

Second Sunday of Advent (B) Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ps 84; 2 Pet 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8	
First Saturday Sat. 5th Dec. 2020 (Feria) First Saturday Devotions 08:00-10:30am: Private Prayer 10:30am: No Holy Mass	Sunday 6th December 2020 08:00-09:30am: Private Prayer 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of the Parish (only on ZOOM)
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Mon. 7th December 2020 08:00-9:00am: Private Prayer Mass for Holy Souls (not in Church)	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tues. 8th December 2020 08:00-09:00am: Private Prayer 9:15am: Special Intention (JR)
Weds. 9th Dec. 2020 (Feria) (St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin) 08:00-9:00am: Private Prayer 9:15am: Bernard O'Beirne RIP (Hughes) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom	The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto Thurs. 10th December 2020 08:00-9:00am: Private Prayer 9:15am: Joseph (Doney) Curran RIP (Foy)
Friday 11th Dec. 2020 (Feria) (St. Damasus I, Pope) 08:00-9:00am: Private Prayer 9:15am: Lucia Lincoln RIP FM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Sat. 12th December 2020 08:00-9:00am: Private Prayer 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom
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	
Saturday 12th December 2020 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)
Anniversaries of Death	
Joseph Frost, Winifred Burgess, Angela Cuddy, James Hewitson, Annie Hennessy, Mathew Goldfinch, Sister Mary O'Riordan, Sid Hopkins, William Snelders, Rod Rowe, Michael Collins, Mai Harris, Freda Marie Statton, Janet Lane, Joseph Towers, John Frederick Harris, Leo Birnie, Elizabeth Frost, Edward Taylor, Barry Little	
Prepare a way for the Lord!	
We prepare each day of our lives for the coming of the Lord. We have to straighten out those things in our behaviour which prevent us from living holy and saintly lives. The new heavens and the new earth where God reigns are what is promised to us and that is why we should always try to be joyful.	



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Archdiocese of Southwark)*

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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 for
Prayer, and Visits to Our Lord
in the Blessed Sacrament in
the Tabernacle, and from Tues-
day 9:15am Holy Mass:**

**EVERY DAY 08:00 to 9:00
N.B. CHILDREN'S LITURGY
OF THE WORD**

**ON ZOOM AT THE NEW TIME OF
09:40-10:10AM**

**FOR ZOOM CODES PLEASE
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**CONFESSIONS MAY BE
HEARD WHENEVER THE CHURCH
IS OPEN FOR PERSONAL AND
PRIVATE PRAYER AND**

**BY APPOINTMENT, ON
REQUEST. PLEASE 'PHONE OR EMAIL
TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.**

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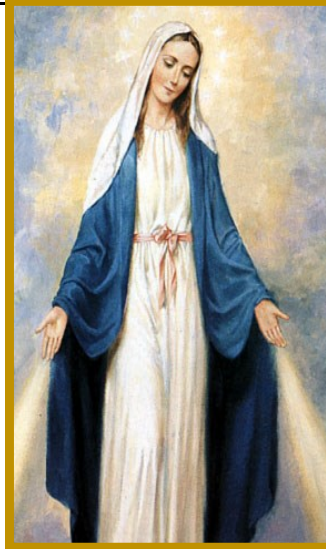
CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED - CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD will be putting together a maximum of 20 Christmas Food Hampers for local families in need. These families are known to Bexley Council and will be distributed by them. Each hamper will have a value of £20.00 approx. and will be made up on the 10th December, for delivery in time for Christmas. If you would like to donate money towards this very worthy cause, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donations by 6th December please to: **'THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD'**: Account No. **30294063** at Barclays Bank; Sort code: **20-06-72** and include the reference **'SMC HAMPER'**. Thank you.

The Month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

Mary from the first moment of her birth was free from inherited guilt of original sin. She was immaculate, full of grace. In fact, the only entirely sinless person in the world. This was necessary because she was to be the mother of Jesus. God had to have a worthy dwelling place for his son so it was proper that Mary would have no hand, act or part in sin.

It is the presence of Mary that allows Christ's suffering to enter and dwell in the human heart. Her life gives us comfort and great hope. We celebrate this as a fitting preparation for the Nativity. God calls each of us like Mary, to welcome Jesus and to make room for him in our lives. It is in saying "yes" like Mary that we can live His Word and carry His cross in a way that can change the world and bring about His kingdom.



Evergreen Care Bexley:

Full Time Chief Operating Officer

Please see the full details on the notice board.

The Season of Advent

The new Church year is ushered in with the Season of Advent. It is primarily a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas, the feast which celebrates the birth of Christ and the beginning of our salvation. This is a time especially blessed by God which summons us to stay awake and to prepare in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Advent is an invitation to renew our Christian commitment and to start living the life that Christ's first coming, almost 2,000 years ago, made possible in order to prepare for his final coming at the end of time. The eternal Son of God seeks an entry into our innermost being so that he may share his life with us. He stands at the door and knocks but will not come in uninvited. This is our opportunity to welcome him and advance on our spiritual journey by walking in the light of the Lord.

Take some time to reflect this Advent

Advent is a very special season of the year—and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we are so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our **Diocesan Spiritual Commission** has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk.

W. Uden & Sons: Covid/Remembrance Poem

As part of a remembrance carol service that W. Uden & Sons are streaming on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram on Wednesday 16th December 2020, they have produced a short video, which can be accessed from the details below. It includes a performance of a poem written by them, which is read by some of the families that have suffered bereavement during this time and by some of their staff members. <https://fb.watch/2oRZcC5odg/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVM01R-ofvk&t=8s>

Proposed Christmas Schedule of Holy Masses

Christmas Eve (Thurs 24th December)	6:00pm 12:00am	Vigil Mass (Children) Midnight Mass
Christmas Day (Fri 25th December)	8:30am 10:30am	Mass Mass
St. Stephen's Day (Sat 26th December)	9:15am 11:00am 6:30pm:	Mass Mass at Shalom Mass
Sunday 27th December	8:30am 10:30am	Mass Mass

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 Gummett, David Hull, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Ian Murrell, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Pat Price, Pauline Dansey, Renee Rae, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Tommy Cox and Veronica Francis.