



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 02.08.2026

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. 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: A, Pp 111-114

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. **Next Surgery day Friday 4th of September 2026.**

PARISH CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

FIRST COMMUNION: Forms are available now! See back page.

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: croydonwestrcia@rcaos.org.uk The programme will recommence in August. Do register now via the email.

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. Next session is Monday the 7th of September 2026

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 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: Archbishop Augustine Akubueze, Canon Alan McLean, Fr. George Marsden, Jose Caetano Valente DaGama, Cyril Gomez, Anthony Samuel Smith and Christine Connors May they rest in peace and rise in glory, Amen.

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.

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. If you are a taxpayer, you can **PLEASE** sign up for Gift-Aid at no extra cost to you.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 16th August: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24th-26th August: Retreat in Malayalam 4:30pm-9:00pm

CROYDON PARISH ROSARY WALKS: Thanks to all who have already completed their walk in good time, we are beginning to get the idea and many are being planned. If you don't have a catholic neighbour or friend to join you please email smrosarywalk@gmail.com and we will try to find you a rosary walk friend.

THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM – Open Evening 2026: Thomas More Catholic School & Sixth Form warmly invites prospective students and their families to attend our Open Evening on: **Thursday 10 September 2026— 5:00pm – 7:00pm; Headteacher's Talk: 5:15pm.** Thomas More is a Catholic co-educational school for students aged 11–18 - OFSTED rated GOOD. For enquiries, please contact: **Telephone:** 0208 668 6251 **mail:** schooloffice@tmore.org.uk We look forward to welcoming you to Thomas More Catholic School & Sixth Form.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Registration form for enrolling on our First Holy Communion Programme for 2027 is out. You can obtain yours from the back of the church, at the Parish Office or from the Parish Website. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish Office on or before October 5, 2026.

CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL: No Wednesday Mass in August. Next Mass will be 2nd September 2026.

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS YEAR 7 (MAIN SCHOOL), 2027+ ENTRY

Open Evening: Wednesday 23rd September 2026 6.00 – 8.30pm. There are various slots to choose from. For Y5 & Y6 students and parent/carers (in the academic year 2026-2027).

Open Mornings: Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October 2026. 9.00am OR 11.00am For Y6 students and parent/carers (in the academic year 2026-2027). Sign up: <https://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2/> Bookings open Wednesday 8th July and close 16th September. Limited availability, ticketed entry only.

PARISH SECRETARY

Shirley Nash, our Parish Secretary is retiring after 20 years of meritorious service to the parish. See the advert for the position on our parish website www.saint-mary.org.uk. Interested qualified persons should submit CV and a covering letter outlining their suitability for the role by email to hr@rcaos.org.uk Closing date is 10th August 2026.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed from 3rd August to 2nd September. Please email or leave a message on the answerphone if you have any enquiries. Do have a great holiday.

SCAM ALERT: Please be aware of a new scam targeting parish communities via WhatsApp. Criminals are using artificial intelligence (AI) to impersonate priests, bishops, and other parish representatives through realistic messages, voice notes, and videos. Their goal is to gain trust and then request money, donations, or financial information.

To stay safe: Do not assume a WhatsApp message, voice note, or video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy.

- Never send money, gift cards, or bank details in response

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 02 August: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8:00am Priests of the Parish & Vocations
9:15am Missa Pro Populo
10:45am Edith D'souza: Birthday thanksgiving
12:15pm Christopher Cleary, RIP
3:00pm Celine Ibe-Deen: 60th Birthday thanksgiving
6:00pm Victims of the Venezuela Earthquake

Monday 03 August: Feria

10:00am Joan O'Connor, RIP
12:10pm FUNERAL: Anthony Victor Samuel Smith, RIP
6:45pm Deceased relatives of Jean Leahy

Tuesday 04 August: ST JOHN MARY VIANNEY, Memorial

10:00am Genevieve: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Saverimuthu Antonipillai, RIP (3rd Mem)
6:45pm Departed relatives of Lucy Bahoum

Wednesday 05 August: Feria

10:00am Terence Obasi: Wellbeing
12:10pm FUNERAL: Jose Caetano Valente Da Gama, RIP
6:45pm Javian Corera: 24th Birthday thanksgiving

Thursday 06 August: THE TRANSFIGURATION, Feast

10:00am In honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace
12:10pm Wendy Anthony: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm Uche Uzoho: Birthday thanksgiving

Friday 07 August: Feria

10:00am Joan O'Connor, RIP
12:10pm THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 08 August: ST DOMINIC, Memorial

10:00am Henry Jiron Snr: Birthday thanksgiving
7:00pm Nadia Ghawi, RIP

Sunday 09 August: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8:00am Rita & Pius Ugonabo, RIP
9:15am Bethany Jeyaseelan: Birthday thanksgiving
10:45am Maria D'Souza: In thanksgiving
12:15pm M & S Siluvaithasan, RIP
3:00pm Joseph Potempa, RIP
6:00pm Dorothy's Intentions

to unsolicited requests.

- Always verify requests by contacting the priest or parish directly using a known phone number or official email address. Report suspicious messages and phone numbers to Action Fraud: <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk> **BE VIGILANT!** Remain vigilant and encourage others in the parish community to do the same.

HEARTS & MERCY is excited to be launching a free Catholic Summer Tutoring Programme for young people entering Year 11 from 5th to the 14th of August here in the parish. It will offer support in English, Maths and Science. The programme will also help students explore how faith, prayer, perseverance and learning can work together in everyday life. There are only 20 spaces available. If you're interested, or know a young person who may benefit, please email us using the address on the poster to register your interest: heartsandmercy@outlook.com Deadline to register is the 3rd of August 2026.

FR JAMES YAKUBU's leaving Mass and party has been fixed for Sunday the 6th of September @12:15pm. Second collection on Sunday 30th of August will be our show of appreciation for his time and ministry among us since 2023. Please give generously and gather on the day to honour him