

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 FETE
Mon. 1st Dec. 2025 (Feria) (STS. EDMUND CAMPION, RALPH SHERWIN AND ALEXANDER BRIANT, PRIESTS AND MARTYRS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Private Intention J Whitaker 5pm: Reception and Mass LSU Sr. Marie Halligan RIP	Tues. 2nd Dec. 2025 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maureen Saunders RIP (Jim Saunders) SJS Advent Mass whole school attending 11:15am: Requiem Mass LSU Sr. Marie Halligan RIP
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST Weds. 3rd December 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Private Intention DG n/s NO Holy Mass at Shalom	Thurs. 4th Dec. 2025 (Feria) (ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
FIRST FRIDAY Fri. 5th December 2025 (Feria) (ST. JOHN ALMOND, PRIEST AND MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maria Francisca and Family RIP	FIRST SATURDAY Sat. 6th December 2025 (Feria) (ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA (<i>Santa Claus</i>), BISHOP) 07:30am: First Saturday Devotions 08:30am: Private Intention (DG) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Is. 11: 1-10; Ps. 71; Rom. 15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12	
Sat. 6th December 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Renato Petrino and Luigina Guala RIP	Sunday 7th December 2025 (ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH) 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Helen Davies RIP (Folk Group)
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Hugh Brennan, Sarah Fisher, Philip Harris, Louisa Byrne, Francis Connolly, Helen Cooper, Victoria Nicholls, Pamela Pimenta, Cyril Squires, Marie Toomey, Eleanor McDermott, Dennis Howie, Dorothy Morrison, Joseph Frost, Winifred Burgess, Angela Cuddy, James Hewitson, Annie Hennessy, Mathew Goldfinch, Sr. Mary O'Riordan.	
BE PREPARED!	
During Advent we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. We make ourselves ready as the new homes into which He will come. The long hours of waiting are nearly over and the dawn of our salvation is about to break. Soon we will walk in the light of the Lord.	

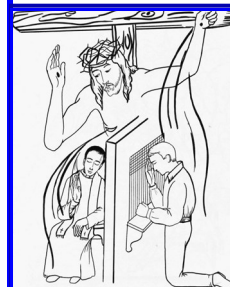


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"... **STAY AWAKE**,
 for you do not know on what
 day your Lord is coming. [...]"



Therefore you also
 must **BE READY**, for
THE SON OF MAN IS COMING
 at an hour you do not expect."



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 NOVEMBER 2025:

Gift Aid: £158.50; Card: £45; Loose Plate: £215.01 ATTENDANCE: 220
Catholic Youth: Gift Aid: £91.40; Card: £18; Loose Plate: £124.34
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for the **FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.**
13th/14th December: for **THE BUILDING FUND**

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

The new Church year is ushered in with the season of Advent. It is primarily a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas—the feast which celebrates the birth of Christ and the beginning of our salvation. This is a time especially blessed by God which summons us to stay awake and to prepare in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If the real meaning of Christmas is to be kept in the forefront of our minds, a conscious decision must be made to enter into the proper spirit of Advent. At the beginning of this season a call to conversion is addressed to all of us because God wants us to grow closer to Him and to experience the warmth of His love more deeply.

The eternal Son of God seeks an entry into our innermost being so that He may share His life with us. He stands at the door and knocks but will not come in uninvited.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS CHRISTMAS MINI FETE
SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025: 12PM-4PM

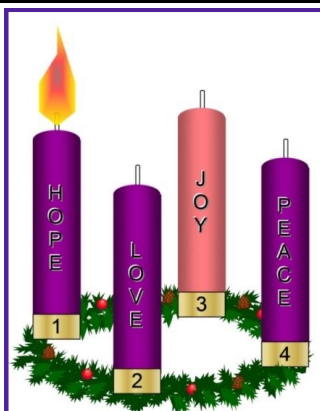
Come and join your Parish this Christmas in the **RECEPTION AREA** and **SOCIAL CLUB** with a variety of stalls with food, cake and drinks from the club and the **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW** will be held in the social club.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

Join Archbishop John and the beautiful St. George's Cathedral Choir on **TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025** at **7.30PM**. All are welcome so please invite family and friends to join us.

CAFOD ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Dr. Christine Allen, CAFOD Director invites you on **WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER** at **7.30PM** at St. George's Cathedral followed by drinks and mince



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.

POPE LEO XIV'S
PRAYER INTENTION
FOR DECEMBER

invites us to pray for
Christians in
Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that
Christians living in areas
of war or conflict,
especially in the
Middle East, might be
seeds of peace,
reconciliation, and hope.

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 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 final **BINGO SESSION** of 2025 will be on **SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER** at **12:15PM**. The **£161 Snowball prize IS GUARANTEED TO BE WON** this month.
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
REV. FR. JOSEPH EDEM

as Parish Priest of **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, ANERLEY**,
2 Genoa Road, London, SE20 8ES, by **CANON VICTOR DARLINGTON**
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, 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?