



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - 9TH NOVEMBER 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. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Pp 202-204

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 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

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, Bishop Julius Adelakun, Richard Kalu, Eleanor Trier, Joan O'Connor, Remedios Parinas, Peter Kitara and Micheal Williams. May they rest in peace, Amen.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

9TH NOVEMBER: ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

23RD NOVEMBER: CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

DATES FOR OUR DIARIES:

11TH NOVEMBER: Deanery Deceased Clergy Mass (12:10pm)

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

13TH DECEMBER: A Day with Mary

14TH DECEMBER: Seniors' Christmas Party

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 and 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.

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

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 37.5 hours, with flexibility to include evening and weekends. A driving license and access to a car is essential

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 9th November: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN

BASILICA, Feast

8:00am	Priests of the Parish & Vocations Olumesi Adeyemi: Birthday thanksgiving Annamma Thomas, RIP
9:15am	Kyrian Uchegbusi: Child Dedication
10:45am	Giuseppina Oliva, RIP
12:15pm	Missa Pro Populo
3:00pm	In honour of St Jude
6:00pm	

Monday 10th November: ST LEO THE GREAT, Memorial

10:00am	Audrey Reekie: Birthday thanksgiving Nicole Ezech: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm	In thanksgiving for hostages released
6:45pm	Sharon Bayley: Wellbeing

Tuesday 11th November: ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Memorial

10:00am	FUNERAL: Joan O'Connor, RIP
12:10pm	Deceased Clergy of the Deanery
6:45pm	Dr Sze Hing Ng & departed family members

Wednesday 12th November: ST JOSAPHAT, Memorial

10:00am	Kenneth Coelho, RIP
12:10pm	FUNERAL: Eleanor Trier, RIP
6:45pm	In honour of St Jude

Thursday 13th November: Feria

10:00am	Departed souls of the Pereira family
12:10pm	Philomena & Family: In thanksgiving
6:45pm	Maryanne Pereira

Friday 14th November: Feria

10:00am	In honour of St Jude
12:10pm	Yvonne Gwendoline & John Derrick Smith, RIP
6:30pm	Holy Souls

Saturday 15th November: OUR LADY

11:00am	Ida Moraes, RIP
7:00pm	Cratone Nunes, RIP

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.

YOUNG ADULTS (18+): Explore Faith & Community. Join the St. Mary's Young Adults Group *social* right after the 12:15 PM Mass on Sunday, November 16th. Come for a time of prayerful fellowship, watch a movie, have pizza and play games. It's a relaxed way to grow in faith with others!

A DAY WITH MARY: A Day With Mary is taking place at Holy Cross, Carshalton on Saturday 22 November 2025 (9.00am to 4.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER: Parish Christmas Dinner for our Elderly parishioners shall be held on Sunday 14th December after the 12:15pm Mass. Get your tickets from the parish office for £10. Tickets available on first come first served basis.

SOUND OF THE TRUMPET: Croydon Churches Forum is inviting everyone to join in proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord as we gather at the Fairfield Halls on Saturday 22nd November from 5pm to sing praises and worship songs to lift the glory of God and testify to God's goodness. A donation of £5 per head shall be required to help pay for the hall and logistics.