

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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.

22nd February 2023: ASH WEDNESDAY A Day of Fasting and Abstinence., prayer and penance



PALMS FOR ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ...

Please bring in your Palms from last year's Palm Sunday so that we might burn them and create the Ashes for Ash Wednesday: 22nd February 2023.

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+ JESUS, + MARY AND + JOSEPH +

5th February 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING'S YEAR OF JUBILEE: 7 X 7 YEARS

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) YEAR OF ST MATTHEW CAN BE FOUND FROM PAGE: 133 THE ORDINARY OF THE HOLY MASS FROM PAGE: 7 and following

OUR CHURCH BUILDING HAS A GOLDEN JUBILEE THIS YEAR:

The Year of Jubilee: Seven times Seven Years, A Sabbath Of Sabbath Years, a time of Rest and Recreation, a time to sound the "Yohbel", The Ram's Horn Trumpet, or "shofar",

a Year of Promises, a Year of the Covenant,

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

8 "You shall count seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years. 9 Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land. 10 And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan. 11 That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of itself nor gather the grapes from the undressed vines. 12 For it is a jubilee. It shall be holy to you. You may eat the produce of the field.

13 "In this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his property. **14** And if you make a sale to your neighbour or buy from your neighbour, you shall not wrong one another. **15** You shall pay your neighbour according to the number of years after the jubilee, and he shall sell to you according to the number of years for crops. **16** If the years are many, you shall increase the price, and if the years are few, you shall reduce the price, for it is the number of the crops that he is selling to you. **17** You shall fear your God, for I am the LORD your God.

18 "Therefore you shall do my statutes and keep my rules and perform them, and then you will dwell in the land securely. **19** The land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and dwell in it securely. **20** And if you say, 'What shall we eat in the seventh year, if we may not sow or gather in our crop?' **21** I will command my blessing on you in the sixth year, so that it will produce a crop sufficient for three years. **22** When you sow in the eighth year, you will be eating some of the old crop; you shall eat the old until the ninth year, when its crop arrives.

(Leviticus 25: 8-22. English Standard Version)



St Mary Of The Crays 50 Year Anniversary

*Please come along and join the celebration
with your Parish Family and friends*

Sunday 19th February 2pm - 5pm

ST MARY OF THE CRAYS CHURCH HALL

114 Old Road, Crayford, DA1 4DZ

Afternoon Tea: £7.50 Adults, £3.50 Children

Family Ticket £20.00

Stalls, Bouncy Castle & Raffle

*(if you have special dietary requirements
please let us know in advance)*

**1973 -2023 The beginning of the GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR of
ST MARY'S CHURCH and PARISH CENTRE BUILDING
officially opened on 6th DECEMBER 1973.**

So we may say:

*“Here,
God ‘has pitched His Tent
among us’,
Mother Mary has spread
her Mantle and made
her home with us,
and St Joseph, the builder,
works with us
and teaches us.”*



Not an “Award Ceremony”,
or “Graduation”, or “Finale”,
or a “Rite of Passage”,
or a “Life Ceremony Event”,
but a Freely-Given-Gift from God,
and a Freely-Given-Gift OF
GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF
to 13 young people who prepared
to receive **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Canon Victor Darlington,
Episcopal Vicar for
the S. E. London Area of Southwark
Archdiocese, came to us
on Thursday 2nd February.

It was the Feast of the Presentation
of Our Lord in the Temple,
(also known as: *the Purification of
the Blessed Virgin Mary,*
also known as: “Candlemas”).

**Canon Victor conferred
the Sacrament of Confirmation
on these young people.**

**He Prayed over them and
Anointed them with
the Sacred Oil of Chrism.**

**He Sealed them with
the Gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**They received the special strength
of the Holy Spirit
to spread and defend
the Catholic Faith
by word and action
as a true witness of Christ,
to confess the Name of Christ
boldly, and never to be ashamed
of the Cross.**

***MAY ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN
AND ARE CONFIRMED AND SEALED
WITH THE GIFT OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT
BE EVER FAITHFUL IN THE SERVICE
OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHURCH.
AMEN!***