

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Jer. 38: 4-6, 8-10; Ps. 39; Heb. 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53	
Saturday 16th August 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Maura Parker RIP (V. Hull)	Sunday 17th August 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Irene Fernandes RIP
Mon. 18th August 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Josie Shandley RIP FM	Tues. 19th August 2025 (Feria) (ST. JOHN EUDES, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls in Purgatory
ST. BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Weds. 20th August 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Philip Dyson RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Rita (Sr. Marie Halligan)	ST. PIUS X, POPE Thursday 21st August 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Patricia Hanrahan RIP (McCarthy Family)
THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Friday 22nd August 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Patrick Fernandes RIP	Sat. 23rd August 2025 (Feria) (ST. ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom 12:30pm: Marriage of Christina-Esther Oluchi Chiagorom and Kelechi Christian Ogazi
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Is. 66: 18-21; Ps. 116; Heb. 12: 5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30	
Saturday 23rd August 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Monica Murrell RIP (V. Hull)	Sunday 24th August 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Catherine Owofe RIP (M. Enarhome) 12:30pm: Baptism of Arvini Amulraj
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Anne Potter, Harriet Rattenbury, Paul Manley, Anne McGagh, Danny Driscoll, Jim Shelley, Kay Hudson, Ingrid Simmons, Mary Shandley, Eloise Wright, Winifrede Brower, Martyn Byrne, Catherine Hewitson, Valerie Wilson, Donald Bull, Sr. Anita Therese, Nora Quirke, Harry Snelders, Percy Evans, Dick Hennessy, Sr. Imelda.	
DO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF JESUS.	
The path to heaven is like a race and we must keep our eyes on Jesus our leader. The saints too are praying for us so that we will win. With so many cheering us on to the finish how can we lose? We must never give up even when the going is hardest. We are bound to suffer for our faith just as Jeremiah the prophet did but the Lord will deliver us.	



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At that time, Jesus said to
His disciples,
*'I came to cast fire
on the earth,
and would that
it were already kindled!'*

Luke 12: 49




**SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
CONFESSION -**

**SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM**
also, WHENEVER
**THE CHURCH
IS OPEN, and
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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 9TH/10TH AUGUST 2025:

Gift Aid: £209.50; Card: £106.50; Loose Plate: £293.35 **ATTENDANCE: 192**
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £631.55; Card: £20; Loose Cash: £86.12
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David*.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Somewhere along the line we must make the choice of whether we are going to be followers of Christ or not. It's a serious decision and not to be taken lightly. The call to be prophets by modelling our lives on Christ will automatically mean saying goodbye to a cosy and comfortable existence. If the teaching of Christ does not cause us to question the way we are living, we're falling short of being whole-hearted. The fire of Christ is not burning within our hearts.

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As it has been suggested by St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, 8: 28 - 30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of His Son. Mary was predestined by God to be the mother of Jesus and as Jesus is the king of all creation so Mary, dependent on Jesus, was to be the queen. As Jesus exercised His kingship on earth by serving His Father and His fellow human beings, so Mary exercised her queenship. The glorified Jesus remains with us until the end of time, as does Mary, when she was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.



THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since the Sixteenth Century the Catholic Church has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her Divine Son), virtue and inner life.



100 CLUB

Please 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.

CHURCH FLOWERS

We have a collection box by the Sacristy to help us to continue to have the beautiful flowers in our Church throughout the year. Any contributions you could make are gratefully received and much appreciated.

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

SR. MARY ROSE MONAHAN (LSU), who died on the 7th August 2025.
RECEPTION AND MASS: Thursday 28th August 2025 at 5pm at LSU.
REQUIEM MASS: Friday 29th August 2025 at 10:45am at LSU.
BURIAL: Brook Street Cemetery at 12:30pm.

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

GIFT AID

Tax Statements

Members who donated during the 2024-2025 tax year should have received a tax statement to their email address if we had that available. The statement can be used when filling in your tax return, if you have to do so. If you have not received a statement and wish to do so, please send an email to mike@bramernic.com from the email address that you want us to use. If you need a paper copy please either email, or text 07768 194487 with your request.

Second Collections

There has been some confusion about gift-aid for second collections. If the collection is for a Diocesan cause (e.g., Priest Training Fund, Poor Parishes), or for our Building Fund, then you can use an envelope from your box/bundle. If it is for another charity (e.g., Stella Maris, CAFOD) then you can only gift-aid your donations by using an envelope supplied by the charity and filling in your name and address on the envelope. Our scheme is part of the Southwark Diocese Charity and can only be used for collections benefitting any part of the Diocese.

Thank You

Finally, thank you again for all your generous donations to the parish. They, and the resulting gift-aid, really do help to ensure the parish mission can continue its work in Crayford and the surrounding area.

CHURCH CLEANING

If anyone thinks they could give an hour or two once a month to help clean the Church you would be helping us greatly. Please contact me on **01322 271058**. I look forward to hearing from you. **Valerie**

MARCH FOR LIFE LONDON 2025 SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

The theme for this day is
"HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL HUMANS"
10:30am: Catholic Mass at
Westminster Cathedral
Prolife Festival called LifeFest at
The Emmanuel Centre, 10am to 1pm

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, 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, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, 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?