

**Second Sunday of Lent (A)**  
**Gen 12: 1-4; Ps 32; 2 Tim 1: 8-10; Matt 17: 1-9**

<b>Saturday 7th March 2020</b> 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Eddie Griffin RIP	<b>Sunday 8th March 2020</b> (St. John of God, Religious) 8:30am: Maureen Gatrell RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish <b>12:30: Hughes Baptism</b>
<b>Mon. 9th March 2020</b> (Feria) (St. Frances of Rome) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Bridie Brady RIP (B. Youngs)	<b>Tues. 10th March 2020</b> (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: William Griffiths RIP (Doherty)
<b>Weds. 11th March 2020</b> (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Maureen Saunders 80th Birthday followed by Stations of Cross 10:00am: at Shalom Convent	<b>Thurs. 12th March 2020</b> (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Sr. Marie Margaret (LSU) followed by Novena
<b>Friday 13th March 2020</b> (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Holy Souls <b>7:30pm: Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Sat. 14th March 2020</b> (Feria)  10:00am: Archbishop Peter Smith at Shalom Convent
<b>Third Sunday of Lent (A)</b> <b>Exod. 17: 3-7; Ps 94; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42</b>	
<b>Saturday 14th March 2020</b> 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Violet Hughes RIP (Bull)	<b>Sunday 15th March 2020</b> 8:30am: Joseph Edet RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish

**Anniversaries of Death**

Sara Fisher, Irene Small, Joseph Cerutti, Maureen Gatrell, Charles Cooper, Edith Looker, Dick Whyte, Francis Lintott, Daniel O'Halloran, William Griffith, Maria Theaves, Albert Winterton, Reg Clemas, Billy Chandler, Edward O'Loughlin, John Hennessy, Margaret Hoey, Miriam Nutt, Amy Gumm

**Jesus is transfigured in glory**

On the high mountain Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his apostles. His message to them "Do not be afraid" reminds us that when God calls us we must bear the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Christ is everything. For him we are prepared to leave behind all things in order to proclaim his Gospel.



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: In Lent*  
*Thursdays, 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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### Collections

**Parish Collection:** Gift Aid: £430.00; Cash: £155.00

**Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support**

### Second Collections:

- ♦ This weekend is for the Building Fund.
- ♦ Next weekend is for Flowers for the Church for Easter.

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

### Lenten Message

It is good to contemplate more deeply the Paschal Mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face" relationship with the crucified and risen Lord **"who loved me and gave himself for me"** [Gal 2:20] in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. **That is why prayer is so important in Lent.** Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and His will.

*Pope Francis: Rome, a Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019.*

### 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 *Fridays* at 7.30pm

**Novena:** *Thursdays* after Mass during Lent

***Wishing you all a grace-filled and blessed Lent***

### Lenten Events in Bexley Deanery at two local Parishes

**Penitential Service:** Tuesday 31st March at 7pm at St. Stephens, Welling.

**Stations of the Cross:** every Friday during Lent at 7pm at St. Thomas More, Bostall Park, and also: **A Day of Prayer in preparation for Holy Week:** Saturday 4th April at St. Thomas More, Bostall Park

### Redecorating the Church

We hope to begin redecorating the Church interior from Thursday 12th March and it will take approximately two weeks to complete. Weekday Mass and Exposition will take place in the Children's Liturgy Room. Sundays will be in Church as usual.

### 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.

**Saturday 28th March 2020: Lenten Confession:** - to be arranged

**Sunday 29th March 2020; 9:30-10:15am:** Children meeting

### 100 Club Winners: 40: Tony Omatayo; 82: Mary McNeavey

Please join our 100 Club. Please contact Jim Saunders. It is a great way of raising funds for the Parish and the Building Fund. Your continued support is very greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### The Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes' Pilgrimage: 21st-28th August

Lourdes theme for 2020 **"I am the Immaculate Conception"**;

Please see posters; [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk)/[www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

### Bexley Deanery Developing World Project

Thank you for your continued generosity with donations through the small marked brown envelopes in the weekly collection to help priests and religious in their work in various location around the world. One of the projects was put forward by Mary Cox, a parishioner here at St. Mary's, to fund training at the Balamorie Vocational Centre in Kissy, Sierra Leone. Eight projects were selected for funding this year: **(1)** £1000 - Water tank and pump for community centre and church Eastern Zambia. **(2)** £800 - Vocational training, Kissy, Sierra Leone. **(3)** Training at Leprosy rehabilitation centre, Ghana. **(4)** Provision of 5 wheel-chairs, Children's Centre, Uganda. **(5)** Elderly widows farm, Uganda. **(6)** Water purification unit, centre for the blind, Sierra Leone. **(7)** Provision of 100 treated mosquito nets, Children's haven, Cameroon. **(8)** Youth fish farm, Uganda. We are pleased to say that the first two projects have been funded and £1800 paid out. We will soon be looking for projects to fund for next year and application forms will be available in the near future. If you require any further information please contact **Peter Coward** on **01322 272934**.

### The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

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.

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.

### Day of Consecration of England as the Dowry of Mary

**Wednesday 25th March:** there will be two Masses at **9:15am** and **7:30pm.**

### St. Mary's Social Club Forthcoming Events

#### St. Patrick's Day Lunch: Sunday 22nd March; 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 at 8:15pm

6 people per team; £6 per person; Fish & chips/Sausage & chips.

Entry forms are available at the bar.

### Sister Marie Margaret Haughey RIP May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Sister Marie Margaret Haughey who has recently died. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends and the Sisters and staff at Shalom Convent.

**Reception of Body and Mass:** Monday 23rd March at 5pm at Shalom.

**Funeral:** Tuesday 24th March, 11am at Shalom. **Burial:** Brook St Cemetery.

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

Alan Wall, Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Archbishop Peter Smith, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer, Clare Cooney, David Hull, 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