

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Neh. 8: 2-6, 8-10; Ps. 18; 1 Cor. 12: 12-30; Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

Saturday 25th January 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Sean Tansey - good health	Sunday 26th January 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary 8:30am: Prayer for Divine Healing (E. Uchendu) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 27th Jan. 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mary Henry RIP (Angie Greene)	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Tues. 28th January 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mary Coughlan Intention
Weds. 29th Jan. 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Eileen Byrne RIP (K. Jones) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom	Thurs. 30th Jan. 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST Friday 31st January 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: In Thanksgiving (B. Farrelly)	FIRST SATURDAY Saturday 1st February 2025 7:30am: First Saturday Devotions 8:15am: Private Intention (DG) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (C) (Candlemas) Mal. 3: 1-4; Ps. 23; Heb. 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40	
Saturday 1st February 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Teddy Murphy Birthday	Sunday 2nd February 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Thanksgiving (Le Blanc)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Hannah Dwyer, Maureen Corbett-Smith, Mary Mathews, Winifred Challis, Elizabeth Jane Johnson, Margaret Hoey, Kathleen Mitchell, Thomas Patman Cox, Con Murphy, Paul Walker, Norah Holmes, William Looker, Elsie and Herbert Parker, Harry Murrell, Charles Foley, Laraine Selwood Taylor, Christina Gleeson, Sister Harrison, Ellie Hesson, Mary Houlahan.

YOU TOGETHER ARE CHRIST'S BODY.

We all belong to the Church of which the head is Christ. Just as the human body is made up of many parts all of which are interdependent, so we too are dependent on each other and ultimately on Christ. The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we may bring the Good News to the poor. In our lives we witness to the fulfilling of God's promises in the Holy Scripture.

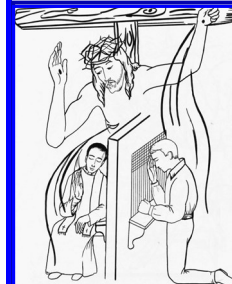


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Unrolling the scroll
 He found the place
 where it is written:



The Spirit of the Lord
 has been given to me,
 for He has anointed me.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION -
SATURDAYS 5PM TO 6PM
 also, **WHENEVER THE CHURCH IS OPEN, and ON REQUEST**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 18TH/19TH JANUARY 2025:

Gift Aid: £274.50; Card: £40; Loose Plate: £116.31 ATTENDANCE: 178

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for **LEPRA** for **WORLD LEPROSY DAY.**

8th/9th February: for **THE BUILDING FUND.**

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.

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When He had the full attention of the of the congregation, He calmly and deliberately announced, *"This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen"*.

It was a declaration that the moment of salvation had arrived and that He was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfilment of Israel's hopes and dreams.

The effect was stunning as the locals tried to come to terms with the fact that the Holy One of God had turned out to be one of their own. The hope of ages had been born in their midst.

There was an air of expectancy at the realisation that God, far from abandoning them, was near at hand, concerned and interested in their well being.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025: SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK: MASS 10AM

As we journey through the Jubilee Year 2025, themed *"Pilgrims of Hope"*, we are invited to walk together in faith and solidarity, seeking justice, dignity, and peace for all.

In this spirit, the Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission, under the leadership of Canon Victor Darlington, warmly extends this invitation to you and your parish community to join us for **Racial Justice Sunday on 16 February 2025**, as we reflect on the theme: *"Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice"*.

This special celebration will be led by Archbishop John Wilson, who will preside over the **10am Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.**

To mark this occasion in a spirit of unity and cultural diversity, we encourage attendees to wear traditional attire and, where possible, bring a flag representing their country of origin. This will be a beautiful expression of the universal nature of our Church and our shared commitment to justice and inclusion.

Please notify Fr. David and the parish office if you are intending to attend.

MISSIO AND MILL HILL MISSIONARIES: RED BOXES

Could all parishioners who have a Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries Red Box please bring their box to the Church for collection and counting.

Peter Tite, our Parish Local Secretary for the last 31 years, is now standing down from this important role. We would like to thank Peter for his dedication and service to the Parish.

If you or anyone you know would like to become the new Parish Local Secretary for Missio, please speak to Fr. David.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of

SR. FRANCIS CLARE (LSU) who died on Monday 30th December 2024.
RECEPTION AND MASS: at Shalom on Thursday 6th February 2025 at 5pm
REQUIEM MASS: Friday 7th February 2025 at 10:30am
followed by Committal at Eltham Crematorium.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. MAY HER SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club are holding the following family events in February:

- ♦ **BINGO on SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY at 12.15PM.** 6 rounds at £1 a card with cash prizes. New this month is a snowball feature on the 5th house which adds a further £1, so £7 for all 6 rounds. Last year Bingo raised £500 towards the club donations to the parish, so come along and find out what all the fun is about.
- ♦ **DVD HORSE RACE NIGHT on SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY.** Doors open at 7.30pm with first race at 8pm. No entry fee with 50p tote bet available. Why not sponsor a race? Or own and name a horse?

Please see posters in reception area for more details.

The Social Club is open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7.30pm to 11pm, and on Sundays from 12 noon to 4pm. A great place to meet family and friends and support the Parish. We look forward to seeing you there.

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ALEX AND CAROL REES

Parishioners of St. Mary of the Crays wish you both a very happy
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on 1ST FEBRUARY 2025.

CURRENT KEY HOLDERS

We are in the process of updating our current list of keyholders in the Parish. If you have any parish keys, could you please advise Vanessa which keys you have either by email at crayford@rcaos.org.uk or at the parish office. Thank you for your help.

OUR REPOSITORY SHOP

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books and many other items. The shop can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer and Holy Mass.

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 always appreciated. Thank you.

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, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline Cornell, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

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