



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 18TH 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:** 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? Our RCIA programme is taking a winter break and will next meet on Wednesday 1 February, 2023 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 1 February. 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 asking all those who helped in selling raffle tickets to return the counterfoils, money and unsold tickets to him or the Parish Office by Wednesday 21st December 2022.

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

**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/>.

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023. From the Parish Office we wish joy, peace, hope and love at Christmas and a very blessed New Year.

**CHRISTMAS:** Kindly take a copy of our Christmas Card for you and your family. In the card is contained the full programme for Christmas and New Year at our parish, and a blessing from our Clergy to us. Take also Christmas Offering envelopes for your special gifts for our beloved priests at Christmas. Your offering may be gift-aided too!

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

### Sunday 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent (A)

8:00am Dr Peter Ofili, RIP  
9:15am Dr Sze Hing Ng, RIP  
10:45am Pro Populo  
12:15pm Angela & Antinoro Suave, RIP  
3:00pm In honour of Padre Pio  
6:00pm Wellbeing & Thanksgiving for Maria

### Monday 19th December

10:00am Hermes Noronha: Birthday thanksgiving  
12:10pm Antonio Mergulhao: Birthday Thanksgiving  
6:45pm Kyrell Matthews: For Divine Mercy

### Tuesday 20th December

10:00am Jean Griffiths, RIP  
12:10pm Franky Rego, RIP  
6:45pm In honour of Our Lady of Valenkani

### Wednesday 21st December

10:00am Dr Geraldine Ng: Wellbeing  
12:10pm Emmanuel Loh, RIP  
6:45pm In honour of St Jude

### Thursday 22nd December (Feria)

10:00am Claudia Rosinna: Birthday thanksgiving  
12:10pm Mafran Dias: Birthday thanksgiving  
6:45pm Wellbeing of Victoria

### Friday 23rd December (Feria)

10:00am Wellbeing of Patricia Fernandes  
12:10pm Dias Family thanksgiving  
6:45pm Holy Souls

### Saturday 24th December (Feria)

10:00am Sam's Birthday thanksgiving

### CHRISTMAS VIGIL

6:00pm Lourdes Cipriano, RIP  
8:00pm Bernadette Gallagher: Wellbeing  
10:00pm Rose, Shirley, Paola, Sarah & Rita  
Midnight: Pro Populo

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

### Sat 24th December: CHRISTMAS EVE

10am: Last Advent Mass  
6:00pm: Family (Vigil Mass)  
8:00pm Vigil Mass  
10:00pm: Vigil Mass  
12:00am: Midnight Mass

### Sunday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am: Mass at Dawn  
9:15am: Mass during the Day  
10:45am: Mass during the Day  
12:15pm Mass during the Day (Church is closed after this Mass)

**Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th December:** Mass at 10am ONLY and Church is closed after Mass on both days.