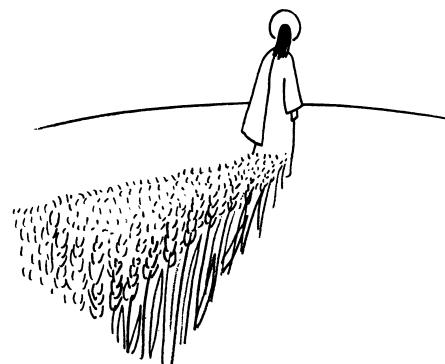


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Is. 55: 10-11; Ps. 64; Rom. 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-23	
Saturday 11th July 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Yvonne Francis RIP (Laws)	Sunday 12th July 2026 8:30am: Mick Buttifant RIP (Flower Group) 10:30am: People of the Parish <i>(& in Thanksgiving for 48 years of Ordination as a Deacon D. G.)</i> including the First Reception of Our Lord in Holy Communion by Victoria Ciaon
Monday 13th July 2026 (Feria) (ST. MILDRED, ABBESS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	Tuesday 14th July 2026 (Feria) (ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maureen Lydon RIP (Prendergast)
ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Wednesday 15th July 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Vincent Convery RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Wellbeing St. Anne McCarthy LSU	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Thursday 16th July 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls (Gjoni)
Friday 17th July 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Bill McGagh RIP (Jim Saunders)	Saturday 18th July 2026 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Wis. 12: 13, 16-19; Ps. 85; Rom. 8: 26-27; Matthew 13: 24-43	
Saturday 18th July 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Patrick Joseph Staunton RIP (Martin Staunton)	Sunday 19th July 2026 8:30am: Abigail Ellen Callahan RIP FM 10:30am: People of the Parish including the First Reception of Our Lord in Holy Communion by Annabella Clarke
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Katie Gavin, Pat Kitterick, Thomas Barter, Elizabeth Edwards, Thomas Redmond, Agnes Hennessy, Céline van de Castele, Frank Jackson, Jack Sackett, John Hulme, Michael Staunton, John Mullane, E. Brewster, Robert Carter, Elizabeth Galvin, Bill Baillie, Gerard Gaffney, Kay Meehan, Anne Potter, Charles Taylor, Anne Handford, Henry Ward, Douglas Jones, John Murphy.	
THE SEED OF FAITH MUST GROW IN OUR LIVES.	
God does nothing in vain. All our suffering has a meaning and through it we are so deepened in our spiritual lives that we yield a rich harvest. The world longs for the Spirit of Christ to come and set us free from clinging to things of this world.	



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"As for what was sown
 on good soil,
 this is the one who hears the
 Word and understands it.



He indeed bears fruit
 and yields, in one case a
 hundredfold,
 in another sixty,
 and in another thirty."
Matthew 13:23



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 4TH/5TH JULY 2026:

Gift Aid: £205.50; Card: £90; Loose Plate: £134.86 ATTENDANCE: 202
Rosminians: Card: £48; Loose Plate: £357.96

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

SECOND COLLECTION:

This weekend: for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea).

This is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race.

18th/19th July: for the Building Fund.

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Jesus compares the Word of God, which is intended to produce fruit in our lives, to seed sowed in the earth by the farmer. At Baptism the delicate and demanding seed of the Word of God is first planted in our hearts. If it doesn't get our whole-hearted attention by finding a home in our lives, it withers and dies. Often when the Lord comes knocking on our door we fail to make Him welcome because we are so preoccupied with the meaningless pursuits of the moment. To be a cultivator of goodness, we have to dig deep within ourselves. God does not want part-time or half-hearted followers.

Growth in the life of Christ is not always a smooth, gradual and straightforward process. The different types of soil can well be the varied response we make to His Word, depending on the twists and turns our fortunes may take. When we meet with setbacks and disappointments, obstacles may stack up against our good intentions and weaken our firm resolve. Moments like this call for deep faith. The Word of God has an immense and mysterious power to change us.

CHURCH GARDEN WORKING PARTY - CAN YOU HELP?

Everyone welcome. Tea and biscuits will be provided

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!!! MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

We will be meeting again on **SATURDAY 18TH JULY at 9.30AM**. Please come and join our **CHURCH GARDEN WORK PARTY** to tidy up, weed and maybe cut the front lawn. Please bring gardening gloves and any tools you may like to use.

**CAN ANYONE PLEASE ALSO BRING AND USE A HEDGE TRIMMER,
A ROBUST STRIMMER AND A CHAINSAW TO HELP US?**

**THERE ARE MANY, MANY JOBS AND TASKS WE NEED TO DO IN THE
GARDEN AND THE CHURCH GROUNDS.**

**WE REALLY NEED MORE PARISHIONERS TO COME AND HELP, ESPECIALLY
SOME OF OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS. PLEASE COME ALONG TO HELP US
KEEP OUR CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL AND TIDY.**

100 CLUB WINNERS: JULY 2026

33: DAVID GILLESPIE; 65: DEBBIE RAPLEY

Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you

IMPORTANT DATE

FOR YOUR DIARY:

**SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
INTERNATIONAL MASS AT
10:30AM AND
PARISH CELEBRATION.**

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks to Mike Whitaker for organising the monthly **BINGO** in the club and to all those who supported the sessions so far this year.

It's been good fun and great parish event. Mike is taking August off and the next session will be **SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER** with the snowball at **£157**, please add to your diary.

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

*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.*

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 that you could make are appreciated and gratefully received. Thank you.

**JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST PRE-
CIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS**

Come, be washed clean in the **Blood of the Lamb of God** and receive Healing in the Sacrament of Penance, Pardon and Peace (**Confession**).

"FRANCO" FRANCESCO GIOVANNI ANGELO TROMBETTI RIP

The Trombetti family would like to thank all those who attended Franco's Funeral and played their part on the day in arranging the flowers, providing the food, the bar and any involvement in the Mass with special thanks to Fr. David and the folk group. God bless you all. Antoinette, Antony, Lauren and Luca.

BANNEUX ND GB PILGRIMAGES 2026

Banneux ND GB Pilgrimages invite you to join our pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Banneux, Belgium, (12-18 August), a major Catholic Marian pilgrimage site. It marks the spot where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared eight times between 15 January and 2 March 1933, to an 11-year-old girl, Mariette Beco, calling herself the "Virgin of the Poor". During the visions, Mary indicated a stream, stating, "This spring is reserved for all nations to relieve the sick". The shrine was officially approved by the Roman Catholic Church in 1949 and was famously visited by Pope John Paul II in 1985. Please WhatsApp Millie on 07957594646 for travel information and the full programme.

BEXLEY INTERFAITH FORUM

Do join us for our **"WALK FOR PEACE"** on **Monday 13th July** starting at the Crayford Mosque at **6pm** and arriving at the Sikh Gurdwara, Belvedere around 8pm. We will gather at Crayford Mosque at 5.45pm and start walking at 6pm. Everyone welcome, from all faiths and none, to join the walk as we talk together and pray for Peace in our world, and in Bexley. There will be one stopping place towards the end of the walk where anybody can also join us between **7.15 and 7.30pm at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church in Northumberland Heath**. Members of The Police and the Fire Brigade are also joining us on this walk.

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, 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?**