

Third Sunday of Advent (B) (*Gaudete Sunday*)
Is 61: 1-2, 10-11; Lk 1: 46-50, 53-54 R. Is 61: 10; 1 Thess. 5: 16-24;
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Sat. 12th December 2020 08:00: Prayer and Confession 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: Deceased members of the Murray Family	Sunday 13th December 2020 8:30am: People of the Parish 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: Bill Redmond RIP FM (also on ZOOM)
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St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Mon. 14th December 2020 08:00: Prayer and Confession 9:15am: Holy Souls	Tues. 15th Dec. 2020 (Feria) 08:00: Prayer and Confession 9:15am: Kay Tracey RIP (Flanagan) (on Zoom SJS Yr. 3)
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Weds. 16th Dec. 2020 (Feria) 08:00: Prayer and Confession 9:15am: Private Intention (DG) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Teresa Ryan RIP (LSU)	Thurs. 17th Dec. 2020 (Feria) 08:00: Prayer and Confession 9:15am: Laurie Goodwin RIP (Pat Goodwin)
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Friday 18th Dec. 2020 (Feria) 08:00: Prayer and Confession 9:15am: Allan Moore RIP	Sat. 19th Dec. 2020 (Feria) 08:00: Prayer and Confession 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom
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Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)
Sam 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 88; Rom 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

Saturday 19th December 2020 08:00: Prayer and Confession 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: Maria Coelho RIP FM	Sunday 20th December 2020 8:30am: Violet Hughes RIP (Doherty) 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of the Parish (also on ZOOM)
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Anniversaries of Death

Joseph Barr, Thomas Stapleton, Bill Redmond, Patricia Leary, Leslie Hall, Henry Davis, Joseph Byrne, Vera Loom, Tina Holmes, Annie O'Neil, René Holloway, Mercy Easton, Sister Weseloh, Sister Mary O'Riordan, Winifred Ward, Angel and Jerry McCarthy, Monsignor Joseph Harris, Percy Holmes, Sydney Davies, Esther Bracken, Patrick Davis, Cecilia Trevethan, Maria Coelho, Sister Ada Hudson

Be happy (and Give God Thanks) at all times and in all circumstances!

Happiness is our birthright as Christians - even in difficult times. We give thanks to God for His Spirit who lives in us and makes us aware of our wonderful mission in spreading the Good News of man's redemption. The Spirit brings us deep peace because the God who called us will not fail us.



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Welcome - Worship - Witness

WELCOME BACK - AGAIN!!!
WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH AND HOLY MASS - PLEASE WEAR FACE COVERINGS / MASKS.
We are limited to accommodate 44 "Bubbles" within the present guidelines, social distancing and hand sanitizing.
ST MARY'S CHURCH IS OPEN
Daily: 7:30/8:00am before 9:15am Holy Mass.

N.B. CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ON ZOOM AT THE NEW TIME OF **09:40-10:10AM**
FOR ZOOM CODES PLEASE CONTACT ANUSHA ON:
anusha_bala@hotmail.co.uk
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CONFESSIONS MAY BE HEARD - IN THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROOM - WHENEVER THE CHURCH IS OPEN AND BY APPOINTMENT, ON REQUEST.
PLEASE 'PHONE OR EMAIL TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.

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The Season of Advent

The joy of Advent shines forth with an inspiring message of hope and encouragement urging us to rejoice and be happy because the Lord is near. What is more, it tells us that joy is basic to being Christian and our vocation is to radiate this joy.

We tend to think of Jesus as the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, yet as He concluded His ministry and was about to leave, He says: *“These things I have spoken to you that my joy might be in you and your joy be complete”* (John: 15:11). While there is hardship and suffering in the life of Jesus there is a joy which is compatible with pain.

On the first Christmas when God came down in the person of His Son Jesus, He filled the world with glad tidings of great joy. His life was geared towards God the Father in joy, prayer and thanksgiving.

“that God so loved the world that he gave His only Son and that whoever believes in Him might not die but may have eternal life“ (John 3:16).

Second Collection

This weekend there is a second collection for the **Building Fund. Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR ST. MARY’S PARISHIONERS

It is suggested that this year we leave **ONLY ONE CARD IN THE RECEPTION AREA** addressed **to all the people of the parish.**

These cards can then be displayed in the reception area for everyone to see.

Please help us decorate the reception area with your Christmas greetings. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERINGS: 5TH/6TH DECEMBER 2020

Parish Collection: **Gift Aid: £225.00 + Loose Plate: £43.00**

Easter Offering: £10.00

Thank you for your generosity and your financial support, **Fr. David**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASSES

******PLEASE REGISTER / BOOK ****WHICH HOLY MASSES **** YOU WISH TO ATTEND AT CHRISTMAS:**

Christmas Eve (Thurs. 24th December)	4:00pm 6:00pm	Vigil Masses (Children & Families) Vigil Masses (Children & Families)
Christmas Day (Fri. 25th December)	12:00am 8:30am 10:30am	Midnight Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass
(Sat. 26th December) St. Stephen’s Day	9:15am 11:00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass at Shalom
THE HOLY FAMILY (SUN. 27th December)	6:30pm 8:30am 10:30am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE /Reconciliation / Mercy / Forgiveness /Pardon and Peace: CONFESSION: Fr David is available for this healing Sacrament, to help us all become Holy and Saints, before and after the Holy Masses.

******REGISTERING / PRE- BOOKING ATTENDANCE ****
**** AT CHRISTMAS HOLY MASSES: ******

Because of the Covid-19 Crisis and Emergency we will need to PRE-BOOK PLACES at the Christmas Holy Masses this year. In addition to the usual 6:00pm Holy Mass there will also be Holy Mass at 4:00pm also for Families and Children.

For those who can - Booking will be “ON-LINE”, and for those who cannot - THE PARISH OFFICE ‘PHONE MAY BE USED: 07485 151 159.

Details about “on-line “ Booking / Registration will be available early in this coming week on: the Parish Website: www.stmarycrays.org.uk, the Facebooks pages: Stmary Crays and St Mary of the Crays Support Group

Christmas Letter 2020 (full letter on notice board)

In Luke’s Gospel Mary is presented as our model in the way she prepared for the birth of Jesus by listening and responding to God’s Word. As we go through Advent we will listen to and reflect on some of the famous Marian scenes from Luke’s Gospel. In a beautiful and creative way Luke describes:

- how Mary listens to God’s Word and believes in God’s Promise (the Annunciation),
- how she gives thanks for God’s Blessings (the Magnificat), and,
- how she shares her joy with God’s People (the Visitation).

Despite her own anxiety she hears the Good News of God’s Promise and proclaims that Good News with a deep sense of joy and peace. She truly is both our Mother and our model in our journey of faith. The more, therefore, we enter into Mary’s journey this Advent – listening to God’s Word, contemplating it in our hearts and joyfully sharing it with others – the more we, like Mary, will be able to say ‘yes’ to what God is calling us to do and be and the more we too will experience the joy and peace of knowing that ‘the Lord is with us’ and that ‘the promises made to us by the Lord will be fulfilled’. *Rt. Rev. Patrick Lynch SS.CC*

Christmas Posters

Please take a Christmas Poster for your window and share the Joy and Peace of the Christmas Season.



Our Repository - Parish Shop:

Bibles, Mass Cards, Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, 2021 Diaries and Rosaries etc. It can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer and Holy Masses.

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

Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, Clare Gummatt, 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, Carmella “Nina” Stafford, Tommy Cox, Veronica Francis and *all in self-isolation or quarantine, or effected by Covid-19.*