

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of the Year (C)

Saturday 23rd January 2010

6.30pm Lillian Sullivan RIP

Sunday 24th January 2010

8.30am For the People

10.30am. Special Intention

Monday 25th January 2010

9.15am Special Intention

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Tuesday 26th January 2010

No 9.15am Mass

11.30am at Shalom: Tom Mannix RIP

Wednesday 27th January 2010

9.15am Winn Challis RIP

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Thursday 28th January 2010

9.15am GE Donagan & Staunton Families

Friday 29th January 2010

9.15am Hannah O'Connor RIP

Year 1 & 3 Class Mass in Church

Saturday 30th January 2010

9.15am James Walsh RIP

Fourth Sunday of the Year (C)

6.30pm Norah Rose Holmes RIP

Sunday 31st January 2010

8.30am Brian Dunne RIP

10.30am. In thanksgiving (Stapleton)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Anniversaries of Death: Bill Barter, Arthur Forsdyke, Hannah Dwyer, Mary Mathews, Winifred Challis, Margaret Hoey, Kathleen Mitchell, Con Murphy, Paul Walker, Norah Holmes.✠

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid £507

Non Gift Aid £207

Next week there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education service is the chief regulating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic Education. It also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Loving Father

Response: **hear our prayer.**

The greatest gift is love

We are a people not only of faith and hope but especially of love. Love is the greatest gift which the spirit of Christ gives to the members of his Church. This gift is also given to those outside the Church and for this we should thank God. Love breaks down human barriers and divisions. Love will bring about Christian unity and greater Christian witness if we are open to the spirit.

RCIA This term means the Rite of Christian Initiations of adults. It simply means Catholic introduction on the faith. There is a team of Parishioners who engage in this ministry. They give a lot of time and study towards this. It is consoling to get such a good response from people seeking information on the faith. They will meet this coming Monday, 25th January, in the Social Room at 8pm. This exercise will be every Monday until Easter unless otherwise informed in the newsletter.

First Holy Communion preparation is every Saturday morning at 10am until 10.45. There are thirty candidates preparing to receive their 1st Holy Communion this May. They have just made their 1st Confession. Again I am very grateful to the big team of Catechists who are supporting their formation. They give a lot of time to this ministry and to them I am most grateful. To the parents of these children I commend them for their support of their children and their weekly effort in sending the children to the classes. Also I remind the parents of the great importance of bringing their children to Mass every Sunday. Attendance at

Sunday Mass is one of the best preparations.

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.

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. Many thanks to the parents who help at the children's liturgy at the 10.30 Mass each Sunday. Your efforts are much appreciated by the Parish and the children. I am sure that these helpers would be grateful for more help. If you are willing, please call me.

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

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 evening.**

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.

Catholic papers are available at the church entrance. Please support Catholic Press by purchasing a paper or magazine.

CTS: There is a display of pamphlets on the rack by the entrance to the church. Please have a look.