



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)
Fr James Yakubu, MSP (Ass. Priest)
Fr Leszek Szadowski (Ass. Priest)
Revd. Vincent Morrison (Deacon)
Shirley Nash (Parish Secretary)
Robert Haddad (Lead Catechist)
Yen Vu (Parish Safeguarding Rep)

SUNDAY READINGS

Parish Mass Book:
Order of Mass: Page 6
Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Pp 143-146

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: 2026 form is out. See details on the back page.

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. **Next session 29/09/2025**

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:

Margaret Mary Stickland, 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:

28TH SEPTEMBER: GIFT TO FRs ETUKA & DONNELLY
5TH OCTOBER: CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

DATES FOR OUR DIARIES:

30TH SEPTEMBER: Closing date for submission of First Holy Communion forms.
31ST OCTOBER: All Hallows Night Celebration (6:30pm Mass)
2ND NOVEMBER: All Saints Day
3RD NOVEMBER: All Souls Day
8TH NOVEMBER: Parish Memorial Day with Visit to the Cemeteries.
11TH NOVEMBER: Deanery Deceased Clergy Mass
22ND NOVEMBER: Administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (7pm)
29TH/30TH NOVEMBER: Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
30TH NOVEMBER: First Sunday of Advent

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.

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**.

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.*

FOR THE BEREAVED: *Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ* is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from October 10-12, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call – 01622 717 272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

MAJOR MARRIAGE PROBLEMS? Do you feel alone? Are you constantly frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 28 September: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

8:00am Jose Victor DeSouza, RIP
9:15am Mary Murphy, RIP
10:45am Celine Ibe-Deen: In thanksgiving
Kris Sylvester Odisi: In thanksgiving
12:15pm Koffi Agnes, RIP; Austin Enebe, RIP (10th Anniv)
3:00pm Missa Pro Populo
6:00pm In honour of St Anthony

Monday 29th September: SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, Archangels, Feast

10:00am Anne & Michael Heffernan, RIP
12:10pm Desmond Hickey, RIP
6:45pm Well being of Mina Vaz

Tuesday 30th September: ST JEROME, Memorial

10:00am Cecilia Anane, RIP; Paulina Coulter, RIP
12:10pm Victoria Asante: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm In honour of Our Lady of Velankanni

Wednesday 1st October: ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, Memorial

10:00am Allen Walsh, RIP
12:10pm Conceicao Fernandes, RIP
6:45pm In honour of St Joseph

Thursday 2nd October: THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS, Memorial

10:00am Rose Headlam: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Dawn Shaw, RIP (1st Year Memorial)
6:45pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday 3rd October: Feria

10:00am Antonia Kilonzo, RIP
12:10pm THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 4th October : ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Memorial

10:00am For the unborn
7:00pm Bernadette Gallagher: 92nd Birthday thanksgiving

talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** may be for you. Its programme has helped hundreds of couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next online programme call 07887 296 983 or email in-fo@retrouvaille.org.uk

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR FATHERS ETUKA & DONNELLY

On this Sunday, 28th September, we welcome back Frs. Michael Etuka and Matthew Donnelly to our parish for a Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrating their time and ministry among us. Mass is at 12:15pm and there will be a reception in their honour after the Mass in the Hall. Second collection at all Masses this weekend will be our gift for them.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

Some parishioners have reported that scammers are using the identity of our priests and the name of St Mary's Church to scam members of the parish. Our priests will not ask for money or schedule any meeting that is not in the newsletter. Please, be careful not to fall prey to tricksters and fraudsters.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

"I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community." (Pope Leo XIV) The Pope asks us all to pray the Rosary for peace this October.

DDL SISTERS will be selling tickets for their development work in our community this weekend. Kindly patronise them.