



# OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) 10TH DECEMBER 2023

### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)  
Fr Michael Etuka (Ass. Priest)  
Fr Sylvester Oyeka, CSSp (Ass. Priest)  
Fr James Yakubu, MSP (Ass. Priest)  
Revd. Vincent Morrison (Deacon)  
Shirley Nash (Parish Secretary)  
Robert Haddad (Lead Catechist)

### SUNDAY READINGS

Parish Mass Book:  
Order of Mass: Page 5  
*Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT B. pp 85-89*

### PARISH SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** 7:00pm (Saturday);  
8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3pm & 6pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** 10am; 12:10pm & 6.45pm

**Saturday:** 10am

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday 12:45pm – 6:30pm; Sat. 10:45am – 12noon;  
Sun. 4pm-5.30pm

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays 10:30-11:30am; 6pm –  
6:45pm and at call.

**ROSARY:** 9.30am (Monday—Friday)

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Second & Fourth Saturdays of the month. This is strictly for infants as the designation goes. And parents of such babies must be practising Catholics, hence the need to show evidence of Catholic faith practice at the point of arranging the baby's baptism. Meet with a priest to obtain the application form during parish surgery times.

**PLANNING TO GET MARRIED?** If you are thinking of getting married at St Mary's it would be a good idea first to meet with one of the priests in the parish and discuss your requirements and the arrangements to be made. You need to give 6 months notice for your marriage so that all documentation and marriage preparation courses can be arranged. Look up for Parish Surgery days to discuss your plans with a priest.

**PARISH SURGERY:** For signing of school forms, seeing a priest to begin the process of getting married, planning for infant baptism, etc, visit the Parish Office **ONLY** on Tuesdays and Fridays: 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm

### PARISH CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Every Saturday at 10:30am

### CONFIRMATION:

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults preparatory session is held on Wednesdays in the parish hall from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Are you or anyone you know interested in embarking on an active Christian faith journey, in making a return to faith, or needing to prepare for Confir-

mation as an adult? email us at [rciacroydon@gmail.com](mailto:rciacroydon@gmail.com) or just come along to the parish hall on a Wednesday evening.

**INFANT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS:** First Thursday of the month at 7:30pm (by arrangement).  
**KNOW YOUR FAITH:** You are invited to our weekly Know Your Faith sessions holding on Mondays at the Parish Centre from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Feel free to come and spend time with other parishioners as we explore the Bible and Catechism.

### PRAYER MEETINGS

**LEGION OF MARY: Senior Presidium** meeting takes place on Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Parish Room. **Junior Presidium** meeting takes place on Sundays after the 9:15am Mass in the Vailankanni Hall. New members are welcome.

**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA PRAYER GROUP:** Prayer meeting is held every Tuesday after the 10:00am Mass.

**ST MARY'S PURGATORIAL GROUP:** Prayer meeting is held every Thursday in the Parish Room at 7:30pm. Contact 07866831016.

**OUR LADY OF REPARATION CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP:** Charismatic Prayer meeting is held every Friday after the evening Mass.

**CAR PARKING:** If you park your car on our premises while visiting the church or the parish office Monday to Friday, you **MUST** register your car registration details in the electronic pad to avoid getting a parking penalty ticket.

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Elsa Gonzales Martina, Peter Domfeh, Rose Kiwanuka, Graine Gray, Frederick Michael Ho, Bibiana Vicente Ferreira, Ellen Coyle & Antonia Conteh. May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. Amen.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT** is scheduled as follows: When: Thursday December 14th  
Where: Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington  
Time: Palestinian-themed buffet from 6pm (£50) or concert-only ticket to start at 7:30pm (£30)  
Buy your tickets through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com): Search 'FHL Christmas Concert' or for more details: [friendsofthe-holyland.org.uk/christmas-concert-2023](http://friendsofthe-holyland.org.uk/christmas-concert-2023)

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace. Send your Holy Spirit

to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person you created them to be.

Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest. **Amen**

#### **ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL:**

Nursery and Reception entry September 2024 closing date is 12th January 2024.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Altar servers' rehearsal for Christmas shall be held in the church on Saturday 16th December @ 4:00pm

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATION**

Are you free at the end of the 6pm Mass this Sunday? Please, join us in retrieving the items for our Christmas decoration from the Crypt to the parish room. And join us again on Monday and Tuesday after the 10am Mass to change the ambience of our church in preparation for the festival of Christmas.

**CONFIRMATION 2024:** Registration forms for booking a place in the Confirmation programme for 2024 are out already. Candidates for Confirmation must be 14 years and above. Completed forms must be returned by Monday 8th January 2024. Bear in mind that late submission of forms shall not be entertained.

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHOIR:** Thanks to those who came to the hall for the wonderful carol session last Sunday. Our thanks to the organisers for accepting to transit to a choir group singing at Sunday Masses from the New Year.

#### **ADVENT SHOE BOX APPEAL**

We are, once again, asking parishioners to donate a Christmas present for the homeless and vulnerable in our community. Fill a shoe box with toiletries, treats and a Christmas Card and these will go to the guests at St Mildred's Drop-In on Christmas Day. Further information about what to include in your box is on the parish website and on the posters in the porch. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** shall be held in our church on Wednesday 20th December starting at 6:45pm. Kindly avail of this opportunity to go to confession in readiness for Christmas.

#### **CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE**

Everyone is invited to a Christmas Season Cake Sale by the First Communion Children and Parents holding on Sunday 17th December after the 9:15am Mass in the Parish Centre. Minced pies, mulled wine, teas & coffees will be served as we enjoy taste of Christmas from 20 different nationalities. Do not miss this grand event by our children.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 21st December 2023 until Friday 5th Janu-

#### **MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

#### **SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**

#### **Sunday 10th December: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

8:00am Charmine & Jonathan Cobb: In thanksgiving  
9:15am Agostinho Domingos de Jesus  
10:45am Felix Palafox: In thanksgiving  
12:15pm Paul Etuka & deceased family members  
Michael Cafferkey, RIP 1st Memorial  
3:00pm Missa Pro Populo  
6:00pm Tim Leahy, RIP

#### **Monday 11th December: Feria**

10:00am Conceicao Sousa Rodrigues, RIP  
12:10pm Special thanksgiving & Intentions of Audrey  
6:45pm Mesi Adeyemi: Birthday thanksgiving

#### **Tuesday 12th December: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

10:00am Shirley Nash: Wellbeing  
12:10pm Liam, RIP  
6:45pm Joao Rodrigues, RIP

#### **Wednesday 13th December: ST LUCY, Memorial**

10:00am Drixton Braganca: In thanksgiving  
12:10pm Fr Michael Umoh: Thanksgiving  
6:45pm Mary Jordan: Birthday thanksgiving

#### **Thursday 14th December: ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, Memorial**

10:00am Clemencia Bertini, RIP  
12:10pm Rosaline Cubagee & family: Wellbeing  
6:45pm Roberto Callus: Special Intention & Wellbeing

#### **Friday 15th December: Feria**

10:00am Maclean Kobusingye, RIP  
12:10pm Rita D'Cruz, RIP  
6:45pm Holy Souls

#### **Saturday 16th December: Feria**

10:00am Antonio Carvalho, RIP  
7:00pm Ivy Roberts, RIP

ary 2024. From the Parish Office we wish joy, peace, hope and love at Christmas and a very blessed New Year.

#### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**13th December:** Parish Xmas Dinner for the Seniors

**20th December:** Advent Penitential Service at 6:30pm

**24th December: 4th Sunday of Advent Masses:** 7pm (vigil), 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm

**Christmas Vigil Masses** at 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm & 12midnight; Carol Service from 11pm.

**25th December: Christmas Day Masses** at 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm

**26th December:** St Stephen's Feast day: Mass at 10:00am ONLY

**27th –30th December:** Usual Masses

**31st December:** Usual Sunday Masses; New Year Eve Service of Adoration & Mass from 9:00pm