



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 09.08.2026

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. 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: A, Pp 114-117

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. We will be on Summer break during August. May God bless you with successful exams results as we look forward to seeing you again on **6th September 2026** in the Vailankanni Hall from 1:45pm to 3:15pm.

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.
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. 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.

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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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 Siluvaitathan, RIP
3:00pm Joseph Potempa, RIP (10th Anniversary)
Miguel Ramirez, RIP (30th Anniversary)
6:00pm Dorothy's Intentions

Monday 10 August: ST LAWRENCE, Feast

10:00am Angel Eze: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Fr. James Yakubu's Intentions
6:45pm Connie Ada Nwafor: 80th Birthday

Tuesday 11 August: ST CLARE, Memorial

10:00am Celia D'Costa: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm John Derrick & Yvonne Gwendoline Smith, RIP
6:45pm Departed relatives of Maureen Nwafor

Wednesday 12 August: FERIA

10:00am Patrick & Anne Ryan, RIP
12:10pm Patricia Paul: Healing & Wellbeing
6:45pm Departed relatives of Monica Samuel

Thursday 13 August: FERIA

10:00am Cyril Bastian, RIP
12:10pm Sr Sheila Moloney: Thanksgiving & Wellbeing
6:45pm Rowland Akpile Bosomo, RIP

Friday 14 August: ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, Memorial

10:00am Josephine Oluonye: Wellbeing & Thanksgiving
12:10pm John O'Halloran, RIP
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 15 August: OUR LADY

10:00am Agnelo Braganca: Birthday thanksgiving
3:00pm Connie Ada Nwafor: 80th Birthday
7:00pm Ida Moraes, RIP

Sunday 16 August: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation

8:00am Fr. Michael Etuka: Birthday thanksgiving
In honour of the Assumption of Our Lady
9:15am Rosemonde Lane, RIP
10:45am Philip Nazareth, RIP
12:15pm Connie Ada Nwafor: 80th Birthday
Aloysius Enekwe: Thanksgiving & Wellbeing
3:00pm Thanksgiving for St Mary's Parishioners
6:00pm John Dolrich: Wellbeing

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