



# OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR A) 11 JANUARY 2026

### 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. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – A Pp 118-120*

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 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](mailto: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:** Saturdays 10:30-11:45am; 6pm – 6:45pm and at call.

**ROSARY:** 9.30am (Monday–Friday)

**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](mailto: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

### 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

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Fr Stephen Chukwuma, Mary Madigan, Joyce De Souza, Roseline Ejaife, Constantino Godinho, Richard Kalu, Eleanor Trier, Joan O'Connor, Remedios Parinas, Peter Kitara, Micheal Williams and Jobin Matthews. May they rest in peace, Amen.

**FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**11 January:** The Baptism of the Lord (End of Christmas Season and the start of the Ordinary time)

**18 February:** Ash Wednesday

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

PAX CHRISTI (PEACE SUNDAY) APPEAL: 17/18 JANUARY

WORLD LEPROSY DAY APPEAL: 24/25 JANUARY

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 1 FEBRUARY

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION:** At the end of the 6pm Mass this Sunday, we shall be taking down the Christmas decoration and crib. We need parishioners to help us in doing this.

**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](mailto: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.

**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

**MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK****Sunday 11 January: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—A**

8:00am Francis Vieira: Wellbeing  
 9:15am Michael Ojo: Birthday  
 10:45am Ernest Quadra, RIP  
 12:15pm For all our Choristers and Musicians  
 3:00pm Missa Pro Populo  
 6:00pm Joyce De Souza, RIP

**Monday 12 January: Feria**

10:00am Holy Souls  
 12:10pm FUNERAL: Constantino Godinho, RIP  
 6:45pm Mettle & Jini: Wedding anniversary

**Tuesday 13 January: Feria**

10:00am Luisa Sartori: Special Intention  
 12:10pm Dominico & Elizabeta Velardi: Wellbeing  
 6:45pm Fr Kieran O'Grady's intentions

**Wednesday 14 January: Feria**

10:00am In honour of the Infant Jesus  
 12:10pm Elu Pires  
 6:45pm Carma Lily, RIP

**Thursday 15 January: Feria**

10:00am Jennifer Brown: Birthday thanksgiving  
 12:10pm Paola Servini: Special Intention  
 6:45pm Ida Moraes, RIP

**Friday 16 January: Feria**

10:00am Matthias Ozogolu, Senior. RIP  
 12:10pm Robert & Sue Haddad: Special Intention  
 6:45pm Holy Souls

**Saturday 17 January: ST ANTHONY, Abbot, Memorial**

10:00am Anthonia Adeoti, RIP  
 7:00pm Wimalaraj Gunaratnam, RIP

renewal, is available at [rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit](http://rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit) and hardcopies have been 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.

**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.**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULTS**

| Prizes | Ticket No | Name            | Amount |
|--------|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| 1st    | 01415     | V Lesley        | £250   |
| 2nd    | 01835     | Maria Nauracka  | £125   |
| 3rd    | 01363     | Tessa Green     | £75    |
| 4th    | 00681     | A L Gomes       | £20    |
| 5th    | 00251     | Penelope Stokoe | £20    |