

Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of the Year (C)

Saturday 16th January 2010

6.30pm Bridie Slattery RIP

Sunday 17th January 2010

8.30am James Walsh RIP

10.30am. GE Phil Nathanielsz

Monday 18th January 2010

9.15am GE Jessica Donegan

11.30am at Shalom: For the People

Tuesday 19th January 2010

No 9.15am Mass

11.30am at Shalom: William & Marianne

Wilkins RIP

Wednesday 20th January 2010

9.15am Special Intention

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Thursday 21st January 2010

9.15am Holy Souls

Friday 22nd January 2010

9.15am Nell Saunders RIP

Year 4 & 6 Class Mass in Church

Saturday 23rd January 2010

9.15am Private Intention

Third Sunday of the Year (C)

6.30pm Lillian Sullivan RIP

Sunday 24th January 2010

8.30am For the People

10.30am. Special Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Anniversaries of Death: Herbert Brown, James Casey, Paul Counsell, Arthur Lintott, Ron Goodhind, William Wilkins, Harry Shelton, John Quicke, Dora Bushell, Kathleen Futter, Anne Smith, Elizabeth Goherty Kathleen Dowling, William Young, Gladys Cain, Constance Dodge, Nell Saunders, Edith Looker, Alexander Coyles, Francis Waugh.✠

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid £394.50

Non Gift Aid £101.50

Next week there will a second collection for the Catholic Education Service

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Fill us, Lord
Response: **fill us to the brim.**

Christ is the bridegroom of the Church.

Just as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride so Christ rejoices in his Church. Each day in the eucharist by the power of his Spirit he transforms bread and wine into his body and blood to be our daily food and drink. The Holy Spirit gives us a variety of gifts which we are to use for the mission of the Church.

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 this 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: Her body will be received into the church on Sunday 31st January at 5pm. Her funeral mass will be at 10.30 on Monday 1st February. *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

This 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.