



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 31ST AUGUST 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:
Order of Mass: Page 6
Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. 22nd Sunday in OT - C: Pp 130-132

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: See details on the back page.

CONFIRMATION: Every Friday at 6:15pm. Now on hold until Sept.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults preparatory session is held on Wednesdays in the parish hall from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, **starting from 20th August.** 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. **Next session 15/09/2025**

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:

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

14TH SEPTEMBER: CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

21ST SEPTEMBER: CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR THE SUPPORT OF EVANGELIZATION (Home Mission Sunday)

5TH OCTOBER: CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

DATES FOR OUR DIARIES:

30TH SEPTEMBER: Closing date for submission of First Holy Communion forms.

2ND NOVEMBER: All Saints Day

3RD NOVEMBER: All Souls Day

8TH NOVEMBER: Parish Memorial Day with Visit to the Cemeteries.

22ND NOVEMBER: Administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

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

TAP TO GIVE:

Use the contactless terminals available in the church to donate. Just tap your card or phone to make a donation. Don't forget to sign up to Gift Aid. May god bless your generous hearts.

MARCH FOR LIFE: 6 SEPTEMBER 2025. Join March for Life UK on Saturday 6th Sept in London! The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society their most basic right, the right to life, which is why this year's theme is 'Human Rights for All Humans'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk Let us do all within our means to promote the culture of life.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Registration form for First Holy Communion 2026 is out. This can be obtained from the back of the church and the parish website. Deadline for submission of completed forms is **TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025.**

PARISH SURGERY shall recommence this week. Tuesday & Friday—9am to 12:30pm & 2pm to 4:30pm

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.**

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 31st August: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:C

8:00am	Aroanjo & Anna Nunes, RIP
9:15am	Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
10:45am	Shane Dominic Myers RIP
12:15pm	Augustine Thuong Vu & Anna Xiem, RIP
3:00pm	Victoria Osei-Akofo, RIP
6:00pm	Michelle Eze: Birthday thanksgiving

Monday 1st September: Feria

10:00am	Dolly & Fred Barrett, RIP
12:10pm	Uzoh Cyprian & Christian Igbedu: Wellbeing
	Donovan Hanson: Wellbeing
6:45pm	Wilfred Prior: Birthday thanksgiving

Tuesday 2nd September: Feria

10:00am	Michael Murray, RIP
12:10pm	Lucy Bahoum: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm	Ruby & Francis D'souza, RIP

Wednesday 3rd September: ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Mem.

10:00am	Jay Lloyd Lustria, RIP
12:10pm	Mary-Bertha Valentine, RIP
6:45pm	Joyce Crane, RIP

Thursday 4th September: Feria

10:00am	Florencio D'Souza & family, RIP
12:10pm	Annie Healy, RIP
6:45pm	Souls in Purgatory

Friday 5th September: Feria

10:00am	Neil Noronha: In thanksgiving
12:10pm	THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
6:45pm	Holy Souls

Saturday 6th September: OUR LADY

10:00am	Uche Uzoho: Birthday thanksgiving
7:00pm	Merlyn Frazer: Special Intentions

ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL: Job Opportunities

St Mary's Catholic High School is looking for reliable and professional **Cleaners** and **Catering Assistants** to join our team from **September**.

These are permanent positions, with interviews taking place the week beginning **24th August**.

- **Cleaners:** 15 hours per week (Monday to Friday, 4 pm–7 pm), during term time plus 2 weeks.
- **Catering Assistants:** Hours are flexible and can be discussed at the interview. The hourly rate is **£14.61**, in line with the local authority pay scale. If you are interested, please send your CV and a short statement about your suitability to: recruitment@stmaryscroydon.co.uk

FR MICHAEL ETUKA: Fr Michael Etuka has commenced moved on to his new posting as Assistant Priest in Canterbury. We wish him God's blessings in his life and ministry.

FR MATTHEW DONNELLY: Due to certain unforeseen family situations that warrant Father Matthew's attention, the archbishop has posted him nearer his home so he can take adequate care of the situation. Please, keep Fr Matthew and his ailing dad in your prayers.

FR LESZEK SZADOWSKI: The Archbishop has graciously assigned to our parish from September, Fr Leszek Szadowski. We look forward to welcoming him to the parish and wish him a fruitful ministry among us.

NOVENA: Novena in honour of Our Lady of Vailankanni is holding after evening Masses from 30th August to 7th September. Everyone is welcome to prepare for Our Lady's birthday.