

<b>First Sunday of Advent (C)</b> <b>Jer. 33: 14-16; Ps 24; 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36</b>	
<b>Sat. 27th November 2021</b>  <b>5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS</b> <b>6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY</b> 6:30pm: Fr. Michael Downey RIP	<b>Sunday 28th November 2021</b> (ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ - WHO RECEIVED THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL) 8:30am: People of the Parish <b>09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM</b> 10:30am: Fr. Ryan (Trombetti) <b>ZOOM</b>
<b>Monday 29th Nov. 2021 (Feria)</b> <b>07:30-9:00am: Adoration</b> 08:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Jeremiah John Callahan RIP FM	<b>ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE, PATRON OF SCOTLAND</b> <b>Tuesday 30th November 2021</b> <b>(07:30-9:00am: Adoration)</b> 9:15am: Holy Souls
<b>Weds. 1st Dec. 2021 (Feria)</b> <b>V. E. C. College Martyrs.</b> <b>07:30-09:00am: Adoration</b> 08:00 Holy Rosary 9:15am: Deceased Sisters (LSU)	<b>Thurs. 2nd Dec. 2021 (Feria)</b> <b>(07:30-9:00am: Adoration)</b> 08:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Gjonis Family SJS Yr. 3 & Yr. 4 attending
<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> <b>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST</b> <b>Friday 3rd December 2021</b> <b>07:30-9:00am: Adoration</b> 08:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Martin Murray RIP (Peggy Hagan)	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> <b>Sat. 4th December 2021 (Feria)</b> (ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH) 07:30: First Saturday devotions 9:15am: Private Intention (DG) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom
<b>Second Sunday of Advent (C)</b> <b>Bar. 5:1-9; Ps 125; Phil. 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 1-6</b>	
<b>Sat. 4th December 2021</b>  <b>5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS</b> <b>6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY</b> 6:30pm: Fr. Paul Sanders RIP	<b>Sunday 5th December 2021</b> 8:30am: John Seekings (Swanley Catenians) <b>09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM</b> 10:30am: People of the Parish <b>ZOOM</b>
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
John and Mrs. Cremin, Angela Mitchell, Jeremiah Callahan, Loraine Fielder, Daniel Darby, Bridget Kathleen Carter, Hugh Brennan, Sarah Fisher, Philip Harris, Louisa Byrne, Francis Connolly, Helen Cooper, Victoria Nicholls, Pamela Pimenta, Marie Toomey, Eleanor McDermott, Dennis Howie.	
YOUR LIBERATION IS NEAR AT HAND.	
We have no reason to fear the second coming of Christ if we allow God to teach us how to grow in holiness. We ask Him to help us to love one another with generosity and integrity. In this way we will be able to hold our heads high and have the strength necessary to survive all that will happen in our lives so that when the time comes we will stand in confidence before Christ and His Saints.	



## ST MARY OF THE CRAYS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Welcome - Worship - Witness



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*“Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:36*

### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

A.K.A. CONFESSIONS

NOW IN THE  
 RECONCILIATION ROOM  
 / CONFSSIONAL-  
 ON SATURDAYS

**\*\*5:00PM TO 6:00PM,\*\***

and WHENEVER  
**THE CHURCH IS OPEN,**  
 and BY APPOINTMENT,  
 and ON REQUEST.  
 PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL  
 TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.

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**SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 20TH/21ST NOVEMBER 2021**

**Gift Aid: £148.50 Loose Plate: £232.42 - 161 attended**

**Catholic Youth Work: Gift Aid: £17.00; Loose Plate: £19.80**

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David*

**THE SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**This weekend:** for **Flowers for the Church for Christmas.**

**Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number,** others please use one of the **Square Brown Envelopes** available at the Church Door. Thank you for your care and support. *Fr. David*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

The first Sunday of Advent is with us again, a curtain raiser, ushering in the new year of the Church. The season has a twofold character. It is a preparation for celebrating Christ's birth among us and a reminder of His second coming in glory, at the end of time. When Christ was born, His arrival into our world went unnoticed but for Mary and a faithful few who were prayerfully waiting for the Messiah to come among them. They had read the signs of the time correctly. The readings contain some valuable pointers warning us to be ready and prepared for His second coming. Let nobody be fooled, one fact remains true and pertinent: all roads in life lead to the Day of the Lord. During the run-up to Christmas we can benefit from giving some consideration to who we are, what we are doing with our lives and how we are approaching the one great test that really matters—our personal meeting with the Lord on judgement day. Our future very much depends on the way we are living at this moment. We are the masters of our own destiny.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA**

Come and join your Parish this Christmas for a special **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA** on Sunday 5th December, 12pm-3pm. Adults: £5; Children: £2.50 Mulled Wine: £1 and other fun activities and food and drinks.

We are also having **A CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** to raise funds for further expenditure in the Church. Tickets are available to buy or take away and sell to friends. The draw for the Raffle will also take place at the Afternoon Tea.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE RAFFLE AND AFTERNOON TEA TO HELP ST MARY'S PARISH.**

**APPEAL - CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED**

Churches Together in Crayford will be putting together a maximum of 30 Christmas Food Hampers for local families in need.

These families are known to Bexley Council and this year we are extending the scope to include families known through our schools and churches networks. Each hamper will have a value of £20.00 approx. and will be made up on the 11th 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Alex Rees.

**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.

*The 'Miraculous Medal' was given to Catherine Labouré in 1830>>>>*



**O Mary,  
conceived without sin,  
pray for us  
who have  
recourse to you.**

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

During Advent the Church makes an appeal for an improvement in our lives and for a new depth of sincerity to our religion. It calls on us to make a fresh start at building a closer relationship with Christ. Prayer, penance and works of mercy are necessary preparations for the coming of the Lord.

Advent is above all a time to deepen our friendship with God by thinking of His great love for us in sending His Son as our Saviour. It's only fitting that in return we should show our love for Him. If we do so our vision of Christ will become clearer and a driving force in our lives.

**TEAS AND COFFEES**

**AFTER SUNDAY HOLY MASS**

Our Parish gatherings for teas and coffees after Holy Mass on Sundays have now been reinstated. Please do stay after Holy Mass and enjoy some teas, coffees, cakes and biscuits in the company of your fellow parishioners.

**A DAY WITH MARY**

**ST. MARY'S WELLESLEY ROAD,  
CROYDON:**

**Sat. 11th December 2021**

**See notice board for  
further information.**

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

Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Barry Alfred Colville, Brendan Grimes, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer, Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Hermine Galibardy, Ivor Harper, Jack Pearce, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Luc Fitzpatrick, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Saunders, Mick Murphy, Pauline White, Renee Rae, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Tommy Cox, and **for all in the NHS and all continuing in self-isolation, quarantine, or are effected by the Covid-19 pandemic in other ways.**

**N. B. : PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO,  
WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**