**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)**
**Ezek. 34: 11-12, 15-17; Ps. 22; 1 Cor. 15: 20-26, 28; Matthew 25: 31-46**

**Saturday 21st November 2026**
**5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions**
**6:00 - 6:20pm: Holy Rosary**
6:30pm: Mark Dudley RIP
and Dudley Family (Foy)
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**Sunday 22nd November 2026**
8:30am: Donald Ukwunnah RIP
10:30am: People of the Parish

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**Monday 23rd November 2026** (Feria)
***(St. Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop)***
**8:15: Holy Rosary**
9:15am: Catherine McKie RIP FM

**Sts. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**
**Tuesday 24th November 2026**
**8:15: Holy Rosary**
9:15am: Michael Nolan RIP FM

**Wednesday 25th November 2026** (Feria)
***(St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr)***
**8:15: Holy Rosary**
9:15am: Bernie Francis (A Trombetti)

**Thursday 26th November 2026** (Feria)
**8:15: Holy Rosary**
9:15am: Holy Souls

**Friday 27th November 2026** (Feria)
**8:15: Holy Rosary**
9:15am: Mary Hadley RIP (Francis)
SJS Yr. 3 and Yr. 4 attending

**Saturday 28th November 2026**
11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**
**Is. 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8; Ps. 79; 1 Cor. 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37**

**Saturday 28th November 2026**
**5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions**
**6:00 - 6:20pm: Holy Rosary**
6:30pm: Mr. and Mrs. Turp RIP (family)
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**Sunday 29th November 2026**
8:30am: Jeremiah John Callahan RIP FM
10:30am: People of the Parish

## ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Maria Tierlinck, B. Routleff,
Sr. Anne Hanks, Peter Rawbone,
Mary Hetherington, Catherine McKie,
Annie Durkin,
Lillian and Edward Heath,
Jack Collins, Owen Boyle,
Annie Durcan, Dympna Bullen,
James Cunningham, John O'Keeffe,
Walter Potter, John Leach,
John and Mrs. Cremin,
Angela Mitchell, Jonathan Kelly.

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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,
Lorraine Bradley, 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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## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who helped to plan, prepare and present the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you so much.

**THE CHRISTMAS DRAW will take place in the social club on Sunday 22nd November at 12:30**

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**CHURCH CLEANING**

The new Rotas are still available for collection in the Reception Area now. Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued hard work and loyalty over the past years. It is much appreciated. *Valerie.*

## CHRIST THE KING!

God looks after His sheep through Jesus Christ, His shepherd and king. Christ is annointed king of the universe by His Father. We will be judged by our actions and finally Christ will present us to His Father. We must live our lives for our king so that we may enter with Him into glory.




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What the Church is emphasising is the importance of turning our lives and hearts to Christ and trusting in His teaching, otherwise we run the danger of being rejected. God is going to judge us on the works of mercy we perform which is our response to human need. One thing is for certain – there will be no excuses accepted on the last day. Christ will look at nothing but the human heart, so all pretence will be wiped away, and our real selves brought into the light. In a glance we will be recognised as His friends or disowned as strangers.

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION**
**Saturday 5pm to 6pm also, whenever the Church is open, and on request.**

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Head of School:
Mrs. A. Truss

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**PARISH HALL**
For enquiries and bookings contact **Praetorium** on:
**01372 457 651**

**Sunday Offerings**
**14th/15th November 2026**
Gift Aid: £232.50; Card: £110;
Loose Plate: £112.27
Attendance: 252
*Thank you, again and again, for your generosity in these difficult days, Fr. David*

**Second Collections**
**This weekend** for **the Catholic Youth Service** to support youth work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

**Next weekend** for **Church flowers** for Christmas.

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**November is the Month of 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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**THE SEASON OF ADVENT**
Next week begins the Season of Advent. The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year. The Season of Advent reminds us that we have to prepare for the deeper meaning of what Christmas is about: God's presence among His people in the person of Jesus Christ.

**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.
Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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**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.

**Andy's Quiz** on Saturday 28th November, 7.30pm – 11pm. 6 per team, £2 per person and prizes for winners. Entry forms at the bar.

**Open Mic** with **Ben and Dexter** on Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm featuring great local music and talent. Come along and give it a try or just sit and enjoy. Only one rule – applaud everybody.

The next **Bingo session** will be Sunday 6th December from 12.15pm. Just £7 gets you into all 6 games, with the snowball now at £214.

***The club is open 8.30pm to 11pm on Friday, 7.30-9.30pm on Saturday and 1pm to 3pm on Sunday.***

***Please come and enjoy the social side of the parish. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.***

***Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of***
**Sr. Anne McCarthy** (LSU) of Shalom
**Reception and Mass** at Shalom on
**Wednesday 2nd December at 5pm**
**Requiem Mass** at Shalom on
**Thursday 3rd December at 11am.**
**James McAleavey** who recently died.
**Reception into Church**:
**Monday 7th December at 4pm.**
**Requiem Mass**:
**Tuesday 8th December at 2pm.**
*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.*

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**DAILY REFLECTION FOR ADVENT**
As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up use the link:
**http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv** or go to **www.southwarkdsc.org.uk** and click on the box marked ***Advent Reflections***.

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**PARISH ADVENT EVENTS**
**Churches Together in Crayford**
**Advent Prayer**
**Saturday 28th November at 4pm**
in St. Paulinus Church.
**Parish Christmas Carol Service**
on **Sunday 13th December at 3pm**

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**ADVENT LECTURE**
Join the **Guild of Our Lady of Ransom** for its **Advent Lecture on Friday 4th December at 7.30pm**
at St Patrick's, Soho Square.
**Monsignor. John Armitage**, Master of the Guild will **explore what a parish truly is, and how each of us can help bring it joyfully back to life.**
Doors open at 7.00pm for talk, cheese, wine and a social. - All are welcome
*Book at* ***https://www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events.***

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2026.**
This year we are, once more, hoping to provide Christmas Hampers to those most in need in the Bexley Community. We are proposing to deliver around 35 hampers which this year will benefit Bexley Woman's Refuge supporting the neediest in our community. The estimated cost of each hamper £25 approx. If you would like to contribute to this, you can either send a donation by bank transfer, direct to our Bank,(details below) or in cash/cheque handed to me or Fr. David.
Thank you, Alex Rees
****Bank Details: Barclays Bank Plc,**
**Sort Code: 20-06-72,**
**Account No: 30294063**
**Account Name: The Churches Together in Crayford, Reference: Hamper Appeal**

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**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**
If you are looking for a primary school place for your child (from Reception to Year 6), come and visit our lovely school next door to St Mary of the Crays Catholic Church. To arrange this, please telephone or email our school office, or look on our website to attend one of our monthly open events (see details below). We look forward to meeting you.
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**South-East Area Carol Service**
**Sunday 13th December 2026 at 7pm**
**St Saviour's Catholic Church**
**175 Lewisham High St, SE13 6AA**
All are warmly invited to join Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South-East Area, for the South-East Area Carol Service.
Come together with parish communities and choirs from across South-East London for a joyful evening of carols, Scripture readings and prayer as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord.
Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to sharing this special Advent celebration with you and your families.