



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) 14TH DECEMBER 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. Third Sunday of Advent – A Pp 88-90

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: (Look out for Registration Form for 2026)

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:

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

14th December: Parish Christmas Dinner for the Seniors

17th December: Penitential Service and Confessions 6pm

22nd Dec. to 5th Jan 2026: Parish Office Closed

24th December: 10am & 12:10pm last Advent Masses

Christmas Vigil Masses at 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm & 12midnight; Carol Service before the Midnight Mass

25th December: Christmas Day Masses at 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm

26th December: St Stephen's Feast day: Mass at 10:00am

27th to 31st December: Usual weekday Programmes

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is here again! If you missed the last two, there is another opportunity for you to wake up from slumber and get active with the Fire of the Holy Spirit. 2026 Seminar will take place between 6 February and 17 April. Forms for registration are available at the back of the church. Fill and drop your form in the box also at the back of the church.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Kindly put in your diary that Wednesday the 17th of December is the day set aside in our parish for Penitential Service and Individual Confessions in preparation for the coming festival of Christmas. Tell your family and friends!

ADVENT SHOE BOX APPEAL

We are, once again, asking parishioners to donate a Christmas present for the homeless and vulnerable in our community. Fill a shoe box with toiletries, treats and a Christmas Card and these will go to the guests at St Mildred's Drop-In on Christmas Day. Further information about what to include in your box is on the parish website and on the posters in the porch. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:

Malcolm Fernando is requesting all those who helped in selling Christmas Raffle tickets to hand in money and ticket counterfoils plus unsold tickets to himself, Florence Baptiste or the Parish Office.

NATIVITY COMPETITION: Nativity painting /drawing and Christmas photography competition by the Knights of St Columba For Nativity Painting/ drawing: A scene of the nativity of our Lord drawn or painted which includes bible chapter and verse for: Ages 4-11. **PLEASE** include with your entries: your name and name of school. **Deadline:** 28/12/2025. Drop off at the back of church in sealed envelope clearly marked: KSC.

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT: Called to Bear Fruit consultation response published. Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit and hardcopies have been

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 14th December: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—A

8:00am Rajathural Manmathan, RIP
9:15am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
10:45am Thomas Davies, RIP
12:15pm Missa Pro Populo
3:00pm Joan Rodrigues, RIP
6:00pm Joan Drought, RIP

Monday 15th December: Feria

10:00am Zita Pereira, RIP
12:10pm Gino La Morella, RIP
Raymond Pembroke, RIP
6:45pm Ida Moraes, RIP

Tuesday 16th December: Feria

10:00am Ovidio & Maria Andolfi & deceased Andolfi/
Verrengia family, RIP
12:10pm Gaetano & Antonietta DiCamilo, RIP
6:45pm Elaine Quinn: Wellbeing

Wednesday 17th December: Feria

10:00am Arama Ribeiro-Thompson: Birthday
Cecilia Adeoti: Birthday; Nede Amen
Edokpolor: (21st Birthday)
12:10pm Anna Maria Caruana, RIP
NO EVENING MASS TODAY
6:00pm Penitential Service/Confessions

Thursday 18th December: Feria

10:00am Dr Sze Hing Ng, RIP
12:10pm Edna Maria, RIP
6:45pm Martin Valentine, RIP

Friday 19th December: Feria

10:00am Hermes Noronha, Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Filomena Fernandes, RIP; Marie Alford, RIP
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 20th December: Feria

10:00am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
7:00pm Lucia Folake Opeifa: Birthday thanksgiving

sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love. So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future.

CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL MASSES

The final Mass in the hospital Chapel for 2025 will be on Wednesday 10th December. Wednesday Masses will resume on 7th January 2026 at 12noon. We wish you all a very happy season of the Birth of our Lord in advance.

CONFIRMATION 2026: Registration forms are out for booking a place in the Confirmation programme for 2026. Forms are at the back of the church, on the website and in the Parish Office. Candidates for Confirmation must be 14 years and above this year. **Completed application forms must be returned by Friday 16th January 2026.**

CALL FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Children who have made their First Communion may now apply to become Altar Servers. Pick application from the Parish Office and submit it before 31st December. Training will commence in January 2026. Meanwhile, training for Christmas Masses shall be held on Saturday 20 and Monday 22 December at 4pm.