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SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (A)

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. (Sirach 27: 33-28:1-2)

The theme of forgiveness is very prominent in the First and Gospel readings. The First reading exhorts us to avoid the vices of resentment, anger and vengeance. This is against the backdrop that vengeance is for the Lord, for "whoever exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord" (Sirach 28:1; Deut.32:35). Today, Christ categorically reminds us that there is no limit to forgiveness, as we must forgive those who hurt us up to seventy-seven times (Mt.18:21-22). In the Gospel narrative, Christ presents us with the parable of the master and the unforgiving servant. The master was able to forgive the servant and cancelled all his debts, while the same servant was very unfair to a fellow servant who owed him less than what was cancelled for him by the master.

The lessons from this narrative are two-fold: first, forgiveness is a two-way process; we must ask forgiveness when we offend others and we must be ready to forgive others when they offend us. Second, Christ by this teaching, repudiates the Jewish law of "Tit-for-tat" or "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" (Exo.21:24; Matt.5:38). Dear friends, there are so much hatred, rivalry and vengeance in our world today. Our families are broken because we find no reason to forgive each other and live in peace. May God give us the grace to love and forgive those who have offended us, and may we be ready to ask forgiveness from those whom we have hurt.

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 Book of Sirach 27: 30-28: 7

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Response: *The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits. **R**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R**

He will not always find fault; not persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 14: 7-9
Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 18: 21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

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 IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time** and say **Eucharistic Prayer II**

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

Second Collection: There will be a second collection this 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.

Bible Study: The next session of our Bible Study Group will take place online on Thursday the 17th of September, starting at 7.45pm. The topic will be "You are the light of the world and you are the salt of the earth." The Zoom details are as follows – Meeting ID: 838 8966 7814, Passcode: 021548. All are welcome to join.

Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council Meeting will take place in the church hall on Monday the 21st of September, starting at 7pm. If you are a member of the Parish Council, please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Annual Mass Count: Starting next weekend and continuing until mid-October, we will be carrying out the Annual Mass Count at each weekend 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.

Fr. Subba's Car: At present, Fr. Subba does not have a car and is seeking help in sourcing one as a matter of urgency to enable him to carry out all his duties in the parish. If any parishioner knows of a second-hand car in good condition with a fairly low mileage or if anyone is experienced in sourcing such a car, please let Fr. Subba know.

September Birthdays: On the weekend of the 26th and 27th of September we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of September. If you have a September birthday and your name is not already on the list in the porch, please add it on in clear, block capitals.

Fr. Cyriacus: The final amount collected for Fr. Cyriacus' Farewell Collection is £3107.77. Thank you to all who contributed so generously.

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". More details are on the poster in the porch.

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. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Subba after Mass. If you would like to join our parish database, forms are available in the porch and can be returned to the Parish Office.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
14/09/26	Numbers 21:4b-9	Ps 78:1-2,34-38	John 3:13-17
15/09/26	1 Corinthians 12: 12-14,27-31	Ps 100:1-3,5	John 19:25-27
16/09/26	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Ps 126:1-6	John 17:11b-19
17/09/26	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,28	Luke 7:36-50
18/09/26	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	Ps 17:1,6-8,15	Luke 8:1-3
19/09/26	1 Corinthians 15: 35-37,42-49	Ps 56:10,11-12, 13-14	Luke 8:4-15

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.

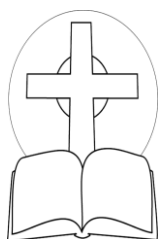
CHURCH MINISTRIES		
	12th & 13th September	19th & 20th September
READERS 6PM	G Selvaraj P Lobo	L Winter D Fufeyin
READERS 9AM	A Garber T Wickenden	M Francis F Garber
READERS 11AM	P Ajayi T Onwudinjo	C Olii M McEveney
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	D Ekpoudom	S Fernando
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	M Abu I Floyd	K Wingfield T Wickenden
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	M McEveney N Adewale	M Ehiosun F Adewale
CLEANING	Team 2-Mary Quintavalle	Team 3-Anne-Marie Glancy
LINEN	Theresa Akagbosu	Ann Kane

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. 13: Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A) 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Legion of Mary, SI 9am Mass: Legion of Mary, SI 11am Mass: Legion of Mary, SI <i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i>	Sat: Sep. 19: Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A) 5.15-5.45pm: Confessions 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): P. J. O'Connor, RIP
Mon: Sept. 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast) 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am: Tues: Sep. 15: No Mass Wed: Sep. 16: Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Memorial) 6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 7.30pm Mass: Holy Souls Thu: Sep. 17: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Holy Souls Fri: Sep. 18: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9am: Divine Mercy Novena 9.30am Mass: Sabbathday Archer, RIP and Frances Mary Theresa Hill, RIP	Sun: Sep. 20: Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A) 9am Mass: Pro Populo 11am Mass: Pro Populo 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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Live streamed & past masses, YouTube channel 'crays parish':
<https://www.youtube.com/@craysparish7800/streams>