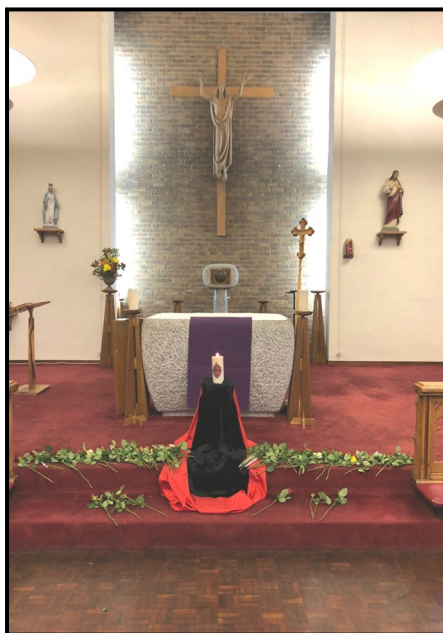




Here are images after
THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
 held on Sunday 19th November
 when we remembered
 especially all those beloved
 Parishioners who have died within
 the last year and all those we
 wished to recall with Scripture
 Readings, prayers, hymns, lighting
 candles and placing a rose
 before the Altar of God.

**Eternal rest grant unto them,
 O Lord, and let perpetual light
 shine upon them.**

**May they rest in peace.
 May their souls, and the souls
 of all the faithful departed
 through the mercy of God rest
 in peace. Amen.**



**3. + J. M. J. +
 Sunday 26th November 2023
 NOVEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO
 ST MARY OF THE CRAYS
 NEWSLETTER**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES PLEASE:

**Sunday 3rd December
 First Sunday of Advent.**

**Saturday 9th December 12PM-3PM
 CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA**

**Saturday 16th December
 Churches Together in Crayford
 ADVENT PILGRIMAGE
 between the 3 Churches 4:00pm**

**SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER:
 AROUND 3PM**

**Parish CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW
 will be held in the SOCIAL CLUB**

Also:

**SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER
 AT 4:00PM
 PARISH CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH**

**HOLY MASSES
 23rd, 24th & 25th December:**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Saturday 23rd December
 6:30pm and
 8:30am and 10:30am on
 Sunday 24th December**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:
 Sunday 24th December
 5:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass;
 12 midnight: Midnight Mass**

**CHRISTMAS DAY:
 Monday 25th December
 8:30am and 10:30am**

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
 THE SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC
 YOUTH SERVICE**

**has re-launched several activities in
 2024 for those aged 10-35.**

For more details about what is on offer,
 please sign up to

our network at
[tinyurl.com/
 scysnetwork](https://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork)
 or scan
 the QR code
 to receive
 regular updates.



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
 KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



**THE FINAL JUDGEMENT:
 Please see Matthew 25: 31-46.**

4 THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord
declared unto Mary.

**R. And she conceived
of the Holy Spirit.**

HAIL MARY, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
JESUS.

**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.**

HAIL MARY. . .

(please kneel or bow for the next verse)

V. And THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH.

R. AND DWELT AMONG US.

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 Thee,
O Lord, Thy grace into our
hearts, that we to whom
the Incarnation of Christ
Thy Son was made known
by the message of an angel,
may by His Passion and**

(make the Sign of the Cross)

**+ Cross be brought to
the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ
Our Lord. AMEN.**



5:

CHRIST THE KING AND YOU:

Before King Charles was crowned King he was anointed as the LORD'S ANOINTED. So solemn was this that it took place behind screens and was not seen by others even in Westminster Abbey. The anointing was possibly more sacred than the Crowning itself.

When you were Baptised, you were 'Christened' ANOINTED twice: once before and again after Baptism. Before with the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of 'Learner-but-not-yet-Christians', and afterwards with THE SACRED OIL OF CHRISM, and you were ANOINTED, that is: 'CHRIST-ED',
AS PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING!

Before Baptism, on your breast, and at Infant Baptism before 1969, also on your shoulders to prepare and strengthen you.

After Baptism, on the Crown of your head - you were 'crowned'!

**OIL OF CATECHUMENS:
PRE-BAPTISMAL ANOINTING:**

After 1969:

"We anoint you with oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour; May He strengthen you with His power Who lives and reigns for ever and ever."
R/: Amen.

He anoints the child on the breast with the oil of catechumens."

After the Baptism, that is: the pouring of the water and invocation of the Most Holy Trinity: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:

**OIL OF SACRED CHRISM
POST-BAPTISMAL ANOINTING:**

After 1969:

"The God of power and the Father

of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and brought you to new life through water and the Holy Spirit.

He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation, so that, united with His people, so you may remain forever a member of Christ Who is PRIEST, PROPHET and KING.
R/: Amen.

Next, the celebrant anoints the child on the crown of the head with chrism, in silence."

Do you see, and do you now know, what a high and noble dignity was given to you at your Baptism / Christening? You were made 'ANOTHER CHRIST' incorporated into JESUS THE CHRIST. And as we are reminded by our Altar Servers:

**CUI SERVIRE, EST REGNARE!
(TO SERVE IS TO REIGN!
also, TO REIGN IS TO SERVE!)**

We have been called and set aside, consecrated by God, and to God, to serve God and the others in this life as members of the Royal family of King David, to worship God in the priesthood of the faithful, and to prophesy, that is: to speak God's Holy Word and Holy Will to others

Will you let Christ reign in your heart and mind, body and soul, and be the Lord of your House and Home, your work, rest and play?

**LORD JESUS,
BE THE KING OF MY LIFE AND
EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING I LOVE.
REIGN IN MY FAMILY AND
IN OUR HOME TOGETHER.
DIRECT AND RULE
EVERYONE OF MY ACTIONS
AND EVERYONE OF MY THOUGHTS.
MAY GOD'S WILL BE DONE IN ME
AND IN ALL HIS CREATURES,
ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!**