

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**  
**Acts 9: 26-31; Ps. 21; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8**

<b>Saturday 27th April 2024</b> 5:00 - 6:00pm: <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6:00 - 6:20pm <b>HOLY ROSARY</b> 6:30pm: Betty O'Sullivan RIP (Betty Coyne)	<b>Sunday 28th April 2024</b> 8:00: <b>Holy Rosary</b> 8:30am: Cathy Bull RIP (Coombs) 10:30am: People of the Parish
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE <b>Monday 29th April 2024</b> 8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Fr. John Ryan wellbeing	<b>Tues. 30th April 2024</b> (Feria) 8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Gay Woods wellbeing
<b>St. Joseph the Worker</b> <b>Wednesday 1st May 2024</b> 8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Fr. Michael Peters RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Terence Horgan RIP (LSU)	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church <b>Thursday 2nd May 2024</b> 9:15am: Holy Souls Gjon
<b>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</b> <b>First Friday</b> <b>Friday 3rd May 2024</b> 9:15am: Cathy Bull RIP (Hughes)	<b>The English Martyrs</b> <b>First Saturday</b> <b>Saturday 4th May 2024</b> 7:15am First Saturday Devotions 8:15am: Private Intention (DG) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**  
**Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44, 48; Ps. 97; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17**

<b>Saturday 4th May 2024</b> 5:00 - 6:00pm: <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6:00 - 6:20pm <b>HOLY ROSARY</b> 6:30pm: Peter Minton RIP (Family)	<b>Sunday 5th May 2024</b> 8:00: <b>Holy Rosary</b> 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Deceased members of Clark and Samtana Families
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**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

M. Steel, Margaret Byrne, Tom Carter, Michael Keely, John Totman, Ann Bye, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Norman Grainger, Margaret Griffith, Kathleen Twomey, Thomas Keaveney, Sister Doreen Shepherd, Ernest Rice, Kitty Geaney, Laura Jayne Roper, Ivy Taylor, Ellen Regan, May Irwin, Charles Hughes, Bridget Hemenstall, Julia Charteris, Marjorie Masters, Norah Cullen.

**JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE.**

We are to share the life of God through grace. It is like the sap in the branches that comes to them from the vine. If we really love God then we must allow Christ into our lives which we share with him. By keeping his commandment of love God will live in us.



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I AM THE VINE,  
 YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.  
 WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME,  
 WITH ME IN HIM,  
 BEARS FRUIT IN PLENTY;

FOR CUT OFF FROM ME  
 YOU CAN DO  
 NOTHING.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSIONS**  
**SATURDAYS 5pm to 6pm**  
 also,  
**WHENEVER THE CHURCH IS OPEN,**  
 and  
**ON REQUEST**

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**SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 20TH/21ST APRIL 2024**

**Gift Aid: £223.50; Card: £80; Loose Plate: £366.76 ATTENDANCE: 228  
Priest Training: Gift Aid: £149.15; Card: £18; Loose Plate: £214.17**

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**This weekend:** for the **MAINTENANCE OF ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.**

The Cathedral is the mother Church of the Archdiocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of upkeep of the Cathedral.

**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.*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

If Jesus is to have an effect on the world, it is through His followers, living in such a way that people will see the hand of God at work in the most ordinary situations in our lives. Christ is dependent upon us being His hands and His voice carrying the lamp of his redemption to others. The greatest contribution each one of us can make to the wellbeing of the Church is to allow Christ's love to seep into our own life blood. If we live in Christ and He lives in us the fruit we can bear is beyond imagining. It's an occasion to reflect on the depth of our personal inward enduring commitment to the Gospel because, apart from Jesus, there can be no lasting growth. God demands a lot from His children in expecting them to make the Church a vibrant community by living good and fruitful lives.

**ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

For over half a century, St. George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St. George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St. George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London.

Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN  
CRAYFORD FOOD BANK**

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to the **8.30AM MASS TEA CLUB** who have donated a further **£75.00** to the CTiC Food Bank. This is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Alex.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER  
INTENTION: MAY 2024**

*FOR THE FORMATION OF MEN AND WOMEN  
RELIGIOUS, AND SEMINARIANS*

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

**ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S  
COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB**

The Governing Body give notice that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Social Club will be held on **THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024** at **7PM** in the Parish Room.

All members are invited to attend, and should there be any questions or comments you wish to raise please advise in advance to Peter Coward.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2024/2025**

The new Tax Year has begins this weekend, please start to use your new envelopes.

If you haven't yet received your Gift Aid Box, please collect from Mike Whitaker or Alex Rees as soon as possible.

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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.

**PARISH SECRETARY REQUIRED  
AT OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS,  
ERITH**

Part time position: 15+ Hours per Week supporting the Parish Priest and subsequent team of Priests and Volunteers with all administrative tasks. If this opportunity is of interest, please contact the Parish office for more information  
**erith@rcaos.org.uk**

**REPOSITORY / CHURCH SHOP**

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books, Prayer Cards, Bibles, Missals, Rosaries and many other items. It is open before and after Holy Mass at Weekends and throughout the week

**100 CLUB**

Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is most appreciated.

**DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2024  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESE**

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate**, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on **Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm.** The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on **07957-594646** for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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

Anita Claridge, 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, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, 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?**