

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Wis. 9: 13-18; Ps. 89; Phil. 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14: 25-33	
Saturday 6th September 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Pa Doyle RIP (A. Whitaker)	Sunday 7th September 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Alex and Carol Rees married 50 years (Galibardy)
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday 8th September 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Thanksgiving (E. Nwoke)	Tues. 9th Sep. 2025 (Feria) (ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Bridie Farrelly (Francis) SJS Whole School attending
Weds. 10th September 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Canon Jeremiah Cronin RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Mairead Mulligan (Sr. Marie Hennessy LSU)	Thurs. 11th Sep. 2025 (Feria) (ST. AMBROSE BARLOW, PRIEST & MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
Friday 12th Sep. 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Thanksgiving Thomas and Helena Murphy on birth of twins	ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Sat. 13th September 2025 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C) Num. 21: 4b-9; Ps. 78; Phil. 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17	
Saturday 13th September 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Anne McGagh RIP (McGagh Family)	Sunday 14th September 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Jim and Helga Connors RIP (A. Gillespie)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH
Brendan Cunningham, Maura Sharp, Mathew Lawless, Elizabeth Murphy, H. M. Queen Elizabeth II, K. Lynch, Arthur Mills, Clemence Duggan, Dennis Scannell, Christopher Fisher, Bet Robinson, Elizabeth Cope, Mary Bridget Flynn, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Graham Collins, Doug Finch, Peter Faria, Allan Moore, Jim Bonyngé.

THE COST OF BEING A CHRISTIAN.
God has created us free. Nothing must come between Him and us. Yet we sometimes have an inordinate affection for worldly possessions. Through the correct use of freedom we are given the privilege of being sons of God and escape remaining slaves of the world.



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"Whoever
does not bear
his own cross
and come after me
cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:27



**SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
CONFESSION -**

**SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
also, WHENEVER
THE CHURCH
IS OPEN, and
ON REQUEST**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 30TH/31ST AUGUST 2025:

Gift Aid: £270.20; Card: £50; Loose Plate: £278.19 ATTENDANCE: 186

Thank you for your amazing generosity in this cost-of-living-crisis! **Fr. David.**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for THE **BUILDING FUND.**

Gift Aiders: please use one of the envelopes from the back of your box/bundle.

Next weekend: for **CATHOLIC EDUCATION.**

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education.

Gift Aiders: please use one of the envelopes from your box/bundle.

20th/21st September: for **EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSIONS).**

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country.

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The Gospel presents us with a series of sayings on what the demands of a life of discipleship involves in terms of suffering and self-sacrifice. The life to be lead and the conditions laid down are anything but easy: you give God everything and hold nothing back. Whole-hearted service is demanded and there is no room for compromise. The journey to God is so valuable that it is worth stripping our life-styles down to the bare essentials. By doing this we realise that discipleship is more important than acquiring possessions.

**GARDEN WORKING PARTY
CAN YOU HELP?**

Please come and join our Church Gardens work party to tidy up, weed etc the Church grounds and maybe cut the front lawn.

Please bring gardening gloves and any tools you may like to use.

We are planning to meet on

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER at
9.30AM.

Tea, coffee and biscuits
will be provided.

EVERYONE WELCOME.

PLEASE PRAY for our Young People who will begin their immediate preparation to become Confirmed Christians and to receive

THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. May they become **true witnesses** to the Faith, and **'soldiers of Christ'**. They continue on **Monday 8th September** - the feast of **THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY.**

Please, pray daily the Prayer for the Holy Spirit on page 4 of this Newsletter. Thank you.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025,

21st – 25th October Cost £399:

A Kent half term trip with a number of places left.

Costs include return flights from Stansted half board accommodation, transfer from/to Lourdes. **£70** single supplement. Children under 16 go for **£199.**

For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle,

dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: **01322 220 075.**

Fr. Henry Mukasa will also be leading the pilgrimage.

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

REVEREND FATHER JOHN RYAN, MBE,

who died peacefully at the care home on Sunday 31st August 2025.

Fr. John Ryan was the Parish Priest here at St. Mary of the Crays, Crayford from 2004 until 2013 when he had to retire due to ill health. Fr. Ryan was also a Chaplain in the Royal Navy and Parish Priest in Hartley and Dover.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. MAY HIS SOUL, 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 next session will be on **SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER** with the rollover still rolling over and standing at **£100.**

Please dress up and join us in the Social Club for a

LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS CELEBRATION on
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER at **7.30PM** and wave the flag.

The club is open 7.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

**CELEBRATORY DAY OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING
AS WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD AS 'LIVING SACRIFICES**
- eventcatholic.com

Join the Archdiocese of Southwark for a special celebratory day, as we continue our Jubilee journey.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, 4th October 2025

LOCATION: St George's Cathedral, Southwark (SE1 7HY)

More details will be coming.

Go to link below to register:

<https://eventcatholic.com/event/celebratory-day-of-praise-worship-and-thanksgiving-as-we-offer-ourselves-to-the-lord-as-living-sacrifices/>

Once registered, for anyone interested in travelling together contact

Eileen Colman on 07748-690 823 or

Tina Saunders on 07947-184 212.

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 Gummatt, Erin, 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?