



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: C - 4TH MAY 2025

PASTORAL TEAM

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

SUNDAY READINGS

Parish Mass Book:
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Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - C: Pp. 259-261

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: Monday & Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 5:30pm – 6:30pm; Wednesday 12:45pm – 6:30pm; Sat. 10:45am – 12noon; Sun. 4pm – 5.30pm

CONFESSION: Monday – Friday 6:00pm – 6:30pm; Saturdays 10:30–11:30am; 6pm – 6:45pm and at call.

ROSARY: 9.30am (Monday–Friday)

LAUDS: Saturday 9:30am; **VESPERS:** Sunday 5:15pm & Wednesday 6:15pm

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 10:15am

CONFIRMATION: Every Friday at 6:15pm

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 night.

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 MEETINGS:

Senior Praesidium (Our Lady Morning Star) Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Parish Room.

Senior Praesidium (Our Lady Virgin Most Powerful) Sundays at 10:30am in the Parish Centre

Junior Praesidium 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.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP: Meets in the Parish Room after 10am Mass on Wednesdays to grow in the love of God and each other.

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.

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP: We welcome all young people to join our youth group for ages 12-18. We want to try and encourage more young people to take an active role in the church and have fun with others their age. There will be a range of activities such as movie nights, sports day and other activities which can be chosen by members. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after 12:15 mass. For any extra information please

email: stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA: Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at 8:00pm in the parish room

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift 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

PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Pope Francis, Canon Mgr John O'Toole, Canon Francis Leo Mooney, Fr Bernard Heaphy, Fr Sunith Nonis, Maureen Levy, Eleanor Boyd, Margaret Griffin, Brandon Curtis, Joyce Reikes and Esther Boitel-Gill. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

11th May: Priest Training Fund: This collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

1st June: World Communications Sunday

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI & SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO: We are planning our Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo from 23rd Nov. to 2nd Dec. Cost per person sharing is £1450; Single room £1690. Forms are at the back of the church or in the parish office. If you have obtained a form, fill it and phone Northern Star Travel Ltd to follow up on the process. See flyers for further information.

9-WEEK NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA Holds every Tuesday after the 10am Mass until 10th of June. Feast day Mass at 10am on the 13th of June.

SOUTH WEST AREA MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS The South West Area of our archdiocese will celebrate in our parish Mass for those Baptised and Confirmed at Easter this year, on Saturday 24th May at 12noon

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE DAY at The Friars, Aylesford 7th June 2025. Our parish is arranging a coach for the day, and parishioners can register to attend with the stewards at the Sunday Masses. It will be at a subsidised rate of £10 per head.

CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: There is Mass every Wednesday at the hospital chapel at 12noon.

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK present, The Sisters of Life (NY, USA) speaking on 'Why Pro-Life Vigils Matter'. Tuesday 6th May at 7pm at The London Jesuit Centre, 2nd Floor, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. Entry: Free. More details 07795205117

OUR LADY OF AFRICA: Join to celebrate Our Lady of Africa Feast on Saturday 10th May 2025 at St Andrew's Church Thornton Heath CR7 7RD from 9:20am to 1:30pm

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF POPE FRANCIS

Eternal Father,
In Your infinite mercy,
You called home Your faithful servant,
Pope Francis,
during the radiant joy of the Easter Octave —
a sign of the Risen Christ's triumph over death.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 4th May: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER: C

8:00am Priests of the Parish & Vocations
9:15am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
10:45am Peter DaCosta, RIP
12:15pm Felix Isichei, RIP (5th Anniversary)
3:00pm Angela Whipp, RIP
6:00pm Uzoh Cyprian & Christian Igbudu: Wellbeing

Monday 5th May: Feria

10:00am Fr Simplicio DeSouza: Ordination Anniv.
12:10pm NO MASS
6:45pm NO MASS

Tuesday 6th May: Feria

10:00am Dulcidon & Sapiencia Noronha, RIP
12:10pm Sharon Mary Samaru & John Derrick Smith
6:45pm Jason Noronha & family: Wellbeing

Wednesday 7th May: Feria

10:00am Mario Callus, RIP
12:10pm Margaret Griffin, RIP
6:45pm Ray Dargantes, RIP

Thursday 8th May: Feria

10:00am Holy Souls
12:10pm Regina & Gertrude Chinegwudoh: Thanksgiving
6:45pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday 9th May: Feria

10:00am Thanksgiving: Donor's Intention
12:10pm Bernadette O'Halloran: Wellbeing
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 10th May: Feria

10:00am Michael Adekoya: Birthday thanksgiving
7:00pm Willy & Sharon Mergulhao: Wedding Anniv.

We give You thanks
for his life of humble service,
his unwavering commitment to the poor,
his courage in seeking peace and justice,
and his gentle witness to the mercy of Your Son.
Receive him now into the fullness of Your glory.
May he rest in the peace promised by Christ,
whom he served as the Vicar on earth.
May his soul,
and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.
O Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for him.
Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles,
receive him.
All you holy Popes and confessors,
intercede for him. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A POPE

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen
Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.
St Joseph, Guardian of the Church, Pray for us.
St Peter & St Paul, Pray for us.