



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 11TH DECEMBER, 2022

### PASTORAL TEAM

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

### PARISH SCHEDULE

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

**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 from 1015 -1145am.

**RCIA:** Are you interested in embarking on an active Christian faith journey, in making a return to faith, or needing to prepare for Confirmation as an adult? Join our RCIA programme every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like more information please speak to one of the

clergy, email us at [rciacroydon@gmail.com](mailto:rciacroydon@gmail.com) or just come along on a Wednesday evening. Our friendly team look forward to welcoming you.

**INFANT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS:** First Thursday of the month at 7:30pm.

### PRAYER MEETINGS

**LEGION OF MARY: Senior Presidium** meeting takes place on Saturdays at 5:00pm 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.

**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:

Canon Columbanus Acton. May he and all the departed rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. Amen.

**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**

**CONFIRMATION 2023:** Registration forms are out for booking a place in the Confirmation programme for 2023. Candidates for Confirmation must be 14 years and above. **Fill and return your forms by Monday 19th December 2022.** Meeting with candidates and their parents will be held on 13th January 2023. Application forms are available online and in the church.

### World Youth Day, Lisbon (31st July to 7th August 2023)

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3\* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For further information, please email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

### ADVENT SHOEBOX 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

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:

Malcolm Fernando is organising Christmas Raffle in the Parish to support our youth movement in the Parish as well as the Catholic Charities such as ACN, CAFOD, MISSIO, Seminary Fund & Diocesan clergy Support Fund. He requests for volunteers to sell raffle tickets. They should contact him on 075 05 011 249

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Christmas Dinner for our Senior citizens shall be held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 1:30 pm in the Parish Centre.

### ADVENT DAILY REFLECTION

**A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:**  
*Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent.*  
Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to God's invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

**St Mary Magdalene with St Martins** in Addiscombe is looking for an experienced Deputy manager for a permanent position in their preschool, term time only, (subject to a 6-month probation period). Anyone interested in applying, should email their CV to: [magdalenepreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:magdalenepreschool@hotmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT:** This shall be held on Saturday 17th December from 3:45pm to 6:00pm. All are invited, and donations shall be taken to for Aid to the Church in Need for persecuted Christians around the world.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** shall be held in our church on Thursday 15th December starting at 6:00pm. Kindly avail of this opportunity to go to confession in readiness for Christmas.

**ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSAL** for Christmas shall be held in the church on Tuesday 20th December @ 4 30 pm .

### MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

#### Sunday 11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent (A)

8:00am Peter Nicolas: Birthday thanksgiving  
9:15am Pro Populo  
10:45am Uche & David Agbim's Wellbeing  
12:15pm Wellbeing & Conversion of Peter Betts  
3:00pm Peggy McGeever, RIP  
6:00pm Benedict, Christopher, Thadey & Francis Moshy, RIP

#### Monday 12th December: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

10:00am Olivia Musoke: God's blessings  
12:10pm Patricia Nzegwu: Thanksgiving  
6:45pm Kyrell Matthews: For Divine Mercy

#### Tuesday 13th December: ST LUCY

10:00am Drixton Braganca: In thanksgiving  
12:10pm Caitlyn Faith Bastian: 1st Birthday  
6:45pm Deliverance & Healing of Ron Rob

#### Wednesday 14th December: ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

10:00am Angela Gaughan: Wellbeing  
12:10pm Nicholas Rogers' 60th Birthday  
6:45pm Deliverance & Healing of Mina Vaz

#### Thursday 15th December (Feria)

10:00am Rita D'Cruz, RIP  
12:10pm Antonio Jose Luis Carvalho, RIP  
6:45pm Wellbeing of Saira Vaz

#### Friday 16th December (Feria)

10:00am Akhili Zecharias: Birthday thanksgiving  
12:10pm Neville D'Cruz, RIP  
6:45pm Holy Souls

#### Saturday 17th December (Feria)

10:00am In honour of Our Lady of Fatima  
7:00pm Carmen Dias, RIP

**NEED FOR VIGILANCE:** While at Mass, please, take care of your belongings to avoid them being taken by some unscrupulous persons who visit the church just to steal.

**JESUIT REFUGE SERVICE (JRS)** invites everyone to its Advent Service scheduled for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm for an evening of readings, Advent carols and a drama performance from the JRS UK drama group. The service will be taking place at Farm Street Church in Mayfair and is open to all. For those outside of London, you can join us online by livestream. Find out more: <https://www.jrsuk.net/news/advent-service-2022/>.



**FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION** invites everyone to its last Families4Families session for the year holding in our church hall on 15th December @6:30pm. See poster and our website for details.

**ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP** is holding its Christmas Revival/Carol Service at St Andrew's Church Hall CR& 7RD on 17 December from 12noon to 5pm.