

<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> <b>Deut. 26: 4-10; Ps. 90; Rom. 10: 8-13; Luke 4: 1-13</b>	
<b>Saturday 8th March 2025</b> 5:00 - 6:00pm: <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6:00 - 6:20pm <b>HOLY ROSARY</b> 6:30pm: Maureen Gatrell RIP FM	<b>Sunday 9th March 2025</b> 8:00am: <b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET</b> 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Thanksgiving Amelia's 1st Birthday (Gonsalves)
<b>Mon. 10th March 2025</b> (Feria) 8:00am: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Dec'd Gjoni Family	<b>Tues. 11th March 2025</b> (Feria) 8:00am: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Maureen Saunders RIP FM
<b>Weds. 12th March 2025</b> (Feria) 8:00am: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Fr. Leonard Taylor RIP n/s <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Margaret Catlow RIP (Sr. Rita)	<b>Thurs. 13th March 2025</b> (Feria) 8:00am: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Holy Souls in Purgatory SJS Yr. 6 and Yr. 1 attending <b>NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL</b>
<b>CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY</b> <b>Fri. 14th March 2025</b> (Feria) 8:00am: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Intention of Maria Elena (Beatrice)	<b>Sat. 15th March 2025</b> (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> <b>Gen. 15: 5-12, 17-18; Ps. 26; Phil. 3: 17-4: 1; Luke 9: 28-36</b>	
<b>Saturday 15th March 2025</b> 5:00 - 6:00pm: <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6:00 - 6:20pm <b>HOLY ROSARY</b> 6:30pm: Catherine Edmeades (Family)	<b>Sunday 16th March 2025</b> ( <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY - BACON AND CABBAGE</b> ) 8:00am: <b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET</b> 8:30am: Natalie Glazier RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
<b>ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH</b>	
Charles Cooper, Edith Looker, Dick Whyte, Francis Lintott, Daniel O'Halloran, William Griffith, Maria Theaves, Albert Winterton, Reg Clemas, Edward O'Loughlin, Billy Chandler, John Hennessy, Margaret Hoey, Miriam Nutt, Amy Gumm, Patricia Price, Brian Shandley.	
<b>THE LORD HEARS OUR VOICE.</b>	
In the midst of all our troubles God hears us and will lead us into a promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow Him. There is no temptation which cannot be overcome if we are open to the Spirit who tells us Jesus is Lord whom God raised from the dead. God, through the risen Jesus is always with us just as in the Old Testament He rescued the Jews out of their bondage in Egypt.	

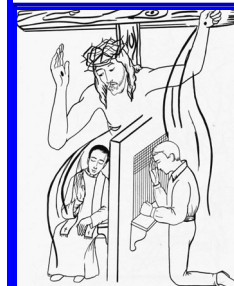


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'Jesus,  
full of the Holy Spirit,  
returned from Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit  
in the wilderness for forty days,  
being tempted by the devil.



And He ate nothing  
during those days.  
And when those days were over,  
He was hungry.  
The devil said 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 1ST/2ND MARCH 2025:**

**Gift Aid: £318.50; Card: £64; Loose Plate: £202.45 ATTENDANCE: 230**  
**Mission of St. Paul: Gift Aid: £238.00; Card: £15; Loose Cash: £298.46**  
**Direct Debits: Feb 2025: £997.00**

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

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**This weekend:** 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.**

**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.**

**Next Weekend:** for **CAFOD Lenten Fast Day.**

**Please use the CAFOD envelopes provided. If you want your donation to be gift-aided please complete the gift-aid section.**

**22nd/23rd March:** for **POOR PARISHES.**

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

**29th/30th March:** for **EASTER FLOWERS.**

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

At the beginning of Lent the Church places us before an open doorway and invites us to embark on a journey of spiritual growth. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are being led by the Spirit into a forty day period of prayer and fasting, to help us reflect on the direction our lives are taking.

Lent is a time for us to get back to basics, to replenish the soil in which our Christian faith grows.

In the desert our Lord turned His back on all that stood in the way of doing His Father's will. Lent is a time of quiet and purposeful reflection which helps us to discover the will of God.

**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 grace-filled and blessed Lent.**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD:**  
**LENTEN LUNCHES**

**Crayford Baptist Church:**  
Sat. 22nd March at 12.30pm

**St Paulinus Church:**  
Wed. 26th March at 12.30pm (TBC)

**St Mary's Church Hall:**  
Sat. 5th April at 1pm

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

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

For your further enjoyment the following event will be held in March:  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH** on **SUNDAY 16TH MARCH** in the Hall. Club open as normal at 12 noon with cabbage, bacon and potato lunch + cold desert served in the hall at 1.30pm. Tickets available from the bar or committee member at £12 for adults £6 for 11 years and under. Tickets only required for the food not Club entry.

[We look forward to seeing you at this event and supporting the Parish.](#)

**100 CLUB WINNERS: £50.00**

**MARCH 42: PRESLEY D'SOUZA**  
**2025 92: DEBBIE RAPLEY**

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 greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

**GIFT AID SCHEME MEMBERS**

The Gift Aid Boxes for the next financial year will be available to collect from **THIS WEEKEND, 8TH/9TH MARCH.**

Please see either Mike Whitaker or Alex Rees in the reception area. Thank you for your continued support enabling the parish to claim vital funds from the taxman.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION:**

**MARCH 2025**

*For Families in Crisis.*

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**PARISH ACCOUNT**

**Please could all cheques for the Parish Account be made payable to**

**RCAS CRAYFORD**

**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.

**SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Lent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning:

Visit the website: [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk)

**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?**