



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26TH OCTOBER 2025

PASTORAL TEAM

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

SUNDAY READINGS

Parish Mass Book:
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Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Pp 155-157

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 RE-NEWAL 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

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: Programme yet to commence.

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

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:

Bishop Michael Fagun, Richard Kalu Kalu, Eleanor Mary Teresa Trier, Joan O'Connor, Margaret Mary Stickland, Cheryl Walker and Micheal Williams. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

9TH NOVEMBER: ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

23RD NOVEMBER: CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

DATES FOR OUR DIARIES:

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: 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.

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 offer Masses daily for those souls in the month of November and once a week throughout next year.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE DAY: Saturday 8th November is Remembrance Day in our parish. Kindly send the name as well as framed picture of your loved one who died within the year to the parish office by Monday 3rd November. There will be Memorial Mass at 11:00am on 8th November 2025. *There will be Adoration, Marian devotion, confessions from 9:30am to 10:45am on that day.* We shall then visit the Mitcham Road Cemetery and Queen's Cemetery right after the Mass to bless the graves of our loved ones.

MAJOR MARRIAGE PROBLEMS? Do you feel alone? Are you constantly frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped 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 info@retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL

Closing date for Nursery and Reception entry September 2026 is 15th January 2026. There is an Open Day (by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 26th October: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

8:00am Vincente Inacio DeSouza
9:15am George & Wielad Haddad, RIP
10:45am Missa Pro Populo
12:15pm Clinton & Leane Tavares: Wedding thanksgiving
3:00pm Ken MacNamara, RIP
6:00pm Mr & Mrs Froilan Vy Cruz: 10th Wedding anniversary

Monday 27th October: Feria

10:00am Melani Jeyaseelan: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm In honour of St Jude
6:45pm Maureen Nwafor: In thanksgiving

Tuesday 28th October: SS SIMON & JUDE, Feast

10:00am Adaeze Ezech: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Ramon Reyes, RIP
6:45pm In honour of St Jude

Wednesday 29th October: Feria

10:00am Ramon Reyes, RIP
12:10pm Edilson's 23rd Birthday
6:45pm In honour of St Jude

Thursday 30th October: Feria

10:00am Romanus Ezech, RIP
12:10pm Patrick & Anne Ryan, RIP
6:45pm Ruperto & Lourdes Eusebio, RIP
Eric & Patricia Smith, RIP

Friday 31st October: Feria

10:00am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
12:10pm Uche Agbim: Birthday thanksgiving
6:30pm Holy Souls

Saturday 1st November: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00am Wellbeing of the Braganca family
VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
7:00pm Anthony Ogunsola: Birthday thanksgiving

through the school office 020 8688 2891) on Wednesday 5th November. There are still available spaces for the Nursery Class for September 2025.

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE

Susan Okafor is advertising a 8-day pilgrimage to Guadalupe/ Mexico from 9th of January 2026. Cost per head is £2293. Deposit of £300 is to be paid by 25th October. Contact Susan Okafor on 07894711139

ALL HALLOWS EVE

Following the success of last year's All Hallow's Eve event, Father Patrick is pleased to once again invite the children of the parish and their parents, to celebrate this old Catholic tradition on Friday 31st of October beginning with Mass at 6:30pm, to be followed by refreshments and activities in the Parish Hall. Please come dressed as your favourite saint, angel or personage from the Bible.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) is a Catholic charity supporting persecuted and suffering Christians around the world. The Charity is in need of Community Fundraiser working Full time/Permanent 37.5hours, with flexibility to include evening and weekends. A driving license and access to a car is essential for this role. To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV to HR@acnuk.org

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Malcolm and his team have begun the sale of Christmas Raffle Ticket in the parish. 1st Prize: £250; 2nd Prize: £125; 3rd Prize £75; Plus other prizes.