

**THE SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC  
YOUTH SERVICE  
has re-launched  
several activities in 2024  
for those aged 10-35.**

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**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.**

**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.

**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.

**MEMORARE**

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petition, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

**SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM**

WE FLY TO THY PATRONAGE,  
O holy Mother of God.  
Despise not our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us from all dangers,  
O ever-glorious and blessed Virgin.

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Sunday 10 December 2023  
ADVENT 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**

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**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



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
PRAY FOR US.**

**The Statue and Grotto  
were blessed at 12:15pm  
on Saturday 9th December 2023,  
the day after the Feast of  
the Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
when we recalled how Mary,  
from the moment of  
her first existence, from her  
Conception, was conceived  
in her Mother's womb,  
without the stain of Original Sin.**

**ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS  
PRAY FOR US.**

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.



WITHOUT SIN PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE.” Our Lady stands upon the globe, the world crushing the head of the serpent that tempted Eve in the garden of Eden. It is a struggle between good and evil. The light and grace of Christ flows from her hands. On the reverse of the medal a large ‘M’ is surmounted by a Cross. Mary was at the foot of her Son’s Cross on Calvary. She became the Mother of the people of God, founded on the twelve Apostles, the twelve stars around the side. The two hearts show the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary , pierced with a sword.

In 1854 Pope Pius IX formally defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In 1858, Our Lady appeared to 14 year old Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes 18 times and confirmed the Pope’s declaration with the words: “I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION” on the 25th March.



Our Lady, Mary, the Mother of God, appeared to a novice of the Daughters of Charity, Catherine Laboure on 18th July 1830. Later Mother Mary asked her to have a medal made to remind people of the love and protection Our Lady offer us. Wearing the medal is a gesture of our acceptance. The medal is shown above: “O MARY CONCEIVED

