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SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother" (Matthew 18: 15-16).

Today, the Church reminds us of our responsibility towards one another and our society. Most importantly, She reminds us that dialogue and mutual love are the best ways of promoting reconciliation. In the First reading God reminds Ezekiel of his prophetic duty, which consists essentially in speaking the truth in and out of season. God equally tells him to correct His people with fraternal love. In the second reading, St. Paul stresses the importance of love which should be our greatest gift to each other. Notice that Paul uses these words: "*Owe no one anything, except to love each other.*" (Rom 13:8). The quality of this love is not just a mere selfish feeling or desire to satisfy oneself; rather, it is that which thinks and cares about the good and welfare of the other. Similarly, in the Gospel, Christ highlights how fraternal love should enable us to live in peace and harmony; a love that transcends the barriers of all rivalry and animosity, and enables us to settle our differences and misunderstanding.

Jesus gives us a three-dimensional principle of reconciliation, and invariably reminds us that conflicts are inevitable in relationships, in families, and in communities. Suffice it to note that 'dialogue' is the bedrock of Jesus' principles for reconciliation. Dialogue is the ability to counsel and talk over issues, to see things from the perspective of others or, the ability to empathize with others. Following Jesus' three-dimensional principle, may we explore all avenues in reconciling with those who offend us: we have to confront our offenders hopeful that they will recognize their faults. May we also take the bold step in being the harbingers of peace and love in our families, workplaces, schools, offices and our communities.

Confiteor (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy.	Christe, eleison	Christe, eleison.
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord:
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R**

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pastures, the flock of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13: 8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 16: 21-27

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS

English

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Latin

***Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dóminus Deus Sábaoth***

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.

Hosána in excélsis.

***Benedíctus qui venit in nómine
Dómini.***

Hosána in excélsis.

We shall pray **Preface III of Sundays in Ordinary Time** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

English

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Latin

***Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.***

***Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.***

***Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.***

***O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine (x 3)***

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

Welcome: We offer a warm welcome to Fr. Subba as he begins his ministry here at Our Lady of the Crays. Fr. Subba is looking forward to getting to know all the members of our parish family so please introduce yourself to him after Mass.

New School Year: As we begin a new academic year, please keep all students and teachers in your prayers, especially those who work and learn in our two parish schools.

Second Collection Next Weekend: There will be a second collection next weekend in aid of the Catholic Education Service. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students.

Weekday Masses: On Tuesday the 8th of September we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Due to this, there will be a Mass at 9.30am on that day. For this week only, there will be no Monday morning Mass.

First Holy Communion Programme: We are inviting applications for the next First Holy Communion Programme. If you have a child in Year 3 or above and you are a practicing parishioner at Our Lady of the Crays, please email the parish office for an application form. The closing date for applications is Friday the 25th of September 2026. We are unable to accept applications after this date, so please ensure you apply in plenty of time.

RCIA: If you are an adult and have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, you may wish to consider joining our next Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults course which starts in mid-October. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Charismatics Group: The Seat of Wisdom Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group will hold their next meeting via Zoom on Sunday the 6th of September from 4.30-5.30pm. The Zoom details are Meeting ID: 83889667814, Passcode: 021548. All are welcome.

SVP Summer Raffle: Tickets for the SVP Summer Raffle will be available for sale after Masses both this weekend and next. This is national raffle with a top prize of £5,000, a second prize of £1,000 and 15 additional prizes of £100 each.

200 Club: Congratulations to the winners of our recent 200 Club draw –

July	No. 5	Chris Moldrich	£50
August	No. 81	Lorraine Lawson	£500

Teach Me to Pray: How do we pray? How do we build a better, more fulfilling relationship with God? You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called *Teach Me to Pray* facilitated by the Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting on the 6th of October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on the 5th or 12th of December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join whenever you can. For further information and to sign up contact spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

Mass Attendance Record: If you plan to apply for a school place or for any of the Sacramental programmes over the next few months, you are asked to take a Mass Attendance Record from the porch and ensure it is signed by the priest at the end of each Mass. This will assist in the application process when the time comes.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Formation Day: All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are asked to save the date of the forthcoming Formation Day. This will be held on Saturday the 31st of October at the Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Carlton Road, Erith, DA8 1DN. The theme will be "Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist". Further details to follow.

Pre-School: This month, Our Lady's Pre-School is celebrating fifteen years since it first opened in our church hall. The pre-school currently has vacancies for children from 2 years old. Funding for 2, 3 and 4 year olds is available. For further information please visit ourladypreschool.net or phone 07983 660589.

Baptism: If you are a practicing parishioner and would like to have your child Baptised here, please contact Reverend Longinus on longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk.

Legion of Mary: The Parish Legion of Mary group meet each Sunday at 12.30pm in the Altar Server's Room. All are welcome to join them.

Cray Young Adults Network: CYAN, the parish Young Adults group meets every second Sunday of the month in person and the last Friday of the month virtually. If you are aged between 18 and 30 and would like to be involved in this group, please email craysyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com

Legal Advice: Legal advice is available to Our Lady of the Crays parishioners. Please contact Pedro on 07888 691332.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: If there is anyone sick or housebound in the parish that would benefit from regular visits by the SVP, or if there are any families or individuals in need, please contact Gabriel Greenspan on 07958 369383. Confidentiality is assured in all cases.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome. If you would like to join our parish database, forms are available in the porch and can be returned to the Parish Office.

BANK DETAILS

If you would like to donate to the parish, please scan the QR code below or contact the parish office for our bank details.



Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

LIVE STREAMING

This parish routinely livestreams the 11am Mass on Youtube between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sundays. You may appear on camera **only** if you approach the altar without prior notice to the recording team during this time. The camera is set to avoid capturing parishioners receiving Holy Communion.

If you have any concerns, please speak to the Priest or Communications Team.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
07/09/26	1 Corinthians 5:1-8	Ps 5:5-6,7,12	Luke 6:6-11
08/09/26	Micah 5:2-5a	Ps 13:6	Matthew 1: 1-16,18-23
09/09/26	1 Corinthians 7:25-31	Ps 45:11-12,14-15,16-17	Luke 6:20-26
10/09/26	1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13	Ps 139:1-3,13-14b,23-24	Luke 6:27-38
11/09/26	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27	Ps 84:2-3,5-6,12	Luke 6:39-42
12/09/26	1 Corinthians 10:14-22	Ps 116:12-13,17-18	Luke 6:43-49

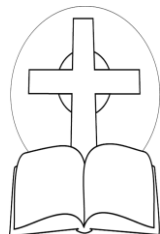
<u>CHURCH MINISTRIES</u>		
	5th & 6th September	12th & 13th September
READERS 6PM	V Martis A Dsouza	G Selvaraj P Lobo
READERS 9AM	J Garber M Quintavalle	A Garber T Wickenden
READERS 11AM	M Higgins P O'Halloran	P Ajayi T Onwudinjo
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	E North	D Ekpoudom
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	T Wickenden T Meaney	M Abu I Floyd
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	E Williams M Alademerin	M McEveney N Adewale
CLEANING	Team 1- Funmi Adewale	Team 2-Mary Quintavalle
LINEN	Funmi Obende	Theresa Akagbosu

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, Eamon Murphy, Shelagh Murphy, File Marku, Douglas Lewis, Terry Wingfield, Salma Lamina, Julie Langford, Alzira Miranda, Stella Hawker, Pauline Burgess, Douglas Hine, Valerie Robbins, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR SEPTEMBER



We remember in our prayers: Alice Dunne, Paddy Herbert, Bernard Aikhuele, Sheila O'Connor, Adewale Adams, Elsie Unger, Eugenia Marshall, James Drysdale, James Silo, Eileen Morris, Raul Joyce, Rose Chattell, Michael Wingfield, Teresa Downes, Patrick Daly, Merlyn Morris, Dennis Morris, Irene Howlett, Art Sheridan, Maurice Casey, Maria Ellerby, Frances Hill, Giovanni Ferrigan, Alfred Mandy, Patrick Dunne, Kkelu Nwafor, Amelia Cansdale, Paul Abiodun Fashina, John Jagger, Maria Quintavalle, Bridget Whelan, Octaviana Goes, Grace Le Fleur, James Fordham, Sissy Dabin, Madge Trinder, Mary Rose Wilkins, Maurice Quirk, Margaret Keeling, Mary Crowley, Maureen McMahon, Ellen Lawlor, Pauline Reid, Hannah O'Sullivan, Betty Evans, Slyma Laurent, Peter Trodden, Roddy Korateng-Addo, Andrew Sabbath Day Archer, Jeanne Allen, P J O'Connor, Janet Sinclair and Johnson Orimolade.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Sept. 6: Twenty-Third Sunday (A) 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Holy Souls 9am Mass: Lucia Winter, 16th BT 11am Mass: Bridie & Donal Crowley, 60th WA <i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i>	Sat: Sep. 12: Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A) 5.15-5.45pm: Confessions 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Legion of Mary, SI
Mon: Sept. 7: No Mass Tues: Sep. 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am: McMahon Family, WB Wed: Sep. 9: Feria 6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 7.30pm Mass: Holy Souls Thu: Sep. 10: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Holy Souls Fri: Sep. 11: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9am: Divine Mercy Novena 9.30am Mass: Holy Souls	Sun: Sep. 13: Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A) 9am Mass: Legion of Mary, SI 11am Mass: Legion of Mary, SI Note: SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery Bl means Blessed GB means God's Blessings GP means God's Protection WB means Well-Being TG means Thanksgiving PI means Private Intentions BT means Birthday Thanksgiving WA means Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo: People of the Parish Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone

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<https://www.youtube.com/@craysparish7800/streams>