

First Sunday of Lent (A) Gen 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7; Ps 50; Rom 5: 12-19; Matt 4: 1-11	
Saturday 29th February 2020 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Fred Miller RIP (Hull)	Sunday 1st March 2020 (St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales) 8:30am: Marion Gillespie RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 2nd March 2020 (St. David) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Violet Hughes RIP (Redmond) 2:00pm: Funeral: Violet Hughes RIP at Eltham Crematorium	Tues. 3rd March 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls
Weds. 4th March 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Private Intention followed by Stations of Cross 10:00am: Jimmy Meehan RIP (LSU) at Shalom Convent 7:30pm: Stations of Cross	Thurs. 5th March 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: For David followed by Novena 11:00am: Requiem Mass Eva Austin RIP 12:20pm: Burial St Paulinus
First Friday Women's World Day of Prayer CAFOD Lenten Fast Day Friday 6th March 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Mary Smith 80th Birthday SJS Yr. 1 & Yr. 6 attending	First Saturday Sat. 7th March 2020 (Feria) 8:00am: Exposition and First Devotions 9:15am: Private Intention 10:30am: at Shalom Convent
Second Sunday of Lent (A) Gen 12: 1-4; Ps 32; 2 Tim 1: 8-10; Matt 17: 1-9	
Saturday 7th March 2020 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Eddie Griffin RIP (Dunne)	Sunday 8th March 2020 (St. John of God, Religious) 8:30am: Maureen Gattrell RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish 12:30pm: Hughes Baptism

Anniversaries of Death

Ellen Estherby, Ruth Looker, Edwin Brown, John Rayner, L. Bourke, Danny Boshell, Brendan Hession, Sidney Davies, Patricia Hine, Margaret Macklin, Dennis Neligan, Jill Sweby, Michael Clinton, Fred Miller, Michael Gaffney, Luigi Cascarini, W. McHugh, Louise Herreng, Ethel Davis, Harry Sparrowhawk, Thomas Caraccio, Helen Bye, George Ward, Michael Teal

Christ conqueror of sin and temptation

God created the human ace free from sin but our first parents yielded to the temptations of the devil. In them each one of us has sinned just as in Christ we are given the power like him to overcome the temptations of this world.



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
In Lent: before and after Holy
Mass and on request

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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.



Collections

Parish Collection: Gift Aid: £336.00; Cash: £154.00

Poor Parishes: Gift Aid: £63.00; Cash: £102.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Second Collection:

◆ Next weekend is for the Building Fund.

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

Lenten Message

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: “**Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew**”.

Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer. *Pope Francis: Rome, a Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019.*

The Season of Lent has now begun:

Lent is a penitential period when we prepare for Easter. It is a time to renew our lives. The things we do are to pray, fight evil, fast and help the poor, sick and lonely. In the first place we pray to ask God to give us the courage to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. Begins the time to do the “**Easter Duties**”.

Lenten Schedule

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:30am every weekday

Confessions: before and after Holy Mass

Stations of the Cross: *Wednesdays* after Holy Mass and at 7:30pm

Novena: *Thursdays* after Mass during Lent

Wishing you all a grace-filled and blessed Lent

First Friday All Night Vigil at St. Anselm’s, Dartford

Friday 6th March 2020

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

First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday Devotion takes place every First Saturday morning with Exposition at 8.15am followed by Mass at 9.15am.

The First Holy Communion Preparation Sessions:

Sunday 8th March 2020; 9:30-10:15am: Children meeting.

Sunday 15th March 2020; 9:30-10:15am: Children meeting.

Church Cleaning

Many thanks to Anita Claridge for her loyalty to the Holy Scrubbers over the past few years. Unfortunately Anita has had to “retire from duties” due to home commitments. We wish her well. Obviously this leaves a big gap and we would be grateful to hear from anyone who would like to join us. Please either ring Valerie on 01322 271058 for details or give your name and number to Father David. We look forward to hearing from you,

(Women’s) World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March 2020

This year the service will take place in the City of God Church, Crayford High Street at 8pm. This is an annual Ecumenical Prayer Service which has been prepared this year by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. The theme of the service is Rise! Take up your mat and walk. Everyone is invited to come along and join the prayer and praise and it would be lovely to see more men attend. Members from all the Churches Together in Crayford will be taking part so please come and support them. Refreshments available after service. WDP Committee.

St. Mary’s Social Club Forthcoming Events

St. Patrick’s Day Lunch: Sunday 22nd March 2020; 12 noon to 6pm

Please come and join us for our St. Patrick’s Day celebration. Mark Bradley and Dominic will be providing us with traditional Irish entertainment. Tickets are available from the Club Manager at a cost of £10 for adults and £5 for children. Last ticket sales Friday 20th March 2020. Everyone is welcome. Tell your family and friends. Please see posters displayed around the Church centre for more information.

Quiz Night: Saturday 4th April 2020 at 8:15pm

6 people per team; £6 per person; Fish & chips/Sausage & chips. Entry forms are available at the bar.

How to have a Voice in Parliament

I have arranged for an outreach worker from the Houses of Parliament to come and give us a talk about “*How to have a voice in Parliament*”.

I have attended one of these talks myself and was so impressed that I wanted to bring it to this area. I have hired the social room on **Tuesday 14th April**, 11am for approx. 2 hours. Refreshments will be provided and the event is free. I do hope that you can join us and please feel free to bring friends. If you are able and would like to come please RSVP to **j.santo@ntlworld.com** or text or phone **07483 177001**. I will need a list of names of all people attending. Thank you.

May They Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of Violet Hughes and Eva Austin who have recently died. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

Violet Hughes: Funeral: Monday 2nd March at 2pm: Eltham Crematorium.

Eva Austin: Funeral: Thursday 5th March at 11am.

Burial: St. Paulinus’s Cemetery at 12:30pm.

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

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