



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A) 22 FEBRUARY 2026

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. 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – A Pp 151-154

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 RENEWAL GROUP: Charismatic Prayer meeting is held every Friday after the evening Mass.

ST MARY'S ACTIVE YOUTH (SMAY): We welcome all young people to join our youth group from ages 12-18. We want to try and encourage more young people to take an active role in the church, develop confidence, character, leadership skills, and a deeper relationship with God. There will be a range of activities such as movie nights, sports day and other activities which can be chosen by members. Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. 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

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mgr Philip Hoteyin, Rosaline Blake, Mary Madigan, Joyce De Souza, Roseline Ejaife, Richard Kalu, Eleanor

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: Every Friday from 6:15 to 8:30pm

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: rciacroydon@gmail.com or

Trier, Joan O'Connor, Remedios Parinas, Peter Kitara, Micheal Williams, Jobin Matthews, Tong Van Tran, Constantino Godinho, Michael Eugene Maguire, Rajan Raman, Maria Sy-Onwuka, Marisa Punzalan and Sriskantharajah Satheeskumar. May they rest in peace, Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: CAFOD FAST DAY

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

1 MARCH: CAFOD Lent Fast Day

22 MARCH: Poor Parishes

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

HEARTS & MERCY: We are seeking volunteers for workshops that address practical community needs, such as cost-of-living tips, living faith at work, and building bonds through arts and dance. We are also preparing the *Dilexi te* programme to train refugees and people experiencing homelessness in baking and support them towards employment. "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1 Peter 4:10, NRSV-CE)

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

The Gift Aid Envelopes for 2026/2027 will be available for collection next weekend 1st March and the following 8th March. Please come along and collect them from Geraldine (our Gift Aid Coordinator).

As always, we are very grateful for all your support. If you are a taxpayer - Gift aid adds 25% to your gift at no cost to you and is of great help to parish finances. For those who would like to make regular donations by standing order, forms are available from the parish gift aid coordinator via croydonwestgac@rcaos.org.uk or 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 if you are a taxpayer. May God bless your generous hearts.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: The Life in the Spirit Seminar is here again! It takes place every Friday evening after Mass from 6 February to 17 April. If you missed the

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 22 February: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT: A

8:00am Euan La'bouchardiere and deceased members of La'bouchardiere family RIP
9:15am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
10:45am Angela: In thanksgiving
12:15pm Sigbert Ollivierre, RIP
3:00pm Pro Populo
6:00pm Paul McKeown: Special Intention

Monday 23 Feb: Feria

10:0am Fr Patrick Feyisetan: Wellbeing
12:10pm Nora Elliot: Wellbeing & Good health
6:45pm Omolola St Matthew-Daniel: Birthday

Tuesday 24 Feb: Feria

10:00am Martin McKeogh: Special Intention
12:10pm John Edward & Joseph Dhavajagayam RIP
6:45pm Trevor Curtin: Health & Wellbeing

Wednesday 25 February: Feria

10:00am Bernadette Gallagher & family: Wellbeing
12:10pm FUNERAL: Lexter D'Rozario, RIP
6:45pm Joey Firth, RIP

Thursday 26 February: Feria

10:00am Fr Leszek Szadowski: Wellbeing
12:10pm Aral Lucian Arulpragasam: In thanksgiving
6:45pm Benedicta Olupitan: In thanksgiving

Friday 27 February: Feria

10:00am Fr James Yakubu: Wellbeing
12:10pm Assumpta Muwonge & family: Special Int
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 28 February: Feria

10:00am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
1:00pm WEDDING: Shagon Shaji & Swapna Fernandes
7:00pm Christian Ndubuisi Nwobodo, RIP

last two, there is another opportunity for you to wake up from slumber and get active with the Fire of the Holy Spirit.

UPCOMING PRILGRIMAGES

LOURDES: 15 April - 19 April, 2026

DIVINE MERCY: 28 May - 02 June, 2026

FATIMA: 01 July - 06 July, 2026

For further details: **Malcolm Fernando**

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FRIDAY LENTEN TALK & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This programme will take place every Friday of Lent starting at 6pm. Topic for this week's: 'Faith: Trusting God's Guidance.'

CHURCH MAINTENANCE WORK

There will be maintenance work on our church wall and lighting from 2nd of March to the 14th of March. Weekday Masses during this time with the exception of Friday evening will be held in the parish centre. We do apologise for the inconvenience that this arrangement is going to cause. Thank you for your understanding.