

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Ps. 65; 1 Pet. 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21	
Saturday 9th May 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Gordon Walsh (Social Club)	Sunday 10th May 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: George, Hermine and Robert Galibardy RIP <i>followed by May Procession and Crowning the Statues of Mother Mary</i>
Monday 11th May 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	Tues. 12th May 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Patrick Hayward CRL RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Wellbeing of Sr. Anne McCarthy (Sr. Maura)
Weds. 13th May 2026 (Feria) (OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Donor's Intention	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Thursday 14th May 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Patrick Fernandes and Family RIP 1:30pm SJS whole School Mass 7:30pm: Sick parishioners n/s
ST. JOHN STONE, PRIEST AND MARTYR Friday 15th May 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Ora Baker (K Cooksley)	ST. SIMON STOCK, PRIEST Saturday 16th May 2026 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Acts 1: 12-14; Ps. 26; 1 Pet. 4: 13-16; John 17: 1-11	
Saturday 16th May 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Alan Armfield RIP (Carol Dunne)	Sunday 17th May 2026 8:30am: Mick Buttifant RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Harry Freeman, Eleanor Callen, Alfred Nutt, Michael Deen, Henry Larner, P. J. Bonynge, Alice Morgan, Gary Cod, Nancy Lester, Stanley Simes, Mariane Wilkins, Roisin McClinton, David McConville.	
THE HOLY SPIRIT RESTORES US TO LIFE.	
After His resurrection Christ promised that He would send the Holy Spirit on His Church. It is the Spirit of Christ which is the source of our joy and helps us to do great things in the Lord's Name. We are healed by the Spirit and are called to take part in the healing mission of the Church.	

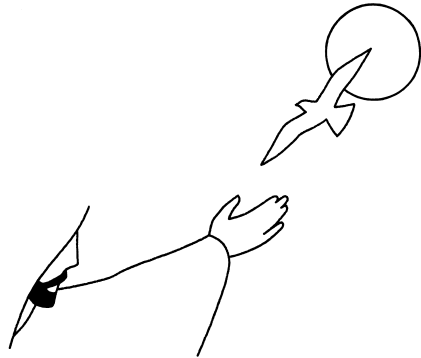


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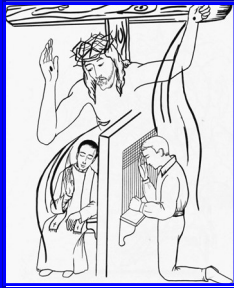
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And I will ask the Father,
and He will give you
another Helper, to be
with you forever,
even the Spirit of truth,

You know Him, for He dwells
with you and will be in you.



I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come to you.



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

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 2ND/3RD MAY 2026:

Gift Aid: £209; Card: £133; Loose Plate: £192.09 ATTENDANCE: 223

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *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 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS.

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Jesus did not leave the apostles to struggle with the Christian life without the help of His Spirit and He won't leave us either, we have His Word for this. The outpouring of the Spirit was not reserved exclusively for those who lived in the time of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is a real person who loves and cares for us and is our strength and encouragement in times of trial, just as much as He was for the apostles. There is a great mystery of hope contained in today's Gospel and we should take courage from it. The Church has never been deprived of the truth of God. In the Holy Spirit we have a helper and a comforter who makes Jesus present in each generation to every person in their individual situation. But remember, the Holy Spirit will not arrive unannounced or force an entry into any person's heart. Jesus can only free and save those who seek to be saved. We will receive the Lord's Spirit and grow in our awareness of Jesus only if we request it in prayer and follow the Law of God by keeping the commandments.

MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY

The special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honour the Virgin Mary as the Queen of May. The month of May is the month which the faithful especially dedicate to "Our Blessed Lady", and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world give to the Queen of Heaven. During this month, both in Church and at home, we offer up to Mary from our hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE VOLUNTEERS

Crayford Community Fridge run by Churches Together in Crayford are currently looking to recruit a new volunteer, who would be paired with another experienced volunteer, to help run the fridge on Wednesdays between 1-2pm in the grounds of Crayford Baptist Church.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026**

Thursday 14th May is the Solemnity, The Ascension of the Lord, and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be two masses at **9.15am** and **7.30pm**. The Ascension marks the end of Christ's mission on earth and celebrates His glorious return to the Father in heaven. Although it was the last act of the cycle of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, it was not a day for sadness but an occasion for joy and renewal of hope. Through the power of the Holy Spirit He became invisibly present and available to all who wish to partake in His work and share in His glory.

CHURCH GARDEN WORKING PARTY

A big Thank You to everyone who came to help to tidy up the Church grounds on Saturday morning.
Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

SR. MAIREAD MULLIGAN (LSU) who died on the 24th April 2026.

RECEPTION OF BODY INTO CHURCH AND MASS: Tuesday 19th May 11 5pm

REQUIEM MASS: Wednesday 20th May at 11am.

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.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

For you and your families enjoyment the following events will be held over the next few weeks:

SATURDAY 16TH MAY at 7.30PM - CARIBBEAN FOOD NIGHT-
tickets for the food available from the bar.

SATURDAY 23RD MAY at 7.30PM - ANDY'S QUIZ.

Teams of 6 max., entry form from the bar or turn up and join a team on the night.
The next **BINGO SESSION** is on **SUNDAY 7TH JUNE at 12.15PM.**
OPEN MIC NIGHT with **BEN AND DEXTER** on **SATURDAY 20TH JUNE at 7.30PM**
Book a spot with Dexter or just come and perform on the night if you're feeling courageous

Please join us at these events, help the Parish and enjoy the social life of the Parish.

Membership renewal of the club is now due. If you are not a member please consider joining and making use of the club serving soft drinks, coffee, beer, wines and spirits at low cost. **Membership renewal is £10 for two years.**

The club is open 8.30pm to 11pm on Friday, 7.30-9.30pm on Saturday and 1pm-3pm Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

100 CLUB WINNERS MAY 2026

34: MARY FLYNN; 88: HEATHER GALIBARDY

Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund.

CHURCH FLOWERS

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

Thank you.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2026 invites us to pray for working conditions.

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

CARETAKER VACANCY AT ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS
See notice board for further information.

APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY 22ND MAY

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, 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 McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Sean Tansey and Tricia Farrelly.

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