

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
Mal 3: 1-4; Ps 23; Heb 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

Saturday 1st February 2020 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Mrs. Emily Foley RIP	Sunday 2nd February 2020 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Les Cope RIP <i>(and Blessing of Candles)</i>
Mon. 3rd February 2020 (Feria) (St. Lawrence of Canterbury, St. Blaise, St. Ansgar) <i>Blessing of the Throats after Mass</i> 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Special Intention (JR)	Tues. 4th February 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Mary Flynn
St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Wednesday 5th February 2020 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Private Intention 10:00am: Sr. Anne McCarthy (LSU) at Shalom Convent	St. Paul Miki and Companions Thursday 6th February 2020 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls
First Friday Friday 7th Feb. 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Pauline Ilott RIP and Family (Soul)	Sat. 8th February 2020 (Feria) (St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Our Lady) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Is 58: 7-10; Ps 111; 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Matt 5: 13-16	
Saturday 8th February 2020 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Margaret Wilson (Murphy)	Sunday 9th February 2020 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Brian McKie RIP (McKie Family)

Anniversaries of Death

Bridie Griffin, Violet Coward, Leslie Cope, Charlie Riley, John Lynch, George Fielder, John Goffrey, Peter Berzolla, John Gavin, Henry Finch, Patrick Foley, Ss. Ursula Innocent, Albert Cowdell, John Harrington.

Christ the light of the nations

Christ brings God's light into a world darkened by sin. We are to bring this light into our world since we share in Christ's mission and life. He accomplished this for us through his death by which he took away the power of evil. He became one of us through the incarnation and because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.



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: £389.00; Cash: £178.00

Christmas Offering: £2,058.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Second Collection:

- ◆ This weekend for Racial Justice. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.
- ◆ Next weekend the **Building Fund**.

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

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Today the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's Liturgy. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster Father. This is another 'Epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the Light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day.

The Blessing of the Throats

The Blessing of the Throats is celebrated on the 3rd February, the Feast day of St. Blaise of Sebaste. St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the Fourth Century. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a Bishop. His religion spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the Eighth Century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.



First Friday All Night Vigil at St. Anselm's, Dartford Friday 7th February 2020

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

Please Support St. Mary's Parish by Using Our Repository/Church Shop:

It is stocked with 2020 Calendars and Diaries, Prayer Books, Prayer Cards, Rosaries, various Bibles, YouCat and "Penny" Catechisms, Missals and Mass Cards. It is open throughout the week before and after Holy Mass.

Infant Baptism Preparation Courses

Any parents wishing to Baptise their babies between now and the end of April 2020 will need to attend the required Baptism Preparation Courses which will be held in the Reception Area in the Church Centre on **Saturdays 8th, 15th and 22nd February at 2.30pm**. Please see Father David after Saturday evening/Sunday Mass to collect Baptism and Godparent Forms from him personally and please return them to him as soon as possible. Thank you.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/RCIA

- ◆ Are there any **Non-Catholic Adults** who would like to become Catholic, and are seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and wish to receive Holy Communion?
- ◆ Are there any **Adult Baptised Catholics** who have not yet been Confirmed or Received Our Lord in Holy Communion?

Father David would like to hear from you this week to form a **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/RCIA Group**. Thank you.

The First Holy Communion Preparation Sessions:

Sunday 9th February 2020; 9.30-10:15am:

Children meeting in the Social Room and Parents meeting in the Hall please.

Sunday 23rd February 2020; 9:30-10:15am:

Children meeting in the Hall

St. Josephine Bakhita

You are invited to the celebration of the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita taking place on **Saturday 8th February 2020** at **St Stephen Catholic Church, Welling**. The celebration begins with the Holy Mass at 10.30am to be presided over by Bishop Patrick Lynch. After the Mass, there will be a presentation in the parish hall by the Santa Marta Group (SMG), titled The Presence of Human Trafficking in our Communities. The presentation will be followed with discussion and a light lunch. Everyone welcome.

Year of the Word at Sacred Heart School, Camberwell Saturday 14th March 2020

Following the successful Retreat for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in November last year, Bishop Pat Lynch has decided to host a similar day for Year of the Word. Please check the notice board for the full Programme of the Day. Any Parishioners wishing to attend, please notify the Parish Office. Thank You.

St. Joseph's PTA Quiz

St Joseph's are holding a PTA Quiz on **Friday 7th February 2020** at **7.30pm**. A professional Quiz Master will be hosting the Quiz. Quiz questions will be on all the usual subjects, general knowledge, food and drink, sport, music etc. Please get a team together for a fun night out. Teams bring their own drinks and nibbles. Teams are of 6 adults only. The cost is £15 for a table of 6 people, or £3 per ticket. Please send in cash/cheque via the School Office, made payable to St Joseph's PTA.

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, Darryl D'Cruz, 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