

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Jer. 31: 31-34; ps. 50; Heb. 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33

<p>Saturday 16th March 2024 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Cathy Bull RIP (Dianne Marriner)</p>	<p>Sunday 17th March 2024 <i>(St. PATRICK, BISHOP OF IRELAND)</i> 8:00: Holy Rosary 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Andrew Dooley RIP (J McCormack)</p>
<p>Mon. 18th March 2024 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Albert South and Winn Miller RIP FM</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH Tues. 19th March 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Bernie Youngs RIP (Hull) SJS Whole School Mass</p>
<p>Weds. 20th March 2024 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Peter Burrows RIP n/s <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i> 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Terence Horgan RIP (LSU)</p>	<p>Thurs. 21st March 2024 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls (Gjoni) <i>followed by</i> Miraculous Medal Novena</p>
<p>Fri. 22nd March 2024 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Gary Fletcher RIP (Jim Saunders) 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>Sat. 23rd March 2024 (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom</p>

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD (B)

Mark 11: 1-10; Is. 50: 4-7; Ps. 21; Phil. 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1-15, 47

<p>Saturday 23rd March 2024 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Maureen Saunders RIP (Jim Saunders)</p>	<p>Sunday 24th March 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary 8:30am: Nina Smith RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish</p>
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ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

William Scanlon, William Handford, Mary Donnelly, William Ryan, Len Williams, Arthur Wilkinson, Winn Miller, Elizabeth Mullane, Mercedes Rosso, Fr. Vivian St. Clare Hill, Kathleen Boulding, Albert South, Mary Kenneally, Mary Brennan, John Baillie, Florence Hackney, Jack Smith, Marilyn Bean, Archibald Gibson, Delia McHugh, William Field, Larry Challis, Elizabeth Redmond, Martin Cahill.

I WILL WRITE MY LAW ON THEIR HEARTS.

Christ, like the grain of wheat which dies in order to produce new life, dies for us. Following His example we must realise that if we want eternal life we must be prepared to give our lives to God. He writes His law in our hearts and we submit humbly to His Will even when it causes us pain. We obey through suffering. There is no greater school in which to grow in holiness.



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“... I tell you most solemnly,
 unless a wheat grain
 falls on the ground
 and dies, it remains
 only a single grain;



**BUT IF IT DIES,
 IT YIELDS A RICH HARVEST.”**

(John 12:24)



**SACRAMENT OF
 PENANCE -
 CONFESSION -**

**SATURDAYS
 5PM TO 6PM
 also, WHENEVER
 THE CHURCH
 IS OPEN, and
 ON REQUEST**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 9TH/10TH MARCH 2024

Gift Aid: £135.70; Card: £10.00; Loose Plate: £217.45 ATTENDANCE: 209
Building Fund: Gift Aid:£211.00; Card: £45.00; Loose Plate: £721.08
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for Poor Parishes.

This collection will enable the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Archdiocese.

Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the Square Brown Envelopes available at the Church Door.

PLEASE ADD YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER. YOUR DONATION CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE GIFT AID SCHEME IF YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER IS NOT ON THE ENVELOPE.

Thank you for your care and support. *Fr. David.*

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In the Gospel Christ speaks His thoughts out loud and expresses repugnance for the terrible ordeal before Him. His soul is troubled at the prospect of Calvary and He is tempted to pray for deliverance from it. However He cannot ask to be spared His agony as God's Kingdom will only come through crucifixion and death. His moment of greatest influence will be when He is lifted up on the cross with arms outstretched to embrace all the world.

Every Christian is called to live out the passion of Jesus Christ in his own life. Following Christ means travelling the same road, laying down our lives, and leaving everything completely in the hands of God the Father.

THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH, THE SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

and the foster-father of Jesus. His important mission in God's plan of salvation was to be the father and guardian of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD LENTEN LUNCH

St. Paulinus Youth Hall:

Wednesday 20th March at 12 noon.

PLEASE COME FOR A FRUGAL LUNCH OF SOUP, BREAD AND CHEESE AND CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION: MARCH 2024:

For New Martyrs:
Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A weekend away for a lifetime of change

The next weekend is 12-14 April 2024 at Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex.

Please see the notice board for more information.

DONATION TO THE BUILDING FUND

A big thank you to the **10.30am Tea Club** who have donated **£100.00** to the Building Fund.

This is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

St. Mary of the Cray's Community Social Club

Please note our Easter weekend opening hours:

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH: Closed.

HOLY SATURDAY 30TH MARCH: Closed.

EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH: normal hours: 12 noon to 4pm.

FUTURE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL: Andy's Quiz Night.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2024/25

The new Gift Aid Boxes will be available to collect after all Masses this weekend **16TH/17TH MARCH** and next weekend **23RD/24TH MARCH**. Please can all members of the Gift Aid Scheme who pay by standing order and offering envelope please see either Michael Whitaker or Alex Rees in the **Reception Area** to collect their boxes.

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If you are a Tax Payer and would like to join our Gift Aid Scheme, you need only fill in the form that is available in the Church entrance with a few details. Please place the form in the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Please note that every £5.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £6.25 to St. Mary's. Thank you.

**RETOUVAILLE: DO YOU NEED HELP IN YOUR MARRIAGE?**

Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**100 CLUB WINNERS**

**MARCH 2024: £45**

**39:** Antoinette Trombetti

**49:** Pamela Pimenta

**FLAME 2025**

Flame is the largest Catholic Youth event in the UK, featuring guest speakers, award-winning musicians, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration and much more. The event is open to those from school year 9 to university age. The Archdiocese has purchased a block booking. Details on how to book are available at [www.tinyurl.com/flame25](http://www.tinyurl.com/flame25).

**Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:**

Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Jackie Santo, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Mick Murphy, Pat Goodwin, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

**PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**