

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:
THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- Q: What are
the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?
A: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:
(see Isaiah 11: 1 – 4)
- A: **Counsel (right judgement):**
the gift which moves us to act with prudence
(proper care and forethought), especially in
difficult cases;
- B: **Piety (reverence)**
(real and deep respect):
the gift which moves us to love God as our
Father and to have affection for all the per-
sons and things consecrated to Him;
- C: **Fear of the Lord (awe & wonder**
(in the Presence of the Lord)):
the gift which moves us to fear offending
God and being separated from Him Whom
we love;
- D: **Fortitude**
(courage, strength, power):
the gift which moves us to do great things for
God joyfully and without fear of difficulties
and obstacles;
- E: **Knowledge (science):**
the gift which move us to see things of this
world in their true perspective, in their rela-
tion to God;
- F: **Understanding (insight):**
the gift which moves us to a deeper insight
into the truths that God has revealed to us;
- G: **Wisdom, (knowing how to love):**
the gift which moves us to judge all things
human and divine, as God sees them and to
have relish *(great enjoyment)* for the things
of God.
- All the Gifts of the Holy Spirit make us
docile *(teachable)* and receptive *(open to*
receive) to the guidance of God and
the graces He sends us, and so enable us to
act quickly and easily in the performance of
His will.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:
THE FRUIT(S) (or HARVEST)
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

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| Love, | Charity, |
| joy, | joy, |
| peace, | peace |
| patience, | patience, |
| kindness, | kindness, |
| generosity, | generosity, |
| faithfulness, | faithfulness, |
| gentleness, | gentleness, |
| | goodness, |
| | modesty, |
| | chastity, |
| <i>and</i> | <i>and</i> |
| self-control, | self-control. |
- (Galatians 5: 22 –23)* *(cf. Galatians 5: 22 – 23*
& Catechism of the Catholic
Church: C.C.C.1832)
- THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT(S)
of Jesus Christ which sums up all of
the Ten Commandments:**
- “You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your mind,
with all your soul
and all your strength.”**
and:
“Love your neighbour as yourself.”
(see Mark 12: 30 – 31,
Matthew 22: 34 –49,
& Luke 20 39 – 40)
- THE NEW COMMANDMENT:**
**“...love one another ;
even as I have loved you,
that you also love one another.”**
(see John 13: 31 – 35).

+ JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH +

11th December 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT “GAUDETE SUNDAY” (A)
ST MARY OF THE CRAYS, CRAYFORD:
SUPPLEMENT TO THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

PLEASE USE THE PARISH MASS BOOKS, HYMN BOOKS & MASS CARDS
THE READINGS, ETC., FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A
CAN BE FOUND FROM PAGE: 88 also, Sprinkling with Holy Water: PAGE 62
THE ORDINARY OF THE HOLY MASS FROM PAGE: 7 and following

ADVENT:
a joyful and penitential period
of preparation
to welcome and to meet Jesus.
14 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS DAY.
and then
40 DAYS UNTIL THE PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE.
that is:
54 DAYS UNTIL CONFIRMATION:

So, may we call upon our Young People,
especially those to Receive the Fullness of
the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, our Con-
firmation Candidates, that they may help,
every weekend, from **this weekend of**
John the Baptist in various Ministries
and Services in the Church, as:

ALTAR SERVERS

- see Fr David after Holy Mass, for
training and preparation. Please come early,
and help, and *many thanks to all those who*
currently “ring the bell”;

READERS

- see or contact Mike Whitaker
mike@bramernic.com
for the preparation and practice, and let us
have two (2), or three (3) Readers at every
Holy Mass;

COLLECTORS

- see those who usually take up the
Collection, let us have four (4) at every Ho-
ly Mass;
Many thanks, Happy Advent preparations
to meet Our Lord Jesus!! Fr David.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER
ADVENT PILGRIMAGE

TOGETHER WITH OTHER
CHURCHES IN CRAYFORD:
Begin at St Paulinus at 4:00pm,
journey to St Mary’s and then
on to the Baptist Church
to finish about 5:00pm.

Sunday 18th December
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
in St Mary’s at 4:00pm

HOLY MASS AT CHRISTMAS 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5:00pm
Carols from 11:30pm
Midnight Mass: 12 midnight
CHRISTMAS DAY
In the Morning: 08:30am
10:30am

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:
before and after Holy Mass,
and from 5:00-6:00pm
on Saturdays, and on request.





Please say: THE "ADVENT" ANGELUS
Three times a day, everyday this Advent:

V: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;
R: **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

ALL: *Hail MARY, FULL OF GRACE,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
JESUS.
(pause)
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
NOW and AT THE HOUR
OF OUR DEATH. Amen.*

V: Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
R: **Be it done unto me,
according to thy word.**
ALL: *Hail Mary, ...*

*(Please, if you can, try and KNEEL,
or GENUFLECT, or BOW your head,
for this next verse...)*

V: AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH;
R: **AND DWELT AMONGST US.**
ALL: *Hail Mary, ...*

V: PRAY FOR US, O HOLY MOTHER OF GOD;
R: **THAT WE MAY BE MADE WORTHY
OF THE PROMISES OF CHRIST.**

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and + Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen."

*Traditionally the Angelus is said
THREE TIMES a Day:
at 6.00 in the morning,
at 12 noon and
at 6.00 in the evening.*

**Please say the following Prayer
everyday for the next 61 days**
to prepare **our Young People**
to **Receive the Fullness of**
the Holy Spirit in Confirmation,
and for those of us who are already
Confirmed in the Holy Spirit, to let and
allow the Holy Spirit of God to direct and
guide our actions, our lives, our hearts
and our minds in God's Will and ways:

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**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 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.**

**HOLY MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL,
defend us in battle. Be our safe-
guard against the wickedness and
snares of the devil. May God rebuke
him, we humbly pray; and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly host, by the
power of God cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits who wander
through the world seeking the ruin
of souls. Amen.**

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER:

**Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day (or night)
be at my side,
to light, to guard,
to rule and guide. Amen.**

**A PENITENTIAL SERVICE - NEXT FRIDAY EVENING- 16TH DECEMBER
2022 - with opportunities for INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION
at St Anselm's, West Hill, Dartford, (1.4 miles from here,
With 96, 428, and 492 bus routes, and large Carpark):**

Fr Stephen Boyle invites us to attend, especially families.

**"It is a great chance for devotions,
confession, and a social at the end.
It is a great way to prepare for Christmas."**

There are Confessions in the morning at 10:30am.
In the afternoon / evening:

3:30pm-4:30pm: Fr Jim Tolhurst
will hear confessions;

5:30pm-7:00pm,
and during the **7:00pm Holy Mass** if need be:
Fr Jim Tolhurst, Fr David Gummett and
Fr Henry Mukasa will be hearing confessions;

6:00pm Exposition and Adoration of
the Most Blessed Sacrament;

6:30pm-6:50pm Eucharistic Healing Service
with individual Benediction at the sanctuary;
6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion;

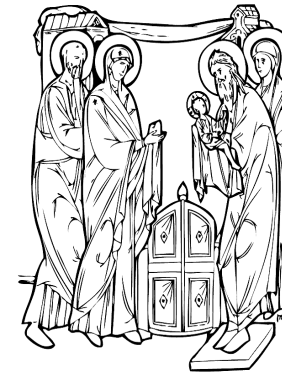
7:00pm HOLY MASS;

7:25pm Rosary;

7:45pm-8:30pm Games and Pizzas in the Hall.
Please bring £1 each. This is not a club night,
children must be accompanied.



**The Feast of the
Presentation of
the Lord in the
Temple is 40 days
after Christmas,
His Birthday.
May we too be
come accustomed
to Present our
new born Babes
for Baptism**



**as soon as possible and arrival into this
world ... within 40 days? The prepara-
tion could be done within the 9 months
after their Conception within the womb.**

**THE CATECHISM OF
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:
THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR**

**From Fr Mike Schmitz
from Ascension Presents:
Please Google:**

**The Catechism
in a Year
(with Fr. Mike
Schmitz)
Ascension Catholic
Faith Formation
on an Apple Podcast /
maybe on Facebook??
A Christmas Present
perhaps?**