

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) (LAETARE SUNDAY)
Josh. 5: 9-12; Ps. 33; 2. Cor. 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Saturday 29th March 2025
5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Peggy Donnelly RIP (Hull)

MOTHERING SUNDAY
Sunday 30th March 2025
8:00: Divine Mercy Chaplet
 8:30am: Abraham Thomas RIP
 10:30am: People of the Parish

Mon. 31st March 2025 (Feria)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Dec'd Gjoni Family

Tuesday 1st April 2025 (Feria)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Holy Souls

Weds. 2nd April 2025 (Feria)
 (ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Fr. Kevin St. Aubyn RIP n/s
Stations of the Cross
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
 Tony Bateman 100th Birthday (Sr. Inez)

Thurs. 3rd April 2025 (Feria)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Jackie Santo RIP
 (K. Shrimpton)
Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous medal

FIRST FRIDAY
Fri. 4th April 2025 (Feria)
 (ST. ISIDORE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
 9:15am: Allan Moore RIP
 (Joyce Moore)

FIRST SATURDAY
Sat. 5th April 2025 (Feria)
 (ST. VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST)
 7:30am: First Saturday Devotions
 8:30am: Private Intention (DG)
 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
Is. 43: 16-21; Ps. 125; Phil. 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11

Saturday 5th April 2025
5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS
6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY
 6:30pm: Nora O'Shea RIP FM

Sunday 6th April 2025
8:00: Holy Divine Mercy Chaplet
 8:30am: People of the Parish
 10:30am: Thanksgiving
 (Beatrice Ukwunnah)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

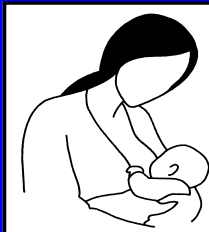
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GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF IN CHRIST.

Christ is our new creation. In Him we are re-born. When we were dead through sin Christ came to reconcile us to the Father. Now we are ambassadors for Christ and are privileged to proclaim the Good News. Christ takes away our shame if only we will return to the Father's house as prodigal sons confessing our weakness and waywardness.

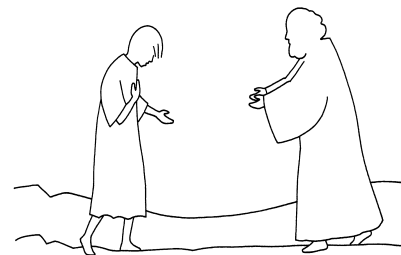


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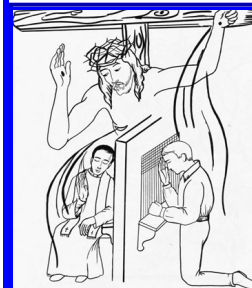


A HAPPY & BLESSED MOTHERING SUNDAY
TO ALL MOTHERS, GRAND-MOTHERS, GOD-MOTHERS, & MOTHERS-TO-BE.

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'



GOD IS LONGING FOR EVERYONE TO "COME HOME" TO HIM!



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

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 22ND/23RD MARCH 2025:

Gift Aid: £261; Card: £140; Loose Plate: £280.74 ATTENDANCE: 225
Poor Parishes: Gift Aid: £134.90; Card: £20; Loose Cash: £129.32
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for the **Easter Flowers.**

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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

The parable about the merciful father and his two self-centred sons is one of the best loved stories in the scriptures.

The father welcomes his son home without a word of reproach or recrimination irrespective of what has happened as he cannot change the one basic fact that his son is still his son and he will always be received with open arms.

The father is someone whose love never changes and is present all the time as much when the son goes off as when he returns.

That is where the Gospel story tells us something about the gracious goodness of God. His love for us remains; **He is always willing to forgive.**

THE MONTH OF APRIL IS DEVOTED TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

It is a special time to deepen the understanding and appreciation of Christ in the Eucharist, as the source, summit, and sustenance of our faith. April is a month rich in liturgical celebrations for the Lenten and Easter seasons.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION: APRIL 2025

For the use of new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday after 9.15am Holy Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY IMMACULATE - THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Thursdays after Mass during Lent

Wishing you all a very grace-filled and blessed Lent.

WWW.CELEBRATE TRUST.ORG

Celebrate Festival— Witness to hope - at Worth School in the beautiful Sussex countryside, a relaxed faith filled festival.

Please, go to the website for further information and to book.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD:

LENTEN LUNCH St Mary's Church Hall: this Saturday 5th April at 1pm

Please come for a frugal Lunch of Soup, Bread and Cheese, and Christian friendship and fellowship.

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

MAURA PARKER, who died on Wednesday 12th March 2025.

REQUIEM MASS: Monday 7th April 2025 at 11am

COMMITTAL: Eltham Crematorium at 1pm

And for **NONIE SACKETT**, who died on Wed. 19th March 2025, the Feast of St Joseph.

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.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club is holding the following family event in April:

- ◆ **BINGO NEXT SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 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.

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.

ST. CATHERINE'S R. C. SCHOOL

Please see school website for details of vacancies:

Assistant Head Teacher
Chaplain

www.stccg.co.uk

OUR REPOSITORY SHOP

Come and visit our Repository.

We have Bibles, Prayer Books, Mass Cards, and many other items. The shop is open throughout the week before and after Holy Mass each day.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES

Do you have a notice that you would like to include in our Parish Newsletter?

If so, please email this to the parish office **by Wednesday morning at the latest.** Many thanks - crayford@rcaos.org.uk

MOTHERING SUNDAY: SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2025

Mothering Sunday is a chance to say thanks for all the things our mothers do for us. This is the most special day for celebrating the life and love which mothers give to their children. We wish all Grandmothers, Mothers, God-mothers and Mothers-to-be a Happy Mothering Sunday.

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

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bernard Gummett, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, 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, Mick Buttifant, 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?