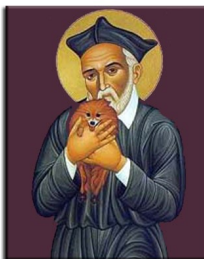


### Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 1: 12-14; Ps 26; 1 Pet 4: 13-16; John 17: 1-11

<b>Saturday 23rd May 2020</b> 9:15am: Derrick Butt RIP (Trombetti)	<b>Sunday 24th May 2020</b> 9:15am: People of the Parish
<b>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> <b>Mon. 25th May 2020</b> (St. Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin) 9:15am: <i>Phil (Sick) and Kim Reilly (Lourdes Group)</i>	<b>Tuesday 26th May 2020</b> <b>St. Philip Neri, Priest</b> 9:15am: <i>Denis Ware RIP (Lourdes Group)</i>
<b>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England</b> <b>Weds. 27th May 2020</b> 9:15am: Holy Souls	<b>Thurs. 28th May 2020 (Feria)</b> 9:15am: Sister Maria Margaret Haughey RIP (LSU)
<b>Friday 29th May 2020 (Feria)</b> 9:15am: Michael Claridge RIP (Murrell)	<b>Sat. 30th May 2020</b> 9:15am: Marion Gillespie RIP
<b>Pentecost / Whit-Sunday (A)</b> Acts 2: 1-11; Ps 103; 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23	
<b>Saturday 30th May 2020</b> No evening Holy Mass	<b>Sunday 31st May 2020</b> 9:15: People of the Parish



### ST MARY OF THE CRAYS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Welcome - Worship - Witness

In "days such as these" the **Holy Mass** is still being offered **every day** by Fr David, without a congregation.

Confessions may be heard by appointment, on request. Please 'phone or Email to arrange a reasonable time.

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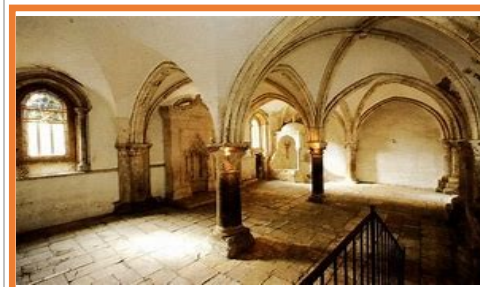
**Re-Opening Catholic Churches**, dependent upon the 'R' rate', **could be in June**. We will need to show that we can comply with cleaning, safeguarding and social distancing regulations. **Re-Opening would be for personal and private prayers, initially**, and **maybe in July** the return to limited numbers **at Holy Mass! Fr David.**

### Anniversaries of Death

Elizabeth Cerutti, Joe Kirby, George Davidson, Sr. Brigid McDonagh, Helen Manley, John Gohery, Austin McGann, Mary Richards, Lillian Donovan, Phyllis Bastone, Lianne Dwyer, Michael Hogan, Margaret Lucas, Holly Sharp, Margaret Connolly, Albert Callen, Lawrie Nobbs, Elizabeth Mitchell, Gladys Bigwne, Kathleen Margaret Day, Marion Gillespie

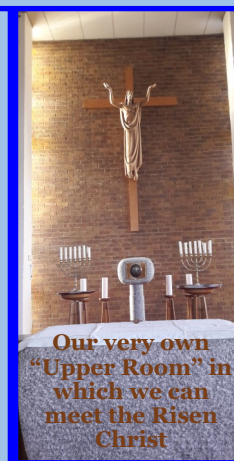
### Christ our model of prayer and suffering

Prayer is the birthright of every Christian. It is natural to us as the air we breathe. The early Christians were people of **deep prayer** and **suffered for their faith**. Prayer and suffering (*penances and sacrifices*) are two sides of the same coin by which **Jesus Christ gives glory to God** in me still today.



THE "UPPER-ROOM," OR, "CENACLE" TODAY: SITE OF THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER, THE FIRST MASS, AND PENTECOST / WHIT-SUNDAY: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH.

**JESUS CHRIST, RISEN bodily from death remained with His disciples for 40 Days and then Returned, ASCENDED to His Father, and yet He remains with us in THE TABERNACLE of our Church, and comes daily to THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE IN THE**



Our very own "Upper Room" in which we can meet the Risen Christ

Please, if you can, continue praying the “Novena” - Nine Days of super, intense prayer (and penances)- to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all Christians, upon the whole of Christ’s Church , the Baptised, on **Pentecost Sunday.**

**The Rosary** is an excellent prayer for this too, because: **Mary is “the Spouse” of the Holy Spirit** and presides as the “Midwife” at **the Birth of Christ’s Church at Pentecost.** May Mary, our Mother, Daughter of the God the Father, Mother of the Son of God, and Spouse of the Holy Spirit, teach us how to receive and **to Welcome God the Holy Spirit** into our lives again and again, **for Worship** and **to Witness** to God’s love daily! Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY the ROSARY every day, with Mary, our Mother** for everyone's **Conversion to God** and **Peace in the World**, and for freedom from the Covid-19 / Wuhan Virus, and for **support of the N. H. S.** If you are already offering a **daily Rosary**, please increase to **two**, or **three**, or even **four** ... at the beginning of the day, at midday and in the evening. Each Rosary will take 20 minutes. “Pray, pray, pray very much ...” Please join **THE ROSARY MISSION: MARY’S MONTH OF MAY 2020 .**

Please see: [rosaryshrine.co.uk](http://rosaryshrine.co.uk)

*The Pope’s Intention for the Month of May is:*  
*“May Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word (of God) and the Poor, be an invigorating symbol for the whole Church.”*

**ZOOM comes to St Mary of the Crays**

**THE CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**  
**THIS SUNDAY 24TH MAY AT 11:00AM:**

if you wish to enroll your child and family, please contact:  
[afoy@st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:afoy@st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk), or:  
[tinapsaunders@hotmail.com](mailto:tinapsaunders@hotmail.com)

... You will need to Download **the Zoom App** on your e-Device: Computer / Tablet / Smart ‘phone / &c. ... the same for:  
**Holy Mass from St Mary’s: Zoom Gatherings** will be, hopefully, arranged very soon. *Fr David.*

**Archbishop John Wilson invites** everyone in the Diocese to join him for a special online gathering **on Wednesday 27th May.** He will be leading a live streamed **May Devotions**, including **a Scriptural Rosary at 7pm** from St George’s R. C. Cathedral at Southwark. At this time when we are asked to be more isolated than usual it is an opportunity to “spiritually gather” together.

The Live stream link is <https://youtu.be/boGqjBYdvXQ>



**Sunday 31st May** would usually be **THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** to her Cousin Elizabeth who is in her sixth month of expecting her baby: **John the Baptist.** Both expectant Mothers to be are overwhelmed by **the Holy Spirit.** Elizabeth gives us the second line of the **“HAIL MARY”:**  
*“Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb!” (Luke 1:42).* And **Mary, as a Prophet** proclaims **THE MAGNIFICAT** - the glorious doings and workings of God!! (Luke 1:46 -55) The whole mysterious moment is **an outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit** - from the **Unborn Christ Child** to the **Unborn John** to Elizabeth and then also **to**

**Pentecost Sunday: 31st May 2020**

**Prepare for Pentecost Sunday by praying the following Prayer every day this week:**

**Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love.**

**V/: Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created.**

**R/: And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

**Let us pray:**

**O God, Who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**



**Parish Giving:**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,** to all Parishioners who have been making your usual and regular donations to St Mary’s Church. **Thank you for all your continued generosity and financial support.** If you are able and wish to contribute to the Parish, please see the Notice of **Parish Giving in the Newsletter: 25th / 26th April 2020** on **the Parish Website: [www.stmarycrays.org.uk](http://www.stmarycrays.org.uk)**

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

Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer, Clare Cooney, Darryl D’Cruz, David Hull, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Sheldon, Pat Price, Renee Rae, Tommy Cox, Veronica Francis