### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

21st January: Saturday -A DAY WITH MARY at St Anselm's, West Hill, Dartford,

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
181 years ago in 1842;
The Present Church Building
Foundation Stone laid on
29th April 1972;
The Present Building
officially opened:
6th December 1973!
(Saint Nicholas - 'Santa Claus')

That day we will hold: AFTERNOON TEA, Sale of Goods and GRAND DRAW!

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

### Dates for your Diaries continued

22nd February: Ash Wednesday -Lent begins!

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

HOLY WEEK: 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

27<sup>th</sup> 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 ??

### **MISSIO - RED BOXES**

Please collect your emptied Red Boxes from the Table in the Reception area, as well as a FREE *Missio* Calendars for 2023.

Your Baptism / Christening:
Where (name the Church and town), and when (what date)
were you Baptised?
Do you still know and pray for your Godparents?
Do you pray for the priest, deacon or Bishop who gave you
New Life in Christ?

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### + Jesus, + Mary and + Joseph +

### 8th January 2023 - The Baptism of the Lord

The Cross of Jerusalem

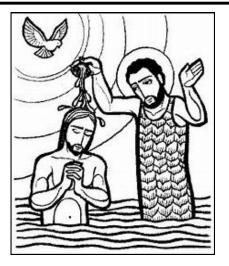
- portrays the Five major Wounds of Christ -Please, pray for the Peace of Jerusalem, Please, pray the Holy Rosary for the Peace of the whole World.

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 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD CAN BE FOUND FROM PAGE: 118

THE ORDINARY OF THE HOLY MASS FROM PAGE: 7 and following

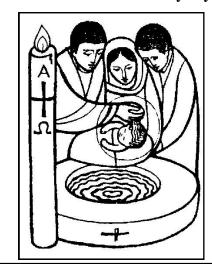


able to participate in the Holy sacrifice of the Mass, and our daily prayers and penances at home, school and work;

**PROPHETIC:** to share lovingly

the mighty works and words of God to a world that so needs God's Love and Life and Light at this time, even as infants!

PARENTS PRACTICING THE CATHOLIC FAITH weekly, and who pray and live the faith daily: PLEASE have your children baptised as soon as possible (quam primum) after the birth - within forty days.



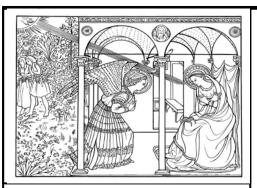
With the Lord's Baptism in the River Jordan by His cousin, John the Baptist, He gives us the gift of Baptism. God the Father calls each one of us His Beloved Son or Daughter in whom He is well-pleased. We are incorporated into Christ Himself and made Royal, Priestly and Prophetic people.

**ROYAL:** after the line of King

David;

**PRIESTLY:** to offer prayers and Sacrifices, not only for

ourselves but for all those we love and care about too, especially



### *Please say:* THE ANGELUS Three times a day, everyday:

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 3 WEEKS AND 4 DAYS (25 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.

HOLY MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard 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.

### <u>FURTHER FUNERALS IN THIS PARISH OF</u> <u>ST MARY OF THE CRAYS, CRAYFORD:</u>

5) The Requiem Mass for PATRICIA SMITH (R. L. MORGAN) will take place on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 11:30am followed by Committal at Eltham Crematorium at 1:15pm.

6) The Requiem Mass for SISTER MARY LYONS LSU will take place at Shalom Convent on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 11:00am followed by Burial in Brook

## THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR. WITH FR MIKE SCHMITZ

Q: "WHY DID GOD MAKE ME?
A: To know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this life and to be forever happy with Him in the next."

Do you know in Whom you put your faith? We are invited and welcomed to know our Faith in our heads and in our hearts, and to know God, personally, intimately.

FR MIKE SCHMITZ is producing a Podcast, everyday of this year of Our Lord 2023 to take us through the Catechism of the Catholic Church for about 20 minutes. In this we can learn and reflect and discover the immensity of God's great and personal love for each one of us. Please, try it and see:

THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR.



Please take some Blessed Chalk to Mark, around or near, and Bless the Door of your home:

20 + C + M + B 23 Christus, Mansionem Benedicat. "20 + Christ, + Bless + this House + 23 in this New Year of Our Lord 2023" or:

20 + Caspar, + Melchior, and + Balthasar + 23

# ST MARY OF THE CRAYS CHURCH JUBILEE RAFFLE / GRAND DRAW

Tickets: £ 1 each.
1st Prize £100;
2nd Prize £50;
3rd Prize £25,
with a further 5 prizes of £10

To be drawn at St Mary of the Crays Catholic Church on Sunday afternoon 19th February 2023

Please help: buy and / or sell tickets for this Parish Fundraising event. All proceeds will be used for ongoing Church needs. Thank you,

Fr David.