OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A) 15 MARCH 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:
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Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. 4th SUNDAY OF LENT – A Pp 164-168

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 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, Fr. Padraig Faughnan, Rosaline Blake, Joan O'Connor, Remedios Parinas, Jobin Mat-

thews, Tong Van Tran, Constantino Godinho, Michael Eugene Maguire, Rajan Raman, Marisa Punzalan, Sriskantharajah Satheeskumar, Beverly Williams, Catherine Guyer and Christopher Raganayagam. May they rest in peace, Amen.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS
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

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

FRIDAY LENTEN TALK & STATIONS OF THE CROSS
This programme will take place every Friday of Lent starting at 6pm. Topic for this week's: 'Sacrifice: Loving Through Service.'

CHURCH MAINTENANCE WORK: Maintenance work on our church wall and lighting is ongoing. 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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION: Parishioners are warmly invited to welcome the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into their homes for a weekly visitation. The statue is based at Our Lady of Reparation, St Mary's West Croydon, and the visitation is organised and managed by members of the Legion of Mary of our parish. This is a beautiful opportunity for families to gather in prayer and seek Our Lady's intercession. If you would like to host the visitation in your home, please contact Benedict on 07751062815 or Fiorella on 0772204185.
All parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part in this special devotion.

RCIA: We wish our catechumens and candidates the best of God's graces as they enter the phase of scrutinies this weekend. Let us keep them in our prayers.

THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS
This popular annual event will take place at St George's Cathedral on July 11 at 3pm. Couples celebrating special anniversaries this year - their first, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later anniversary - are invited to apply for places. They will then receive a personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson and have an opportunity to renew their marriage vows. Apply to: mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

HEARTS & MERCY DONATIONS: Thank you to everyone for your incredibly generous donations. Your kindness and support are truly appreciated and have made a meaningful difference.
At this time, we are no longer receiving donations. We are very grateful for the abundance that has already been given. Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 15 March: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT: A

8:00am	Ida Moraes, RIP
9:15am	Mary Fadele: Birthday thanksgiving
10:45am	Conrad Anthony Myers, RIP
12:15pm	Marie Annete Denise Goa, RIP
3:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
6:00pm	Craverio Nunes, RIP

Monday 16 March: Feria

10:0am	Eslinda Pereira: Wellbeing
12:10pm	Prisca: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm	John William Daniel, RIP

Tuesday 17 March: ST PATRICK, Feast

10:00am	Aaron Reekie: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm	FUNERAL: Christopher Raganayagam, RIP
6:45pm	John William Daniel, RIP

Wednesday 18 March: Feria

10:00am	Casey & Camiare Families living/dead
12:10pm	Edna Maria Jeyam, RIP
6:45pm	Daniele Massamba, RIP

Thursday 19 March: ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

10:00am	Heather & Carlton D'Monte: 60th Wedding anniversary
12:10pm	Malcolm Fernando: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm	Jelisa Anthony: Birthday thanksgiving

Friday 20 March: Feria

10:00am	Stanford Roberto, RIP
12:10pm	Dorothy & Michael Smith, RIP
6:45pm	Holy Souls

Saturday 21 March: Feria

10:00am	Rosita Thomas: Birthday thanksgiving
7:00pm	Ann Healy, RIP