

* * * * * Second Sunday of Advent (A) * * * * * 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
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday 9th December 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Thanksgiving (C. Redmond)	Tuesday 10th Dec. 2019 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls
Wednesday 11th December 2019 (Feria) (St. Damasus I) 8:30: Exposition 9:15am: Annette Staunton RIP (H. Davies) Followed by Novena 10:00am: at Shalom Convent	Thursday 12th December 2019 (Feria) (Our Lady of Guadalupe) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Special Intention (JR)
St. Lucy Friday 13th December 2019 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Lucia Lincoln RIP	St. John of the Cross Saturday 14th December 2019 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
* * * * * Third Sunday of Advent (A) * * * * * Is 35: 1-6, 10; Ps 145; Jas 5: 7-10; Matt 11: 2-11	
Saturday 14th December 2019 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Gabbi's Intention	Sunday 15th December 2019 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Bill Redmond RIP

Anniversaries of Death
Michael Collins, Mai Harris, Freda Marie Statton, Janet Lane, Joseph Towers, John Frederick Harris, Leo Birnie, Elizabeth Frost, Edward Taylor, Barry Little, Joseph Barr, Thomas Stapleton, Bill Redmond, Patricia Leary,

Prepare a way for the Lord!
We prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ through repentance. We need to change the pattern of our lives in order to be ready when indeed he does come. In the next few weeks we must straighten out our lives so that the Lord will have no obstacle in his path.



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: £274.00; Cash: £200.00

Catholic Youth Services: Gift Aid: £89.00; Cash: £76.00

Flowers for Christmas: Gift Aid: £77.00; Cash: £188.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Second Collection:

- This weekend for the **Building Fund**. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

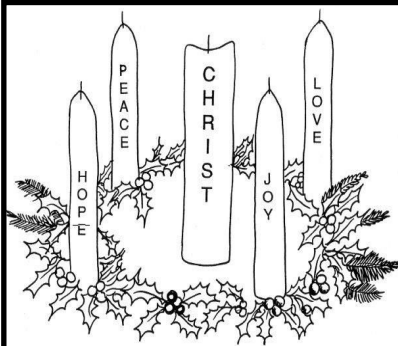
The First Holy Communion Preparation Session:

Sunday 15th December 2019: 9:30-10:15am Children's Meeting in the hall.

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

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

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.

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.

Penitential Service: Friday 20th December, 7-8pm at St. Anselm's, 89 West Hill, Dartford DA1 2HJ.

Support your Parish by Patronising Our Repository

Our Repository is now fully 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.

Transform Bexley Borough Update: Christmas Lunches for Isolated Individuals/Gifts and Parcels/Food Bank/A Debt Free Christmas:

Please see leaflets and notice board for more information.

Parish Christmas Fayre

(£3,559.00 profit after expenses—see notice board)

Fayre Raffle Winners: £100: Peter Phillips; **£50:** Jo Bennett; **£25:** Christina Redmond; **£10:** George Galibardy, Dianne Marriner, Jeannie Watts, Luke Tremain, Derek Bell

Christmas Crib Offerings

This year our Christmas Crib Offerings will be collected and shared between: -

- The Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund** which provides immediate support to those children and families in the Diocese who are most in need.
- Friends of the Holy Land** for the poorest Christian families in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

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Christmas Masses Schedule

Christmas Eve (Tues 24th December)	5:30pm	Carols
	6:00pm	Vigil Mass (Children)
	11:30pm	Carols
	12:00am	Midnight Mass and Reception
Christmas Day (Wed 25th December)	8:30am	Mass
	10:30am	Mass
St. Stephen's Day (Thurs 26th December)	10:00am	Mass

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We are looking for volunteers to decorate the Church for the Christmas season on **Monday 23rd December at 10:30am**. Everybody welcome. If you have any greenery such as holly, ivy or any other evergreens that we can use, please leave it in the Church reception area for the 21st December. Please could you bring scissors or secateurs and gardening gloves as these may be very useful. If you have any enquiries, please contact Liz Doherty (0208 311 2319) or Josie Coward (01322 272934). Thank you.

Carol Singing

Join Life Charity for Carol Singing on **Wednesday 18th December, 6pm-8pm**, at Sainsbury's, Crayford. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Life Charity provides Mother and Baby supported accommodation in Dartford. Feel free to wear your Santa hat and tinsel scarf!

Join for a Hot Chocolate afterwards in KFC opposite. Please call Rebecca 07956 111909.



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