

Mass Intentions

Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday 9th January, 2010

6:30pm Paul Manley RIP

Sunday 10th January 2010

8:30am For the People

10:30am Deceased members of the Raccagni Family

Monday 11th January 2010

9.15am Christine Lubin

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Tuesday 12th January 2010

No 9.15am Mass

11.30am at Shalom: Sister Barbara RIP (not local Sister Barbara)

Wednesday 13th January 2010

9.15am Special Intention

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Thursday 14th January 2010

9.15am Thanksgiving

Friday 15th January 2010

9.15am Special Intention

Saturday 16th January 2010

9.15am Private Intention

Second Sunday of the Year (C)

6.30pm Bridie Slattery RIP

Sunday 17th January 2010

8.30am James Walsh RIP

10.30am. GE Phil Nathanielsz

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Anniversaries of Death: Alice Shea, Maurice Colyer, Stephan Beegan, Angelo Raccagni, May Davis, Joseph Andrews, Rev. Bro. Richard Baptist Quirke, Harry Shelton, Frederick Dowell, Elizabeth Yeo, John Glover, Agnes Gilligan, Linda Savage, George Huggett, Francis Nicholls, Eileen Jones, William Field, Lois Linley, Connie Snelders, Brian White, Leonard Cope, Nick Flynn.✠

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid £489.00

Non Gift Aid £262.50

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Come, Holy Spirit

Response: **fill our lives.**

**You are my Son the beloved.
The Holy Spirit of God came down upon Jesus, the beloved Son of God at his baptism in the Jordan. The Spirit comes down on each one of us and helps us live our Christian lives so that we are faithful to our Baptism.**

RCIA: Commences on Monday 11th January at 8pm in the Social Room. If you wish to join the group and take the opportunity of learning and enquiring more about our faith please contact Fr Ryan for further information. All are welcome to attend.

The Senior Citizens New Year Meal

Due to adverse weather conditions it was necessary to cancel this year's event.

2010 White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this very worthy cause.

Krystyna Laszcz: It is with deep sadness I have to advise you that Krystyna died peacefully earlier this week. Details of the funeral arrangements will be published when they become available. *May she rest in peace.*

Catholic Life magazine with effect from January 2010 the price will be £3.50 an increase of 50p to cover the extra costs of production and distribution. The magazine remains value for money and I commend it to you.

Pax Christi Peace Sunday

Next Sunday our parish will celebrate Peace Sunday which offers us an opportunity to reflect on the Holy Father's world Peace Day message. This year the theme is "*if you want to cultivate peace, protect creation*". Pax Christi is involved in campaigning on issues such as the arms trade, and the Middle East, and offers programmes that develop education for peace and seek alternatives to violence. The 2010 World Peace Day message encourages us to see how protecting the earth and making sure its gifts reach everyone, as God intends, is essential to reducing conflict between people. Peace Sunday is an opportunity to pray and act to create a more just and peaceful world.

To join Pax Christi, or to find out more about its work, pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or visit www.paxchristi.org.uk

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.

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.

From January 2010 an exact copy of the weekly newsletter will be available from our website. If any article needs editing please advise the parish office at the time of submission. Thank you

Also on the website there is now a new page combining the official open/closed status messages for all three Catholic Schools in the parish. www.stmarycrays.org.uk/schoolstat.htm

THE UPPER ROOM is where Our Lord met his friends. At St. Mary's we have our own Upper Social Room, where we can relax and meet friends old and new. In a comfortable setting, we can enjoy each other's company and rekindle the social life of the parish. With this in mind, the first social event of 2010 is a **QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT** on **Saturday 23rd January** at 8.30pm. Teams consisting of 6 people should be registered with Trish behind the bar with a payment of £12 which will reserve your teams table and curry suppers. Teams can be made up of family, friends or why not parish groups? For those coming to support the event, supper tickets can be purchased at £2 . **PLEASE NOTE: We do request that teams are submitted and all supper tickets are purchased by Friday 22nd January.**

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.

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.