

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jer. 20: 7-9; Ps 62; Rom 12: 1-2; Matt 16: 21-27

Sat. 29th August 2020
5:30 - 6:15pm: Confessions in the Children's Liturgy Room
6:30pm: James Alfred Saunders RIP FM

Sunday 30th August 2020
8:30am: Reginald Stafford
10:30am: People of the Parish (also on ZOOM)

St. Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne
Monday 31st August 2020
_____ Mary Ellen Nolan RIP FM

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Tues. 1st Sept. 2020 (Feria)
_____ Holy Souls

Weds. 2nd Sept. 2020 (Feria)
_____ Private Intention (DG)
11:00am Holy Mass at Shalom: Una McPartlin (LSU)

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Thurs. 3rd September 2020
9:15am: Special Intention (JR)

First Friday
Friday 4th Sept. 2020 (Feria)
(St. Cuthbert, Bishop)
9:15am: Kay Gillespie RIP (B. Gillespie)

First Saturday
Sat. 5th September 2020 (Feria)
8:00am First Saturday Devotions
9:15am Holy Mass
11:00am Holy Mass at Shalom

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Ezek. 33: 7-9; Ps 94; Rom 13: 8-10; Matt 18: 15-20

Saturday 5th September 2020
5:30 - 6:15pm: Confessions in the Children's Liturgy Room
6:30pm: Drane Zef Keshtenja RIP

Sunday 6th September 2020
8:30am: Elizabeth and Alexander Greatorex RIP
10:30am: People of the Parish (also on ZOOM)
11:30am: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM

Anniversaries of Death

Barry Wilson, Ernie Carpenter, Winifred Cox, Molly Boshell, Mary Hadfield, Eric Gray, William Stevens, John Arrowsmith, James Loughrey, Thomas O'Connell, Elizabeth Greatorex, Mgr. James McGettrick, D. Carroll, Kate Canning, Mabel Coligan, Kay Gillespie

Take up your daily cross

Suffering shows us how much we are prepared to sacrifice in our following of Christ. He tells us to take up our cross daily and follow Him. It is in losing our lives that we will find them in a newer, deeper way and then we shall be rewarded according to our behaviour. This approach will never be easy but it is the only path to real holiness and happiness.



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Welcome - Worship - Witness

WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH AND HOLY MASS - PLEASE WEAR FACE COVERINGS / MASKS.

We are limited to accommodate 32 persons, couples, families, or households within the present 2 metres social distancing and hand sanitizing.

PLEASE SEE PARISH WEBSITE.
N.B.: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER ON ZOOM ON SUNDAYS AT THE NEW TIME OF 11:30AM. FOR ZOOM CODES PLEASE CONTACT ANUSHA ON: anusha_bala@hotmail.co.uk OR TINA ON: tinapsaunders@hotmail.com

CONFESSIONS:
SATURDAYS: 5:30 - 6:15pm, IN THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROOM and ON REQUEST, before or after any Holy Mass, and BY APPOINTMENT.

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THANK YOU

to all those who have been very brave and been able to return to Church in these last few weeks. Thank you, your presence is really appreciated by Our Lord and Our Lady in attending Holy Mass to the best of your ability. Let's pray that by taking the small steps we have of:-

- 1) **social distancing;**
- 2) **hand sanitising;**
- 3) **face covering;**
- 4) **opening the fire doors to let the air in and,**
- 5) **cleansing all the contact points after Holy Mass,**

more and more of our brothers and sisters will have the confidence to worship God in spirit and in truth and physically in person in Church.

To open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 9.15am Mass we need stewards and cleaners to help us then. **CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?** If you can, contact Father David or the parish office by email:

crayford@rcaos.org.uk
Many thanks, Father David

MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL those who are making contributions to the Parish at this time:

weekly collections have been greatly reduced and has had a huge impact on the Parish Income. WEEKLY OFFERINGS can still be brought in before and after the Saturday / Sunday Holy Masses, or on Weekdays.

ENVELOPES (AND CERTIFICATES) ARE AVAILABLE for those involved in the PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME.

If you wish to make a weekly donation to the Church you can make an "online" donation - as a "one-off" payment or to set up a **Standing Order** to make regular donations, our Bank Details are:

NatWest Sort Code: 60 - 15 - 28
Account No: 10368787,
Name: RCAS ST MARY OF THE CRAYS - PARISH ACCOUNT - CRAYFORD

Please use your name as a reference (gift aid givers can add their envelope number). Any donations you able to make will be greatly appreciated during this time. Thank you.
Thank you, Father David

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honour were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
The Crucifixion.
The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
The burial of Jesus.



The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honour her daily by saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and dolours (sorrows).

The devotion was passed on by St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373). HERE ARE THE SEVEN GRACES:

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

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

Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Brian Griffith, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, David Hull, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Pat Price, Pauline Dansey, Renee Rae, Tommy Cox and Veronica Francis.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL IN THIS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!!

In these continuing uncertain and challenging times our good God is calling us to become great Saints. We need to stay safe and keep a very level head and say our Prayers at home every day and bring them to Him also, if we are able to, at Holy Mass on Sundays. **"PRAY, HOPE, AND DON'T WORRY!"** said St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. So, let's keep smiling, Pray very much and trust in the Lord. Fr. David

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP

If you are new to the parish and you have young children, please note that St. Mary's has an excellent pre-school. **St. Mary's Playgroup** has been established **for over 40 years** and is still as popular as ever.

It is important that you put your child's name down on the waiting list as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

From September 2020 we will be offering 15 and 30 hour funding and sessions which will be from **8.30-11.30, 12.00-3.00** or **8.30-3.00**.

For further details **please telephone us on 07307 894941** or **email us at stmarysplaygroup.crayford@gmail.com**. Thank you.

CATHEDRAL VACANCIES -

we currently have available 2 part-time admin vacancies at our St George's R. C. the Cathedral, Southwark For more information please contact: triciagilbride@stgeorges.org.uk. **ALSO SEE NOTICE BOARD**
Closing date for applications is **1st September 2020**.