

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C) (YOUTH SUNDAY) 2 Sam. 5: 1-3; Ps. 121; Col. 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 35-43	
Sat. 22nd November 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Birthday Thanksgiving (S. Uchendu)	Sunday 23rd November 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Catherine McKie RIP FM
STS. ANDREW DŨNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Monday 24th November 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Michael Nolan RIP FM	Tues. 25th Nov. 2025 (Feria) (ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls SJS Yr. 3 and Yr. 4 attending
Weds. 26th Nov. 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Private Intention (DG) n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Thomas Penny RIP (LSU)	Thurs. 27th Nov. 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Betty Pereira RIP (D. Govia)
Fri. 28th Nov. 2025 (Feria) (St Catherine Laboure, religious) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Kathleen Lawless RIP (Francis)	Sat. 29th Nov. 2025 (Feria) (STS CUTHBERT MAYNE AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Is. 2: 1-5; Ps. 121; Rom. 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 37-44	
Sat. 29th November 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Jeremiah John Callahan RIP FM	Sunday 30th November 2025 (ST. ANDREW, PATRON SAINT OF SCOTLAND) 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Parents of Susan and Dexter PARISH CHRISTMAS MINI FETE
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Peter Rawbone, Mary Hetherington, Catherine McKie, Annie Durkin, Lilian and Edward Heath, Jack Collins, Owen Boyle, Annie Durcan, Dymrna Bullen, James Cunningham, John O'Keeffe, Walter Potter, John Leach, John and Mrs. Cremin, Angela Mitchell, Jonathan Andrew Kelly, Jeremiah Callahan, Loraine Fielder, Daniel Darby, Bridget Kathleen Carter.	
THE KING WHO PROMISES US HIS KINGDOM!	
Christ on the Cross promises paradise to a penitent thief. We, like the criminal, receive redemption and forgiveness of our sins through Christ who through His glorious power gives us the strength to bear everything joyfully. If we serve and suffer with Him we will reign with Him. He is the first-born from the dead never to die again.	

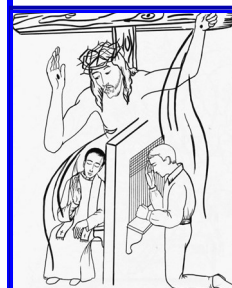


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"Jesus, remember me
 when you come into your
 kingdom."



And He said to him,
 "Truly, I say to you,
 today you will be with Me
 in paradise."



SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
CONFESSION -
SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
 also, WHENEVER
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ON REQUEST

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 15TH/16TH NOVEMBER 2025:

Gift Aid: £216.30; Card: £146; Loose Plate: £251.47 ATTENDANCE: 210

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for **CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES.**

The collection taken on National Youth Sunday supports youth work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

Next weekend: for **FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)

Today's Gospel reminds us of the end of time by drawing our attention to the last moments of Christ's earthly life. He was crucified on the cross between two thieves, for claiming to be a king, yet the only crown He wore was braided with thorns. Over His head was written, "*Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.*" Only His Mother Mary and a few friends were faithful to the last. At the moment of His greatest human agony He welcomed the repentance of the good thief and gave him the personal assurance and guarantee of eternal life. "*Today you will be with Me in paradise.*"

ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS CHRISTMAS MINI FETE

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025: 12PM-4PM

This event will be held in the reception area and social club with a variety of stalls with food, cake and drinks from the club and the **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW** will be held in the social club.

PLEASE: we need cakes for the cake stall, little gifts for the prize tombola and bottles of alcohol for the bottle tombola. **PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Due to the generosity of one of our parishioners, the prize money for the Raffle draw and the related costs have been received. This means that all of the monies raised from the Christmas Raffle can be donated to the Parish.

The Parish would like to thank you very much for your kindness and generosity.

SANCTUARY CARPET

PLEASE SEE OUR NEW SANCTUARY CARPET IN THE CHURCH. This work was completed during the week. The carpet cost **£6,300.00** and this was paid for from our Building Fund account. It is with many grateful thanks to your continued and generous support of our parish and the Building Fund that we are able to do this. We will now be saving for the next parish project.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Next week begins the Season of Advent. The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year. The Season of Advent reminds us that we have to make preparations for the deeper meaning of what Christmas is about: God's presence among His people in the person of Jesus Christ.

**WINTERTIME 2026
ALTAR SERVERS WEEKEND BREAK
FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY TO
SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2026**

Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre, Pinner
Please see the notice board for further information on how to apply.

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

SR. MARIE HALLIGAN (LSU) who died on Monday 10th November 2025.

RECEPTION AND MASS: Monday 1st December 2025 at 5:30pm at Shalom.

REQUIEM MASS: Tuesday 2nd December at 11:15am.

PETER PHILLIPS, who died peacefully in his care home aged 90 years. Peter was a long-time parishioner at St. Mary of the Crays, moving here with his Wife, Kay Phillips, and their family in 1975. When Peter retired he used his accounting skills to work on the parish gift aid scheme and on 12 September 2018 he was granted the Fideliter Servienti award for his service to the parish, an honour which he was delighted to accept. Kay Phillips' Funeral Mass was held here on 12 September 2018.

FUNERAL: Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 10:30am;

St. John Fisher Church, 48 Thanet Road, Bexley.

Anyone who knew Peter is very welcome to attend his Funeral Mass.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UP-ON 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 CRAYS COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The next event in the club is **ANDY'S QUIZ NIGHT** on

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER at 7.30PM.

6 people per team; £2 per person. Come along and join a team on the night.

The next **BINGO SESSION** will be on **SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER at 12:15PM** with the snowball standing at **£161.00.**

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.

THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS, CRAYFORD

ARE INVITED TO THE INDUCTION CEREMONY

OF THEIR NEW PARISH PRIEST, REV. FR. JOSEPH EDEM

by Canon Victor Darlington

at St. Anthony of Padua, Anerley 2 Genoa Road London SE20 8ES
on **FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025 at 7PM.**

A reception follows in St. Anthony's Primary School Hall, offering an opportunity for celebration and fellowship.

Please RSVP by WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER:

Anerley@rcaos.org.uk; 020 877 8597

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, 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?