



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 19TH NOVEMBER 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 6
Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A. pp 155-157

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:

Frederick Michael Ho, Bibiana Vicente Ferreira, Ellen Coyle & Antonia Conteh. May they 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**

NOVEMBER DECEASED LIST: In the month of November we remember especially our departed brothers and sisters, friends and relatives. There are Holy Souls envelopes at the entrance of the church. Enclose the list of names in an envelope together with your offering and place the envelope in the Holy Souls box in front of the Altar. We shall place all the listed names on the Altar and say Masses daily for those souls in the month of November and once a week throughout the next year.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

South West Area Day of Recollection for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion shall be held on Saturday 2nd December at St Boniface Church, 185 Mitcham

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 at 10:30am

CONFIRMATION: Every Friday from 6 to 8pm.

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 Confirmation as an adult? email us at 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.

Road Tooting. The day's programme will begin at 10am and finish with lunch at about 2:15pm

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

Nativity painting competition organised by the Knights of St Columba.

Entrants: Open to all primary school age children.

Age category: a) KS1 (4-7yrs/yrs R-2) (b) KS2 (7-11yrs/3-6)

Theme: Nativity of Jesus Christ (must include Bible chapter and verse that relates to the drawing). **Deadline** is Sunday, 3rd December, 2023. Drop off in the box at the back of the church.

Online entrants can use doneke@yahoo.com

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL:

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

OPEN DAY (by appointment through the school office 020 8688 2891) on Tuesday 14th November 2023.

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY

We are currently looking to appoint a full-time **Finance Assistant**. Please visit the school's website for more information.

<https://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities>

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:

Malcolm Fernando is organising Christmas Raffle in the Parish. The Raffle is to support youth training 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 13th December 2023 at 1:30pm in the Parish Centre. Ticket is £5 per person. Obtain yours at the Parish Office from Monday 20th November to Friday 1st December.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Divine Mercy in Krakow (Poland) 14th to 20th May 2024

Fatima: 26th June to 1st July 2024

Lourdes: 5th to 9th June 2024

Medjugorje: 11th to 17th April 2024

Padre Pio, Lanciano, Loreto & St Francis of Assisi to be confirmed. Contact Malcolm Fernando on 07505011249

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

25/26 November: CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

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: friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/christmas-concert-2023

TESTIMONY FROM NIGERIAN CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION SURVIVOR:

Margaret Attah, a survivor of last year's Pentecost Sunday terrorist attack – which killed 41 – at St Francis Xavier's Catholic Church in Owo, Nigeria is visiting the Parish on Sunday 19th November. Margaret and her husband Dominic will be at the 12:15pm Mass. All of you are welcome to meet and talk to them at the Parish Centre afterwards.

ACN RED WEDNESDAY MASS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS:

Please join Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) for a special Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 6pm on Wednesday 22nd November to pray for persecuted Christians in Africa and

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19th November: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Maximo Gazmen, RIP
9:15am Holy Souls
10:45am Aurello & Maria Cajilog, RIP
12:15pm Nancy Onyeugbo: In thanksgiving
3:00pm Luis Sabancao & Purita Carungay, RIP
6:00pm Ivane, Francis & Franklin: In thanksgiving

Monday 20th November: FERIA

10:00am Mary McCormick, RIP
12:10pm **FUNERAL: Frederick Michael Ho, RIP**
6:45pm Joby & Family: In thanksgiving

Tuesday 21st November: THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Memorial

10:00am Sonny D'Souza, RIP
12:10pm Ellen & Piet Van Eck, RIP
6:45pm Gerard Dias, RIP

Wednesday 22nd November: ST CECILIA, Memorial

10:00am Vincent Gonsalves, RIP
12:10pm Dennis & Sean Keohane RIP
6:45pm Obinna Nwankwo: In thanksgiving

Thursday 23rd November: FERIA

10:00am Glen Miller, RIP
12:10pm Power McNamara
6:45pm Enid & Saverna Nelson, RIP

Friday 24th November: ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS, Memorial

10:00am Dorothy Stella & Michael Benjamin Smith, RIP
12:10pm Leonie Beardall, RIP
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 25th November: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

11:00am Ojay Jallow: Wellbeing & Healing
7:00pm Christopher Igbudu & family: Health & Wellbeing

around the world. The Mass will be celebrated by H.E. Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, with Archbishop John Wilson.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE NEWLY BAPTISED: On Saturday 25 November at 2pm, there will be a thanksgiving mass for the newly baptised, their parents and godparents. Those baptised within the last one and a half years. If you would like to attend, please email the names of the Parents, godparents and the baptised person/child to michaeletuka@rcaos.org.uk The names will be placed by the altar during mass for them to be prayed for and in front of the tabernacle for some days thereafter.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

18th November: Confirmation Mass by Canon Gerard Bradley at 7pm

25th November: Inauguration of Altar Servers into the Guild of St Stephen @ the 10am Mass

25th November @2pm: Thanksgiving Mass for the newly baptised, their parents and godparents.

27th November: Fr Patrick's 30th Anniversary Mass at 6:45pm followed by reception.

2nd December: A Day with Mary

2nd December: at St Boniface Church, Tooting. South-West Area Recollection for Lectors & EMHC, starting at 10am.

13th December: Parish Xmas Dinner for the Seniors

20th December: Advent Penitential Service at 6:45pm