

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)
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday 8th December 2025 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Varkey Antony RIP	Tues. 9th Dec. 2025 (Feria) (ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
Weds. 10th Dec. 2025 (Feria) (OUR LADY OF LORETO) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Peter Phillips RIP 10:30am: Funeral Peter Phillips at St. John Fisher, Bexley	Thurs. 11th Dec. 2025 (Feria) (ST. DAMASUS I, POPE) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Private Intention DG 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr Alphonsus M McGibbon LSU
Fri. 12th Dec. 2025 (Feria) (OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Pauline Cornell RIP (Hughes)	ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR Saturday 13th December 2025 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom 4:00pm CTiC ADVENT PILGRIMAGE
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) (GAUDETE SUNDAY) Is. 35: 1-6, 10; Ps. 145; Jas. 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11	
Saturday 13th December 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Lucia Lincoln RIP FM	Sunday 14th December 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Bill Redmond RIP FM 3:30pm PARISH CAROL SERVICE
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Sid Hopkins, William Snelders, Rod Rowe, Michael Collins, Mai Harris, Freda Marie Statton, Sara Ellen "Helen" Davies, Janet Lane, Joseph Towers, John Frederick Harris, Lee Birnie, Elizabeth Frost, Edward Taylor, Barry Little, Joseph Barr, Thomas Stapleton, Bill Redmond, Sr. Marie Casey.	
PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD!	
We prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ through repentance. We need to change the pattern of our lives in order to be ready when indeed He does come. In the next few weeks we must straighten out our lives so that the Lord will have no obstacle in His path.	

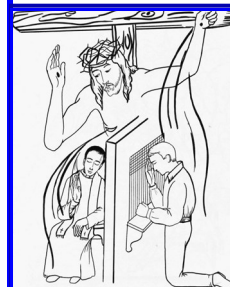


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'Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand.'



"The voice of one crying
in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make His paths straight."



SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
CONFESSION -
SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
 also, WHENEVER
THE CHURCH
IS OPEN, and
ON REQUEST

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 29TH/30TH NOVEMBER 2025:

Gift Aid: £277.29; Card: £71; Loose Plate: £273.19 ATTENDANCE: 243
Christmas Flowers: Gift Aid: £82.50; Card: £88; Loose Plate: £222.84
 Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Next weekend: for THE BUILDING FUND

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

The call of John to repentance is an urgent invitation for us to prepare a way for the Lord to come into our hearts. And when we come right down to it, that is what Advent is all about. Preparing to celebrate Christmas means renewing our lives by acknowledging our need for Christ who is constantly calling us to higher things. John warns us that the greatest obstacle to the coming of Christ into our souls is sin. We have the freedom to accept or ignore His advice. Our faith reminds us that we have a responsibility to make present the values of Christ wherever we go. Each Advent is an opportunity for us to come closer to Christ and deepen our relationship with Him through prayer and repentance.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

1st Prize	00814	Emily Shrimpton	£100
2nd Prize	00543	Sherwin Ferns	£50
3rd Prize	00377	Noel	£25
4th Prize	00411	Avah Kwaw	George Foreman
5th Prize	01027	Eileen Colman	Man City
6th Prize	01374	Mary Doolan	£10
7th Prize	00267	Val Hull	£10
8th Prize	00025	Bernadette Hughes	£10
9th Prize	00842	Vanessa Barker	£10
10th Prize	00404	Katherine Burton Cawtors	£10

PARISH CHRISTMAS FETE

A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to organise our Parish Christmas Fete and to all those who came to support the event. The day was a huge success — Thank You.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FETE

Bottles	£	274.50
Tombola	£	188.85
Flowers	£	165.00
Cakes	£	115.00
Tea and Coffee	£	105.00
Sandwiches	£	80.00
Mini Beef Burgers	£	50.00 + card
Toys	£	91.00
Samosas	£	105.00
Toy Boxes	£	45.50
Puff Puff	£	26.80
Repository	£	43.50
Bric-a-Brac	£	18.00
Quiz Bags	£	27.00
Food	£	30.00
Craft	£	18.00
	£	1,383.15
Less floats	£	120.00
	£	1,263.15

PARISH CHRISTMAS FETE
AMOUNTS RAISED:
FETE: £1,300; RAFFLE: £1,400

PARISH CHRISTMAS EVENTS

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD
ADVENT PILGRIMAGE between three
Churches: Saturday 13th December:
4:00pm start at St Paulinus.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:
on Sunday 14th December at 3:30pm.

8:30 TEA CLUB

Thank you for donations received from the 8:30 Tea Club of **£100.00** for the **Foodbank** and **£40.00** towards the cost of **Christmas Hampers.** Alex Rees.

100 CLUB WINNERS
DECEMBER 2025

84: Mick O'Beirne; **100:** Thomas Antony

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

PETER PHILLIPS, who died peacefully in his care home aged 90 years.
FUNERAL: Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 10:30am;
 St. John Fisher Church, 48 Thanet Road, Bexley.

RITA MARY PEARCE, who died on the 30th November 2025 aged 93 years.
FUNERAL: Friday 9th January 2026 at 1pm
COMMITTAL: Eltham Crematorium at 3.30pm

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 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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER
APPEAL 2025



Many thanks for your donations towards the Christmas Hamper Appeal. 50 Hampers were put together and distributed between **Mencap** and **Bexley Woman's Refuge**. Thank you for your generosity.
 Alex Rees

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN CHURCH**

We are planning to prepare the Church for Christmas on **MONDAY 22nd DECEMBER** at **10am**, and would appreciate help from anyone who can join us. The preparation will include Church Cleaning, Christmas Decorations and Flowers, any suitable greenery would be appreciated. Also, as last year, we invite parishioners to donate poinsettias to decorate our Crib and Sanctuary. Cards will be available by the Crib to leave a message of dedication with your poinsettias. For any further information, please contact Josie, Bernice or Bernadette.
 Our **PARISH REMEMBRANCE CHRISTMAS TREE** will be available from the weekend of **13th DECEMBER**, this is our own personal reminder of our loved ones who are no longer with us and who we would love to spend time with this Christmas, and so, we commend them to the Lord. Please complete a star with the name of your family member or friend and hang it on the tree.

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 and Sean Tansey.
PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?