

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

**21st February: SHROVE TUESDAY – 12:30pm 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:**



**“The age at which ABSTINENCE** (that is: not eating meat) becomes binding is fourteen.

**THE OBLIGATION OF FASTING** is restricted to those who have completed their eighteenth year and it continues until they have begun their sixtieth.

**Fasting and Abstinence are binding throughout the Church on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (7th April).  
LENT BEGINS.**

**Diocesan Lenten Retreat  
Archdiocese of Southwark  
Lenten Retreat, 2023:**

**“RENEWED IN HOPE”:**

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for the Diocesan Lenten Retreat

**“RENEWED IN HOPE”.**

Every week you will receive an email with links to a 20 minute video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat programme and a witness will speak of the relevance in their daily life. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to have to do is sign up here

<http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>

set aside what space you can for reflection and join us in being Renewed in Hope!

**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER -**

This new ONLINE course, has been developed collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and Sycamore. It is a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang. Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for: **married couples** to enrich their friendship and love; **engaged couples** who have **completed their marriage preparation course** and want to continue exploring their faith together.

**The Lenten course** runs on **Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 and continuing on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Mar and 4<sup>th</sup> Apr.**

To register go to:

**Growing in Faith Together  
Agency for Evangelisation and  
Catechesis (rcaos.org.uk)**

**CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**  
CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at

<https://cafod.org.uk/give>

**THE FIRST CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:**

**“They remained faithful to the teaching of the Apostles, (the Creed, Morals, Gospel,) to the Brotherhood, (Fellowship) to the Breaking of Bread, (The Holy Mass) and to the Prayers (Intercession).**

They were together and had all things in common, they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. They met in their house for the Breaking of Bread, and shared their food gladly and generously. They praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those who were to be saved.”

*Act of the Apostles 2: 42, 44-47.*

*From the opening page of the Souvenir Booklet 1973*



**+ JESUS, + MARY AND + JOSEPH +**

**19th February 2023**

**THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE PARISH  
CHURCH OF ST MARY OF THE RAYS, CRAYFORD.**

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

**ST MARY OF THE CRAYS, CRAYFORD:**

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

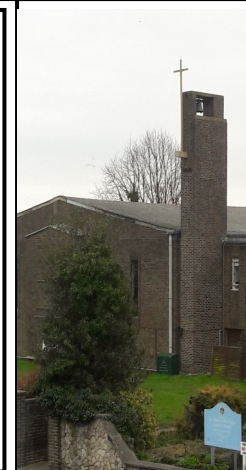


**PLEASE USE THE PARISH MASS BOOKS, HYMN BOOKS & MASS CARDS**

**THE READINGS, ETC., FOR THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH  
THE ORDINARY OF THE HOLY MASS FROM PAGE: 7 and following**

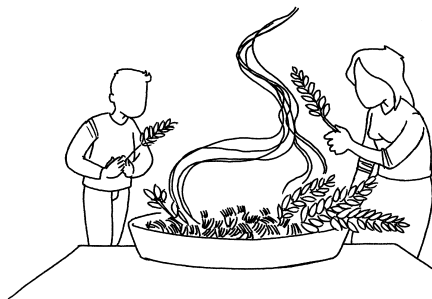
**OUR CHURCH BUILDING HAS A  
GOLDEN JUBILEE THIS YEAR:**

**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**



The final words from the end of Father (Canon) Jeremiah Cronin's Souvenir Booklet for the official Opening of the New St Mary of the Crays, Crayford, Kent, in 1973, half a century ago:

**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:**



**“Ideally, THE NEW CHURCH CENTRE SHOULD BE A FOCAL POINT, not only for all the Catholics in the area, but also for the whole community, RAISING THE CROSS OF CHRIST ON HIGH, drawing to God in a growing understanding of each other and of the needs of all.**

Because it's people that matter - the people who have lived all their lives in Crayford, and the newcomers (and not-so-newcomers). And our task, as a Christian community in Crayford, is to work for the good of all, whether they share our beliefs or not.

**But we won't fulfil our task here - that comes with the Resurrection!”**



An exhibition dedicated to **THE TURIN SHROUD**, featuring a life-size replica and various attendant exhibits, will be coming to our Archdiocese in February, visiting

**The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George at Southwark (12-27 February).**

So as to encourage all of us in our pursuit of the supernatural bond of charity and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ in His Sacred Passion, and pursuant to norm 7, 1° of the *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, I grant a partial indulgence to Christ's faithful in the Archdiocese of Southwark according to the usual conditions (See the Decree on Noticeboard)

**'FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**

**would like to thank all parishioners who raised £160.52 through the church collections, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remem-**

Available on **DAB+** radio in Greater London (**RADIO MARIA ENGLAND**), the **Radio Maria Play** app for smartphones and tablets, the live-player on [www.radiomariaengland.uk](http://www.radiomariaengland.uk) and the Amazon Alexa device. Podcasts are available through Anchor, Spotify, Google and other podcast providers.

**THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**

*Here is a bed time prayer to prepare us to see God "face to face" in glory, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth:*

**+ J. M. J. +**

**V/: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:**

**R/: I give You my heart and my soul.**

**V/: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:**

**R/: Assist me in my last agony.**

**V/: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:**

**R/: May I sleep and take my rest in peace with You.**

**AMEN.**

**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.**



[photo of The Crucified, but now Risen-from-the-Dead Christ, Ascending and returning to the Father in Heaven with uplifted hands interceding and praying for us all]

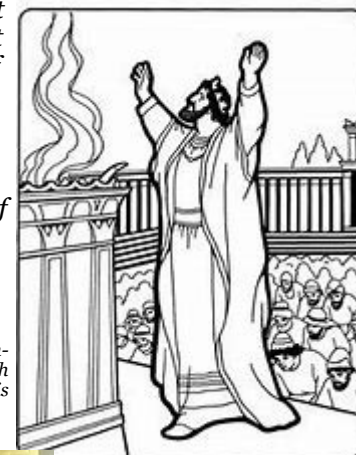
"Pope John Paul II teaches: *Any church is your house and the House of God. Value it as the place where we encounter our common Father. The church*

*building is assign of the Church-Assembly. The congregation is formed by living stones—men and women consecrated to God by their Baptism. The Church Building is the place where the Christian community gathers together to hear the Word of God, to offer up prayers of petition and praise, and , in a principal way, to celebrate the Sacred Mystery of our Faith. The Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, a unique image of the Church is Reserved here. The Altar is surrounded by people made holy by participating in the sacrifice of the Lord and nourished by the celestial Banquet.*

*The august Sacrament is a sign of Christ, Who is Priest, Host and the Altar of His own sacrifice."*

*See Decree  
29 May 1977*

*From: In Conversation with God, Francis Fernandez, Vol: 7, p. 250*



[King Solomon Consecrates / Dedicates the First Temple in Jerusalem, 10th Century B.C. (Before Christ).]

**Here,  
God lives among us.  
Here, in this place,  
we meet God.  
Here, in this place ,  
we meet with one another to worship the  
God Who made us  
and Who cares for us  
everyday.**

