

Mass Intentions

The Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday 26th December 2009

6.30pm GE Richard & Patricia Hanrahan

Sunday 27th December 2009

8.30am Special Intention

10.30am. Patrick & Margaret Conboy RIP

Monday 28th December 2009

10.00am Deceased members of the
Coligan & McKie Families

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Tuesday 29th December 2009

Care!! No 9.15am Mass

11.30am at Shalom: Special Intention

Wednesday 30th December 2009

9.15am Arthur James Gordon RIP

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Thursday 31st December 2009

9.15am Special Intention

Friday 1st January 2010

9.15am Mary Kemp RIP

Saturday 2nd January 2010

10.00am Private Intention

Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

6.30pm Moira Sharp RIP F

Sunday 3rd January 2010

8.30am Special Intention

10.30am. Thanksgiving (Redmond)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 9.40am-10.00am and 6.00pm-6.25pm

Anniversaries of Death: Ivy Haley, Thomas Carragher, Francis Fisher, Jim Cassidy, Hugh Brennan, William Malcolm, Paul Walker, Elvive Caborn, Arthur Whitfield. Bryan Keenan, Lily Watts, Sarah Walsh, Johnny Walsh, David Daly, Francis Waugh, James J Johnson. ☩

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid £489.00

Non Gift Aid £110.00

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Incarnate God:

Response: **we love you and we need you.**

Christ in the human family.

God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as the model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which human society is built. A good Christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.

Christmas is a happy occasion as we are celebrating the fact that Jesus Son of God became man. This is a very important feast which tells us of the love of God for humankind. The love of God spreads into our homes, family and friends. It should be a very happy occasion full of faith, hope and love. May I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Christmas Crib

Please note the proceeds of the crib offerings will be for the benefit of the Cabrini Children's Society in support of their work.

Feast of the Holy Family

The Family of Nazareth Jesus, Mary and Joseph provide us with a lovely model of the Family. We live in a world where many strange things are happening. The breakdown of family life is a tragic event. We all are what we are resulting from our family upbringing. Family life is so important to us all. We are secure and happy in a stable family relationship. This weekend we will pray and consider family life like Mary in the Gospel of today "let us store up all these things in our heart" and meditate on them in the light of God's word. It wasn't easy for her either to understand and accept the course that God wished her son to take.

Many thanks:

The functioning of a Parish demands much support from many. I am very pleased to say that such support is very evident in the parish of St Mary of the Crays. May I offer much gratitude and acclamation to all who help with Church husbandry décor and liturgy. Good labours of love and loyalty are much appreciated

Financial Support

I much appreciate your generosity towards the offertories you give to the Parish. Despite the financial climate your collections have kept up and for that I extend my deepest thanks. I hope this generous support will continue in the future.

The Senior Citizens New Year Meal will take place on Wednesday 6th January 2010. If you would like to come or know anyone who would, please let Fr. Ryan know as soon as possible. We need drivers to bring people to the social room for the meal at 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. and collect them at 9.00 p.m. Also help will be needed on the day and in the evening. Please see Monica Murrell if you can help in any way

We are pleased to welcome **Fr Gabriel** who will share in our Christmas celebrations.

St Mary's Parish Christmas Fayre 2009

Thank you again to all who helped in making this year's Fayre an outstanding success both socially and financially. My personal expectations were surpassed. The success could not have happened without the help, hard work and cooperation of the stallholders and those who supplied gifts and bottles, sold and bought raffle tickets and of course the committee for their organisational skills. Thank you also to all who supported the event on the day it was lovely to see so many people at the fayre. A profit of over £3000 was achieved (a small increase on last year) which is a tremendous result. Finally to you all many thanks and the credit is "Summa Cum Lauda" which is the greatest praise.

RCIA & Bible Study Groups will be taking a Christmas break and will resume in the New Year. Thank you to all who are involved in exploring our faith.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue captures the true spirit of Christmas and offers a wide selection of gifts at a range of prices to suit individuals and groups to purchase for the benefit of the poor and needy throughout the world. There are also gifts available for wedding anniversaries, 21st Birthdays and 1st Communion. Catalogues are available in the reception area.

Children's Liturgy Group at 10.30am Mass. I am grateful to all the volunteers who have taken the time and trouble to make this important group possible.

Social Room

The Social Room is now open details on Thursday, Friday, Saturday 7.30 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12.00 – 2.00pm. Bingo every Thursday.
Christmas break until
New Years Eve 7.30pm - 12.30am
Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2010

Full details of the **Bexley Deanery Year of Mission** and programme of events may be found on the notice board

Primary Admissions St Joseph's School 2010 if your child is born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 they will be due to start school in the autumn of 2010. The Bexley Common Application Forms (CAF) will be available from the school office. Supplementary Admission Forms will also be available either on line at the website address above or from the school office. The deadline for completion of the forms is 29th January 2010.

Swine Flu Pandemic: We will continue monitor the situation on a weekly basis.

Southwark Diocese Year Book for 2010 is now available in the repository. Price £3.50.

See notice boards for other items of interest.