



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 06.09.2026

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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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 Tuesday 8th & Friday 11th 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 has already commenced. Do register now with your presence.

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 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. 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: Mary Anne Harris, Adjoua Felicienne Grah, Jose Caetano Valente DaGama, Ellen Brenda Hanson, Doreen Tate, Sharon Lawrence, 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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

13th September: Catholic Education Service

20th September: Home Mission Sunday Collection: *This collection is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales.*

Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you."

4th October: CAFOD Fast Day Collection

11th October: Order of Preachers (Dominican) Mission Appeal

18th October: World Mission Sunday Collection

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th August –7th September: Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Valankanni

CROYDON PARISH ROSARY WALKS: Momentum is growing nicely as we have now achieved 65% of the target. Have you prayed in your road yet? What's stopping you? We also advertise the upcoming March for Life holding on next Saturday 5th of September from 1:30pm. See the poster on the board for more details.

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: 10 September 2026—5:00pm – 7:00pm; Headteacher's Talk: 5:15pm. Telephone: 0208 668 6251 mail: schooloffice@tmore.org.uk We look forward to welcoming you to Thomas More Catholic School*

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.

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS YEAR 7 (MAIN SCHOOL), 2027+ ENTRY: **Open Evening:** 23rd September 2026 6.00 – 8.30pm. **Open Mornings:** 28th September – 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/>

FR JAMES YAKUBU: As Fr James leaves our parish to become Chaplain to the University of Kent in Canterbury, we wish him God's graces for the new apostolate. Our contribution to show our love and appreciation for his ministry among us totalled **£2,275.00**. Thank you for such great support for the priest of God.

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF VALANKANNI: Novena in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Valankanni and the Birthday of Our Lady (September 8) is ongoing and continues till the 7th of September. Feast day Mass is @6:45pm on September 8, and there will be socials in the hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

FR ALEXANDRE FERNANDES: We welcome Fr Alex to our parish and wish him a fruitful ministry among us.

SUPPORTING NEW & EXPECTANT PARENTS: Hearts & Mercy invites new and expectant parents to an informal session in the parish Hall after the 12:15pm Mass on Sunday the 13th of September. There will be sharing by two parishioners on tips for new and would be parents on how their Catholic faith has helped and

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 06 September: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8:00am Priests of the Parish & Vocations
9:15am Obidike Family: Divine Intervention
10:45am Joao Fernandes, RIP
12:15pm Music Ministry Members Private Intentions
Uche Uzoho: Birthday thanksgiving
Christianah Wood: 60th Birthday
3:00pm Missa Pro Populo
6:00pm Nuala Cooney: Wellbeing

Monday 07 September: Feria

10:00am Alvaro Gomes: In thanksgiving
12:10pm Nelson D'Costa, RIP
6:45pm Our Lady of Valankanni

Tuesday 08 September: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast

10:00am Santana & Zia Gomez, RIP
12:10pm Lesley-Ann & Janice Angela Smith, RIP
Rowland Akpile Bosomo, RIP
6:45pm Casabianca D'Silva RIP

Wednesday 09 September: Feria

10:00am Peter Noonan: Wellbeing
12:10pm Jose Valente Da Gama, RIP
6:45pm Eileen & Patrick Connolly, RIP

Thursday 10 September: Feria

10:00am Ben Eze: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm FUNERAL: Mary Anne Harris, RIP
6:45pm Romeo Dias, RIP

Friday 11 September: Feria

10:00am Uche & David Agbim: Wedding Anniversary
12:10pm Eusebio & Daisy Rodrigues: 25th Wedding
6:45pm Morteza Niaki: Birthday & Wellbeing

Saturday 12 September: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

10:00am Holy Souls
7:00pm Diana Valery Fernandes, RIP

Sunday 13 September: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8:00am Daniele-Arthurine Massamba, RIP
9:15am In honour of the Precious Blood
10:45am Missa Pro Populo
12:15pm Florence & Onyinye Enekwe, RIP
3:00pm John Paul MacNamara: Wellbeing
6:00pm Francisco Mario Matteo, RIP

supported them through early parenting.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS: All Students from Year 7 upwards, especially those beginning university education, and all teachers are warmly invited to a special thanksgiving Mass on Sunday the 13th of September at the 12:15pm Mass. There will be special blessings for the new school year at that Mass.

FROM SOUTHWARK SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION:

How do we pray? How do we build a better, more fulfilling relationship with God? You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Us to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions, there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a Diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. For details/ to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqg> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk