


Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18; Ps 102; 1 Cor 3: 16-23; Matt 5: 38-48	
Saturday 22nd February 2020 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Derrick Butt RIP (Social Club)	Sunday 23rd February 2020 (St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr) 8:30am: Margaret Canty RIP (Marshall) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 24th Feb. 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls	Tues. 25th Feb. 2020 (Feria) (St. Ethelbert, King) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Private Intention 10:00am: Edwin Marr RIP (LSU) at Shalom Convent
Ash Wednesday Wednesday 26th Feb. 2020 6:30am: Private Intention 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Violet Hughes RIP (J & M Saunders) SJS attending 10:00am: William Cannon RIP (LSU) at Shalom Convent 7:30pm: For all Clergy	Thurs. 27th Feb. 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: For Esaie <i>followed by Novena</i> "Remember you are dust and into dust you return". "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel". 
Friday 28th Feb. 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Una Kavanagh RIP (LSU)	Sat. 29th Feb. 2020 (Feria) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
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
Anniversaries of Death	
Jean Regan, Christine Rutherford, Maureen Elizabeth Start, John Radley, Olga Winifrede Threlfall, Mary Callahan, Margaret Murphy, Ralph Cantwell, Nuz Courtney, Frederick Holmes, Patricia Frost, Catherine Holloway, Andrew Bradley, Michael Hoey, Dennis Hughes, John McGinty, Sarah Mitchem, Henry Hoskins, Rosella Onwuemeli	
Love your enemies!	
Every person is made in the image and likeness of God. We must try to look upon our neighbours as our friends and not our enemies. They are brothers and sisters in Christ. In this way we will become holy as God wants us to be.	



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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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: £298.00; Cash: £159.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Second Collection:

- ◆ This weekend is for Poor Parishes (formerly the Needs of the Diocese), which enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese. **Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number**

Consecration of St. Mary of the Crays Church: Saturday 22nd February

Our Church was consecrated on **22nd February 1987**. The Church was dedicated to God in a solemn rite, since it is a sign of the pilgrim Church on earth reflecting the Church in heaven.

Last Year's Palms for Ashes on Ash Wednesday: 26th February

We can burn your Palms from Palm Sunday last year for ashes for our use on Ash Wednesday this year. Please, if you wish, bring in your Palms and place them in the basket on the tables inside the Church. Thank you. *Father David*

Lent: This week we begin the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

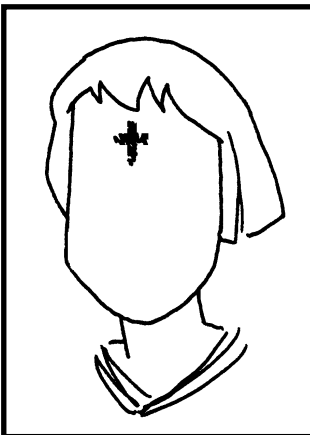
Lent is a penitential period when we prepare for Easter. It is a time to renew our lives. The things we do are to pray, fight evil, fast and help the poor, sick and lonely. In the first place we pray to ask God to give us the courage to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. Begins the time to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

Ash Wednesday: 26th February 2020

During the Masses on Ash Wednesday, ashes will be blessed and distributed to all. Imposition of the ashes on our foreheads is a symbol of sorrow, sadness or penance. One formula is **"Remember you are dust and into dust you return"**. The other formula is **"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel"** which reminds us of penance, contrition and a striving of trying to be perfect.

Remember Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The Church asks us by fasting to eat less on such a day, and not eat meat.

There will be **three Masses** on Ash Wednesday at **6:30am, 9:15am** and **7:30pm** during which Ashes will be blessed and distributed.



Prayer Meeting: after Holy Mass on the evening of Ash Wednesday.

Everyone welcome.

Lenten Schedule

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

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

The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

Did you know that England was dedicated to the Virgin Mary in 1381 by King Richard II?

Over the past two years the renowned Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham has been visiting every Catholic Cathedral in England with a mission to pray for the Re-evangelization and Conversion of England.

This year, we will be joining with communities all around our Country in prayer for the Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry. We are an official host of this historic occasion and you are invited to join us on **Sunday 29th March, 12 noon to 1pm**. Please book this date in your diary today.

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,

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.

The Year of the Word - Diocesan Celebration

Please book in your diaries **Saturday 27th June**. The Archbishop John Wilson has invited all of us to attend **12 noon Holy Mass** with him in Aylesford Friary.

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