Anniversaries of Death	
Sarah Fisher, Philip Harris, Louisa Byrne, Francis Connolly, Helen Cooper, Victoria Nicholls, Pamela Pimenta, Marie Toomey, Eleanor McDermott, Dennis Howie, Dorothy Morrison, Joseph Frost, Winifred Burgess, Angela Cuddy, James Hewitson, Annie Hennessy, Mathew Goldfinch, Sister. Mary O'Riordan, Sid Hopkins, William Snelders, Rod Rowe	
Be prepared!	
During Advent we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. We make ourselves ready as the new homes into which he will come. The long hours of waiting are nearly over and the dawn of our salvation is about to break. Soon we will walk in the light of the Lord.	



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: £324.00; Cash: £118.00
Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Second Collections:

- This weekend for **Flowers for the Church for Christmas.**
- Next weekend for the **Building Fund.**

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

First Saturday Devotion in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: takes place every First Saturday morning with Exposition at 8.15am followed by Holy Mass at 9.15am.

First Friday All Night Vigil at St. Anselm's, Dartford Friday 6th December 2019

10:00pm: Mass; 10:40pm: Exposition. Devotions, silent prayer and offering of oneself; 5:45am: Benediction; 6:00am: Mass

The First Holy Communion Preparation Session:

The next session is this **Sunday 1st December 2019: 9:30-10:15am**
Children's Meeting in the social room and Parents' Meeting in the hall please.

PLEASE NOTE:

First Confession for First Holy Communicants on Saturday 14th December.
Catechists will contact Parents to arrange a Confession time.

The last session for 2019 will be **Sunday 15th December; 9:30-10:15am**

The Season of Advent

Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. Advent is a season apt for reflecting on the role in our redemption of Mary, the Mother of God.

Take some time to reflect this Advent

Advent is a very special season of the year—and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we are so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our **Diocesan Spiritual Commission** has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk.

Advent Liturgical Programme 2019

Daily Eucharistic Exposition: 8:30am

Confessions: Father David will be available as often as possible, before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses, up to 10 minutes before Mass.

SJS Junior Carol Service: Monday 16th December at 1:30pm. Parents and Parishioners are invited followed by tea, coffee and mince pies in the School Hall.

Parish Carol Service: to be confirmed.

Penitential Service: to be confirmed.

Support your Parish by Patronising Our Repository

Our Repository is now stocked with: Christmas Cards, Diaries, Calendars, Candles, Nativity Sets, Prayer Cards, Prayer Books and Rosaries. It is open throughout the week before and after Holy Mass.

Please note your purchases in notebook and deposit payment in Repository Money Box on the wall of the Reception Area.

Parish Mass Books

We have begun a new Liturgical Year, if you have any Parish Mass Books at home, please return these to the Church/Sacristy as soon as possible. Thank you.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Parish Bazaar. Your donations have been gratefully received. Thank you to everyone who organised the Bazaar and Raffle. Your help is greatly appreciated. To all those who ran the stalls and came to support this parish event, thank you very much. **Father David**

Social Club Donation

We would like to thank the Social Club Committee who has made a donation to parish funds of £2,000.00. This gift is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Derrick Butt RIP

The family would like to thank all those who attended Derrick's funeral and played their part in providing and arranging the flowers/food and any involvement within the Mass itself. The day was a true reflection of Derrick's life and for anyone who didn't pick up a 'bible quotation' card I have a few left if you would like one. Also, if you didn't get the opportunity to write a memory of Derrick and would like to, I can provide you with a card to add to our 'memory' jar of him. So far we have collected £135 for the 'Veterans' charity. If anyone else would like to contribute you can send the money direct, through the family or via Francis Chappell and Sons Funeral Directors in Bexleyheath. As Dad would say 'God bless you all' Love Eileen, Mary-Anne and families..

Study Day: 'Year of the Word'

'The Gospel and Its Meaning for Today' by David Wells

7th December 2019; 10.30am – 2.30pm at St Stephen's Parish Hall,
Deepdene Road, Welling DA16 3QL.

Arrivals from 10am with tea & coffee. Please bring a packed lunch.

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

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