

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exod. 22: 20-26; Ps. 17; 1 Thess. 1: 5-10;
Matthew 22: 34-40

Saturday 24th October 2026

5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions

6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary

6:30pm: Patrick Duddy RIP (H. O'Rourke)

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Sunday 25th October 2026

8:30am: People of the Parish

10:30am: Prof. Fola Esan RIP (M. Enarhome)

Monday 26th October 2026 (Feria)

(Sts. Chad and Cedd, Bishops)

8:00: Adoration and Holy Rosary

9:15am: The wound of Jesus (T Connole)

Tuesday 27th October 2026 (Feria)

8:00: Adoration and Holy Rosary

9:15am: Catherine Bell (S. Youngs)

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Wednesday 28th October 2026

8:00: Adoration and Holy Rosary

9:15am: Private Intention (DG) n/s

11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

Pádrick Naughton RIP (LSU)

Thursday 29th October 2026 (Feria)

8:00: Adoration and Holy Rosary

9:15am: Holy Souls

Friday 30th October 2026 (Feria)

8:00: Adoration and Holy Rosary

9:15am: Holy Souls (Gjoni)

7pm: Mass of Thanksgiving for

Sue Towers RIP

Saturday 31st October 2026 (Feria)

11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

All Hallows' even – Hallowe'en – All Saints' Eve

All Saints - "All Hallows"

Apoc. 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps. 23; 1 John 3: 1-3;
Matthew 5: 1-12

5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions

6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary

6:30pm: Irene Fernandes RIP (A. Fernandes)

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Sunday 1st November 2026

8:30am: People of the Parish

10:30am: Adam Christopher Quinn RIP
(Maria Totts)

Anniversaries of Death

Tom Radley, Margaret Sullivan,

Jeannie Cunningham,

Thomas McDermott, Sarah Birnie,

Sr. Margaret Catlow (LSU),

Margaret Flynn, John Keaveney,

Mary Horan, Brenda McMahon,

Joseph Hadfield,

Margaret McGovern,

Patrick Redmond, Harry Lammiman,

Sr. Anne Hanks, Sr. Agnes Hallinan.

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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,

Fr. Etienne De Souza, 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 anyone else who, with
their permission, ought to be on this list?*

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St. Mary's Pre-School Playgroup Church Centre

Old Road, Crayford Kent DA1 4DZ

We still have available spaces for
children aged 2 to 5.

We provide 2-year funding/

3 year (15 and 30 hour funding)

8:30am-11:30am and 8:30am-2:30pm

We also offer an additional half hour
until 3pm at an additional fee.

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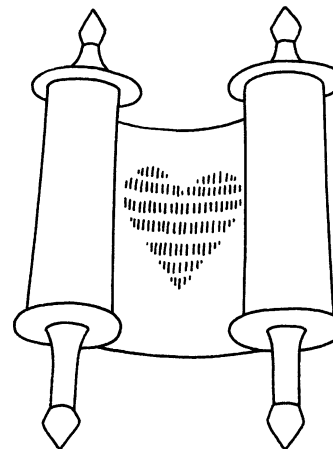
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St Mary's Playgroup Crayford

Love God and your neighbour.

God is love and He made us in His own image. We love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind because through His grace the pattern of our lifestyle is changed. We love our neighbour knowing that God lives in him also. We must help him in every way to show the quality of our love.



This is the great and first commandment

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The Gospel highlights the two commandments which Jesus describes as the greatest: **Love of God and love of neighbour.** Jesus brings together the love of God and love of our neighbour as something inseparable like two sides of the one coin. Loving our neighbour as ourselves is a necessary element in giving our hearts and minds to God. God cares about how we treat others. Everyone is made in His image and likeness.

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Sacrament of Penance - Confession

Saturday 5pm to 6pm also,
whenever the Church is open,
and on request.

St Mary of the Crays Catholic Church

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"Welcome + Worship + Witness"

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Parish Hall

For enquiries and bookings
contact **Praetorium** on:

01372 457 651

Sunday Offerings
17th/18th October 2026

Gift Aid: £227.83; Card: £172;
Loose Plate: £209.27
Attendance: 224

Missio:

Card: £36; Loose Plate: £279.50
*As always, thank you for your
generosity, Fr. David*

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**November is the Month of
The Holy Souls
suffering in Purgatory**

November is the month when we remember the Holy Souls in Purgatory in a very special way. Save for the last two days, the month of November falls during the Liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, represented by the colour green. This symbol of hope is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

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Important Date for your Diary:

Saturday 21st November
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE tickets
are available after all Masses.
The Christmas Raffle draw
will take place in the social club on
Sunday 22nd November.

100 Club

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

***For those members who pay by
cash or cheque, your club
membership of £60 is due for
renewal and payable now.
Cheques should be made payable
to "100 Club".***

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**St. Mary of the Crays
Community Social Club**

Come and join our Social Club?
It is open to relax with friends on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunchtimes. Making use of the Community Club facilities is to be encouraged for family events, Baptisms, Birthdays, maybe a Funeral and to socialise with friends and parishioners. The Club is a great asset and benefit to the Parish and should be enjoyed by all.

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Thanks to all who supported the Curry Evening in the Club last Saturday. A very special mention to all the Thomas family who, with their skill, kindness and generosity, supplied all the ingredients and prepared and cooked the delicious food. A total of **£427**, including a raffle and good bar takings, was raised for parish funds.
We thank them for that.

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**Family Fun Darts Night
on Saturday 31st October**
(please note the date change).
**This is open to all ages and abilities,
even no abilities at all.**

**Free entry, so come and enjoy a
social evening with family, friends
and other members of the parish.**

The next Bingo session will be
Sunday 1st November from
12.25pm.

Just £7 gets you into all 6 games,
with the snowball now at £191.
**The club is open 8.30pm to 11pm on
Friday, 7.30-9.30pm on Saturday
and 1pm to 3pm on Sunday.**
**We look forward to seeing you and
your family there.**

***Of your Charity, please pray
for the repose of the soul of***

Sr. Anne McCarthy (LSU)
of Shalom Convent, who died on
the 20th September 2026.

Funeral details to be advised.

*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.*

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November List

If you would like members of your family or friends to be remembered in a special way please write their names on a list and enclose it in a Holy Souls envelope and this will be placed in the basket near the Altar during the month of November. Offerings in the Holy Souls envelopes will be used for general Holy Souls Masses during the month of November and throughout the year.

**For any individual Mass requests
for deceased family and friends,
please use the Mass offering
envelopes in the usual way.**

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Sue Towers RIP

Many of you will have known Sue; she was a Confirmation Catechist for many years and also involved in many other ministries within our Church particularly with young people, so no doubt she will have played a part in many of your children's Christian journey.

Sue sadly passed away on Monday 21st September 2026 and we are holding a **Mass of Thanksgiving** here at **7pm** on **Friday 30th October**. Please join us in thanking God for the Sue, the work, time and love she has given to our parish family and do kindly spread the word to others who may have known her who would like to attend.

Dates to remember in November

All Saints Day:

Sunday 1st November celebrated in honour of all the Saints, those known and unknown. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, as is every Sunday, and there will be Holy Mass on Saturday at 6.30pm and on Sunday at 8.30am and 10.30am.

All Souls Day:

Monday 2nd November,
the commemoration of all
the Faithful Departed. Holy Mass
will be at **9.15am** and **7.30pm**.

Remembrance Sunday:

8th November

Remembrance Day:

Wednesday 11th November.

**Remembrance Service at 11am at
Crayford Waterside.**

Parish Remembrance Service:

Sunday 15th November at 3pm.

**Mass for Deceased Clergy of
the Bexley Deanery**

Friday 6th November 2026 at 12 noon
at **St. Thomas More, Bostall Park.**

Diocesan Mass for Deceased Clergy

Thursday 12th November at 12.30pm at
St. George's R. C. Cathedral,
Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HY.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:

Saturday 7th November:

Plumstead, Bostall Pk at 12 noon

Remembrance Sunday

8th November:

St. Paulinus, Crayford at 12.30pm,
Kemnal Park, Sidcup at 2:00pm,
Bexleyheath, (ASDA)) at 2:00pm,
Brook Street, Erith at 3:00pm

Sunday 15th November:

Sidcup at 2:00pm

Saturday 21st November:

Hillview, Welling, at 11:00am