



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH (ST MARY'S)

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 20TH JULY 2025

### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)  
Fr Michael Etuka (Ass. Priest)  
Fr James Yakubu, MSP (Ass. Priest)  
Fr Matthew Donnelly (Ass. Priest)  
Rev. 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. 15th Sunday in OT - C: Pp 111-114*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

Christopher Pearce, Rebecca Goode, Daphne Blades, Eleanor Boyd, Margaret Griffin, Olivia Johnson, Aretha Williams, Patrick Inneh and Patricia Stansfield. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**27th July:** Missionaries of St Paul Appeal (MSP) Fr Peter Umoru, MSP, of the Missionary Society of St Paul, will be making the mission appeals next weekend in our parish. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal through the second collection at Masses next weekend. Additionally, you can donate by setting up a direct debit or by cheque using the account details provided below:

**Account Name: The Missionary Society of St Paul**

**Sort code: 202963**

**Account No: 73306224**

**Bank Name: Barclays Bank**

**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.

**DATES FOR OUR DIARIES:**

**6TH – 9TH AUGUST:** International Symposium organized by A Day with Mary

**18TH – 20TH AUGUST:** Annual family renewal Retreat in Malayalam language between 4.30 and 9 pm.

**23RD AUGUST:** Day of Prayer & Reflection in honour of Our Lady - Message of Medjugorje

**PARISH GIVING:** We are grateful for all you do to support the parish. Setting up a Standing Order is the most efficient way to make a donation to the parish without incurring fees. You can use the following details for one-off donations or set up a Standing Order: NatWest Bank; **Account Name: RCAS Croydon West. Account Number: 36004219 Sort Code: 60-50-01** If you are a taxpayer, you can **PLEASE** sign up for Gift-Aid at no extra cost to you.

**GIFT AID GIVING** For those of you who left your email details regarding Gift Aid giving and have not heard from the Parish Office, could you kindly email the office directly and the form will be sent. Not all email addresses were clear and may not have been delivered. [croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk)

**LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS OF MARCH FOR LIFE: 6 SEPTEMBER**

**2025.** Let us do all within our means to promote the culture of life.

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

**PART-TIME CLEANER:** Part-time cleaner is required for St Columba's Presbytery and Hall in Selsdon, on a Monday morning for 4 hours. Please contact the Parish Office on [selsdon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdon@rcaos.org.uk) if interested.

**WELCOME TO FR PIUS DUNIYA**, MSP who will be helping in our parish this summer. As we wish Frs James & Matthew a happy holiday.

**MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK****Sunday 20th July: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: C**

8:00am	Missa Pro Populo
9:15am	Teofilo & Maria Gouveia, RIP
10:45am	Pansy Shaw, RIP
12:15pm	Teofilo & Maria Gouveia, RIP
3:00pm	John Chinegwudoh: Birthday thanksgiving
6:00pm	Christiana Ojo: Birthday thanksgiving

**Monday 21st July: Feria**

10:00am	Sally Thornton, RIP
12:10pm	Jerome Yakubu, RIP
6:45pm	Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday 22nd July: ST MARY MAGDALENE, Feast**

10:00am	Danielle Reekie: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm	Brian Bowman, RIP
6:45pm	Victoria Louval: Wellbeing

**Wednesday 23rd July: ST BRIDGET, Feast**

10:00am	Jacqueline Oluonye, RIP
12:10pm	Josephine Olayemi Ogunsola, RIP
6:45pm	Theresa & Eddie Rowan, RIP

**Thursday 24th July: Feria**

10:00am	Fr James Yakubu: Ordination Anniversary
12:10pm	Fr Frazer Bellfield: Ordination Anniversary
6:45pm	Souls in Purgatory

**Friday 25th July: ST JAMES, Apostle, Feast**

10:00am	FUNERAL: Christopher Pearce, RIP
12:10pm	Edna Thomas O'Halloran, RIP
6:45pm	Holy Souls

**Saturday 26th July: SS JOACHIM & ANNE, Memorial**

10:00am	Athan Braganca: Birthday thanksgiving
7:00pm	Yen & Anh-Duong: Birthday thanksgiving

**URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS' YEAR 7 (MAIN SCHOOL), 2026+ ENTRY****Open Evening:**

**Wednesday 24th September 2025**

**6.00 – 8.30pm.** There are various slots to choose from.

For Y5 & 6 students and parent/carers (in the academic year 2025-2026).

**Open Mornings:**

**Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October 2025**

**9.00am OR 11.00am**

For Y6 students and parent/carers (in the academic year 2025-2026).

**Sign up:** <https://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2/> **Bookings** close 18th September. *Limited availability, ticketed entry only.*

**APPRECIATION!!!**

*All thanks and glory to God almighty for the success of our Cultural Day celebration last Sunday. Thanks to our clergy, planning committee, country leads, the Knights of Columba, the various organisations and to all parishioners for the support given to the celebration of our oneness in Christ despite our diversity. **Next year's edition will be held on the 19th of July** and not the 12th as announced last Sunday. The second Sunday of July is Tamil Yearly pilgrimage to Walsingham, and we can't wrestle the day from them for the sake of our togetherness.*

**THERE WILL BE NO PARISH SURGERY IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST. USE PARISH EMAIL TO SECURE APPOINTMENT FOR URGENT NEEDS.**