

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

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regular
updates.



You are invited

ST CATHERINE'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Senior Citizens' Advent
Tea Party
Friday 8th December
1.30-3.00pm

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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 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.

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

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Sunday 3rd 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

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

'THE SEASON OF ADVENT

'Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

'During Advent the playing of the organ and other musical instruments, as well as floral decoration of the altar, should be marked by a moderation that reflects the character of the season, but does not anticipate the full joy of Christmas.

'Advent is a season apt for reflecting on Mary, the Mother of God in the role in our redemption. Traditionally, the Anthem 'Alma Redemptoris Mater' is sung after Compline until 1st February.

'The new lectionary cycle for Sundays begins, that is (B), the year of Mark. [...] 'The Gloria ...' is not said in seasonal Masses in Advent.'

(from the Diocesan Directory 2023)



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.

**22 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS DAY,
and then 40 DAYS UNTIL
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
IN THE TEMPLE,**

**that is: 65 DAYS UNTIL THE END
OF THE OLD CHRISTMAS SEASON.**

**LIKE THE BOY SHEPHERD, DAVID,
who became the great King of Is-
rael, we can learn from our earliest
of years to struggle against the Pow-
ers and Principalities who are
against like Goliath and the Philis-
tines. We too have FIVE SMOOTH
PEBBLES to take from the Stream of
the River of Life to combat against
our Goliaths:**

1:
**Daily Pray the Rosary from the
Heart, and in the Family;**

2:
**Daily read the Bible
within the Family;**

3:
**Daily, take part in the Holy Mass,
if you are able, and if not, then as
a minimum:
at least EVERY SUNDAY
(or Saturday evening)
EVERY WEEK;**

4:
**Weekly, do some penance by
fasting on bread and water on
Wednesdays and Fridays
- Fridays are "Meat-free" days in
England and Wales anyway;**

5:
**Monthly, Confess your sins
in the Sacrament of
Reconciliation,
Pardon and Peace.**

**PARISH REPOSITORY
- THE PARISH SHOP:**

- Is your Bible "CATHOLIC"?
*(Does it have Baruch, Judith,
1 and 2 Maccabees, Sirach,
Tobit and Wisdom , in it?)*

Do you have:

- a CHRISTMAS CRIB (Creche) for your
home?

- a CRUCIFIX in your home?

- a "RELIGIOUS"
ADVENT CALENDAR?

- a ROSARY in your pocket or bag?

- a CATECHISM OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE
to learn and know the Faith?

- Please have a look inside our
PARISH SHOP / REPOSITORY

- and ...

there are "Religious" CHRISTMAS
CARDS and ADVENT CALENDARS for sale
in the Reception Area after every Holy
Mass in the doors of THE CHILDREN'S
LITURGY ROOM - please help buying
cards to support the Parish.

