

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

6th January: Friday -
The Epiphany of the Lord.
Blessing of Homes???

8th January: Sunday -
The Baptism of the Lord:
Where, when,
on what date,
and by whom
were you Baptised?

23rd January: Monday
The Espousals of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
to St Joseph.

2nd FEBRUARY: THURSDAY
THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD
(a.k.a.:
The Purification of
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
or, **CANDLEMAS**, when our
young people will receive
THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT IN CONFIRMATION
administered by CANON
VICTOR DARLINGTON V. G.,
Episcopal Vicar for
the S.E Area of London.

19th FEBRUARY: SUNDAY -
we will keep the Feast of
THE DEDICATION OF OUR
PRESENT PARISH CHURCH:
(22nd February 1987).
The Parish was founded
180 years ago in 1842;
Present Church Building
Foundation Stone laid on
29th April 1972;
Building opened:
6th December (or earlier ?) 1973!
That day we will hold:
AFTERNOON TEA and
Sale of Goods and
GRAND DRAW!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES
continued:

22nd February: Ash Wednesday -
Lent begins!

21st February: SHROVE TUESDAY -
the Episcopal Ordination of
Philip Moger in St George's
Cathedral Southwark.

25th March: Saturday -
THE ANNUNCIATION OF
THE LORD - a bigger
Feast than Christmas???
A DAY WITH MARY
in St Anselm's,
West Hill, Dartford.

2nd April: Palm Sunday
6th April: Holy Thursday;
7th April: Good Friday;
8th April: Easter Vigil;
9th April: Easter Sunday
16th April: Divine Mercy Sunday

27th May: Saturday -
the Vigil of Pentecost
A DAY WITH MARY
in St Mary of the Crays
in Mary's Month of May
c. 9:00am to 5:00pm.

11th June: Sunday -
CORPUS CHRISTI:
A BLESSED SACRAMENT
PROCESSION ??

The Requiem Mass for
HERMINE GALIBARDY
will take place on
Friday 13th January 2023
here, in St Mary of the Crays,
at 11:00am
followed by Burial in
St Paulinus's Cemetery
at 12:20pm.
*May Hermine
Rest in Peace and
Rise in Glory*

+ JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH +

18th December 2022 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A
CAN BE FOUND FROM **PAGE: 90** 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.*
7 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS DAY,
and then

40 DAYS UNTIL THE PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE,

that is:

47 DAYS UNTIL CONFIRMATION:

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

READERS

- please, see or contact
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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 Holy Mass;

*Many thanks, Happy Advent
preparations to meet Our Lord Jesus!!
Fr David.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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: 12:00am

CHRISTMAS DAY
In the Morning: 08:30am
10:30am

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:

Up to 15 minutes before
Holy Mass, and after Fr David
has seen the Children, and
from 5:00 to 6:00pm





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.**

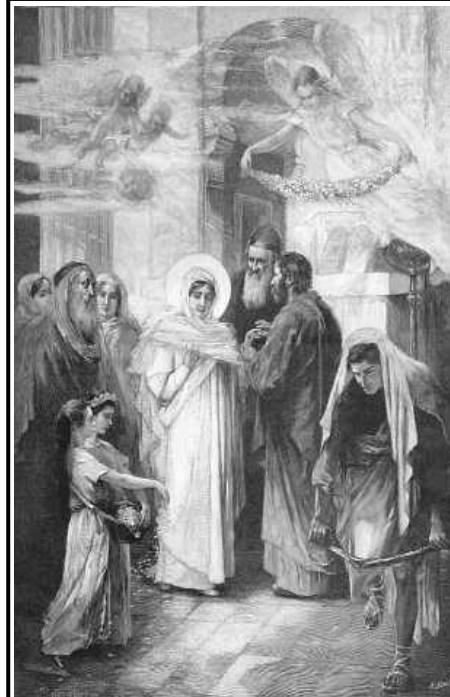
**R/: And You shall renew
the face of the earth.**

**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.**



THE BETROTHAL OF MARY AND JOSEPH

According to some Commentators, Betrothal was the Contractual element of the Marriage Rites and Ceremonies at that time, so, Mary was "Married" when the Angel Gabriel came to her at the Annunciation and Mary said her "Yes" to God's Will for her. The next part of the Wedding was for the Groom to take his Bride to their house to live together., which is what Joseph did after the Angel spoke to him in his dream and sleep.

According to a Gospel NOT accepted into the Official New Testament, Mary was entrusted to the Temple in Jerusalem from a very early age. As she became a young woman the High Priest had to find a suitable husband for her from the line of King David. The Suitors all brought their staffs into the Temple, and laid them in the

Sanctuary. The one that would flower would be the one chosen by Heaven to be the Husband of Mary. Joseph's Staff bloomed - hence he is most often portrayed as carrying a Staff that has flowers upon it. This would be why one can see, in the picture, a young man breaking his staff on his knee.

**23rd January is
THE ESPOUSALS OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

"When Mary arrived at the age when it was custom for Jewish maidens to leave the service of the Temple, the High Priest told her that a husband would be chosen for her. But Mary had already made a vow of virginity to God and God did not fail to fulfil the desires of His handmaid. She found, being espoused, that Joseph her spouse had, like her, made a vow of chastity, and that she could therefore dwell with him in perfect security."

*From page 1721 in the Baronius Press
The Roman Missal (1962)*

*"Feasts celebrated in particular places
and certain Religious Congregations."*

The above description of the Feast of the Espousals / Betrothal of Mary and Joseph may explain why Joseph, as MARY'S HUSBAND, was considering to **divorce Mary informally before they came to live together.** He would have believed her and not have thought that she had "cheated" on him. Also, believing Mary's account of the Annunciation, he may have considered himself to be unworthy of being the "legal Father" of the Son of God. **The man of dreams, "no words", but a "Man of Action" took his wife into his home.**

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF
THE MOTHER OF GOD: PRAY FOR US!**