Thirty-Second Sunday in Ord. Time (A)

Wis. 6: 12-16; Ps. 62; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18;
Matthew 25: 1-13

Saturday 7th November 2026
5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions
6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary
6:30pm: Anabella Clark 9th Birthday
Sunday 8th November 2026
8:30am: Monica Murrell RIP (D Marriner)
10:30am: People of the Parish *& Requiem Mass for all who died in the two World Wars.*
12:30pm: Blessing of the Graves at St. Paulinus Cemetery

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Monday 9th November 2026
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
9:15am: Patrick Fernandes RIP

St. Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday 10th November 2026
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
9:15am: Joe Moore RIP (V.E.C) n/s
11am: Holy Mass at Shalom: Peace & Peacemakers & those damaged by war (LSU)

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11th November 2026
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
9:15am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday 12th November 2026
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
9:15am: Maria F Fernandes RIP

Friday 13th November 2026 (Feria)
(St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Religious)
8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration
9:15am: John Williams, David Smith and Helen Percival RIP FM
SJS Yr. 5 and Yr. 2 attending

Saturday 14th November 2026
11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ord. Time (A)

Prov. 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps. 127;
1 Thess. 5: 1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30

Saturday 14th November 2026
5:00 - 6:00pm: Confessions
6:00 - 6:20pm Holy Rosary
6:30pm: Delia and Thomas Staunton RIP
Sunday 15th November 2026
8:30am: People of the Parish
10:30am: Helen Davies RIP (M. Enarhome)
SJS singing
3pm: Parish Remembrance Service

Anniversaries of Death

Arthur Driscoll, Charles Fulker,
Bridget Danagher,
Sybil Valerie Stevens,
Sr. Marie Halligan,
Simon Paul Meaney, Albert Thompson,
Martin Connor, Ellen Griffin,
William Lysart, William Foley,
Joan Gaffney, Mrs. Ludlow,
Julie Davies, and Joseph Larter.

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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.

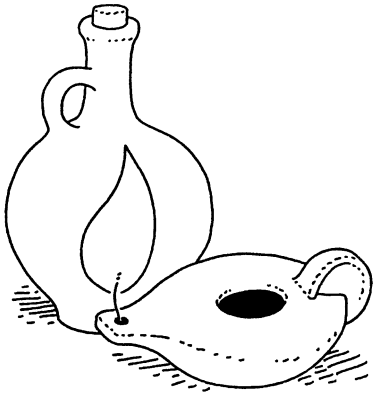
Please, do you know of anyone else who, with their permission, ought to be on this list?

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRAYFORD

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 most needy 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

The Bridegroom is here!

We await the second coming of Christ just as the ten bridesmaids waited for the bridegroom. **We must be awake and patient** at all times, so we are **always ready** when the shout goes up ***'He is here.'*** We have no need to worry about those who have died before us as they too will rise from the dead with Christ in glory.



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ord. Time (A)

An essential part of the Christian life is to cultivate a personal relationship with God, which each one must possess, work at and live because it cannot be borrowed at the last minute. There is no better way of achieving this than by using those spare moments during the day to share our thoughts, plans and worries with Christ, in prayer, telling Him what's on our mind and asking Him to guide us. Christ is always prepared to meet us, so we, on our part, must be prepared to meet Him. The Gospel brings home the importance of being ready and prepared while we wait, by loving God and our neighbour. Staying awake must be the axis around which our whole being and life rotate.

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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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Sunday Offerings
31st October/1st November 2026

Gift Aid: £260.04; Card: £152;
Loose Plate: £133.12
Attendance: 211

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £166;
Loose Plate: £144.26; Card: £68
Thank you for your generosity in this cost-of-living crisis, Fr. David

Second Collections

This weekend for **Archbishop's Appeal** to invest faith, hope, love and charity into the missionary work of the Archdiocese throughout South London and Kent.

21st/22nd November for **Catholic Youth Service** to support youth work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

28th/29th November for **Church flowers** for Christmas.

Missio Red Box Appeal

There will be a **Missio Red Box Appeal** on the **14th and 15th November**.
We are also looking forward to welcoming Fr Liam Durrant, a Mill Hill Missionary, he is well known to many of our Parishioners here. Fr. David.

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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.

100 Club
Winners November 2026

54: Helen Topping; 74: Bridie Farrelly

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.

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.

20th November
Fish and Chip Supper from 7.30pm.
£11 for cod & chips, or £6 for sausage & chips. Tickets on sale from the bar until 15th Nov.

5th December
Open Mic Night

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
Please come and enjoy the social side of the parish.

Please see posters for more information.
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 souls of

Sr. Rita Rafferty (LSU) of Shalom who died on the 23rd October 2026 aged 105.
Reception of her Body at 5:00pm on Monday 16th Nov. and Requiem Mass on Tuesday 17th Nov. in Shalom Chapel.

Barbara Gray from St Paulinus who died on 19th October. Funeral at St. Paulinus Church on Tuesday 17th November at 10.30am. No flowers but donations to Mother's Union Emergency Fund.

Sr. Anne McCarthy (LSU) of Shalom who died on the 20th September 2026.
Reception of her Body at 5:00pm on Wednesday 2nd Dec. and Requiem Mass on Thursday 3rd Dec. at 11:00am

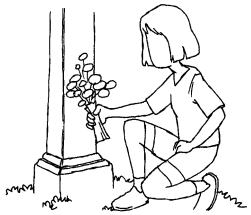
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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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.



Church Cleaning: First, I must apologise for the delay in providing the new Rotas. I have been experiencing difficulties with my printer but hopefully all is sorted. The new Rotas are 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.

Dates to remember in November

Remembrance Sunday:
Today: 8th November

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Remembrance Day:
Wednesday 11th November.
Remembrance Service at 11am at Crayford Waterside.

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Parish Remembrance Service: Sunday 15th November at 3pm.
for all the parishioners who have died in the last year.
Those who have lost a relative or friend during the last year are invited to bring their own single rose to lay (or place in a vase) in front of the Altar, and a candle will be lit in memory of their departed loved ones.

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Diocesan Mass for Deceased Clergy
Thursday 12th November at 12.30pm at St. George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HY.

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BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:

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