



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 04.10.2026

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)
Fr Leszek Szadowski (Ass. Priest)
Fr Alexandre Fernandes (Ass. Priest)
Revd. Vincent Morrison (Deacon)
Laura Brown Coffey (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. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Pp 137-140

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 days: Tuesday 29th September & Friday 2nd of October '26.**

PARISH CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

FIRST COMMUNION: Registration closes on 5th October 2026

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 5th of October 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. **NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

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): St Mary Active Youth (SMAY) Very well done for those of you who have successfully secured a place at university or apprenticeship or other paths to further your learning.

SMAY meeting is back on Sunday 4th October 2026, in Vailankanni Hall at 1:45pm. Welcome to all young people from 12 to 18 years, "COME AND SEE"

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: Fr Anthony Ozele, Fr Emmanuel Olusola, Mary Brewis, Mary Anne Harris, Adjoua Felicien Grah, Jose Caetano Valente DaGama, Ellen Brenda Hanson, Sharon Lawrence, 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.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection. This Family Fast Day, we are sharing a story of CAFOD's work from northern Zimbabwe, where drought has left communities facing severe food and water shortages. Twelve-year-old Tayla told us she often arrived at school hungry and tired after fetching water for her family. Without enough to eat and drink, she struggled to concentrate and feared she would fall behind in her studies. But thanks to the generosity of parishes like ours, local Caritas partners worked with Tayla's school and community to build a solar-powered water system. Now the school has safe water for drinking and for growing vegetables, meaning they can provide nutritious meals to the children all year round, helping them to stay in education and develop their God-given talents. **Our parish support this Family Fast Day will help more children like Tayla stay in school.**

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

11th October: Order of Preachers (Dominican) Mission Appeal
18th October: World Mission Sunday Collection

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24/25.10.2026: Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
31.10.2026: All Hallows Eve
01.11.2026: All Saints Day
02.11.2026: All Souls Day
07.11.2026: Parish Memorial Day Visit to the Cemetery
08.11.2026: Remembrance Sunday
10.11.2026: Deanery Deceased Clergy Mass (12:10pm)
21.11.2026: Confirmation Mass (7pm)

CROYDON PARISH ROSARY WALKS: Momentum is growing nicely as we have now achieved 81% of the target. Final push is for Park Hill Estate roads, inside Radcliffe Rd, Coombe Rd, Chatworth Rd and Barclay Rd. Please be a star and stand up for the Lord Jesus and the Immaculate by doing your rosary walk. Completion target is 30th September. See link on our website. We give thanks to God for the victory of life over the culture of death shown in the votes on the Assisted Suicide Bill. Let us offer our Rosary in thanksgiving to God.

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 by Monday October 5, 2026. Application forms brought after that day will not be received.

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 www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2/

ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
www.stphils.org.uk Open Mornings 17th, 22nd, 29th & 30 September, & 8th October

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE: www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk Opening Morning: 24th; Opening Evening: 28th-30th September

ST MARY'S INFANT SCHOOL: Nursery and Reception entry September 2027 to our school is ongoing. Closing date for application forms is 15th January 2027. Forms are available for collection in the school office. Open days on 9th, 10th, 16th & 17th November, which prospective parents can book online via our website www.stmaryscatholicprimaryschoolstrust.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 04 October: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8:00am Priests of the Parish & Vocations
9:15am Bridget O'Brien, RIP
10:45am Pedro Estolan Pereira, RIP
12:15pm Bernadette Gallagher: 93rd Birthday
3:00pm Moshy Family: In thanksgiving
6:00pm Missa Pro Populo

Monday 05 October: ST MARIA FAUSTINA

10:00am Victoria Gazmen, RIP
12:10pm Gloria Makiza: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm Victor Albert, RIP

Tuesday 06 October: Feria

10:00am Holy Souls
12:10pm Bridget O'Halloran
6:45pm Savio Cardoso, RIP

Wednesday 07 October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Memorial

10:00am Friends of Mary Morrison: In thanksgiving for prayers and support
12:10pm John O'Brien: Wellbeing
6:45pm Michael Noonan: Wellbeing

Thursday 08 October: Feria

10:00am Annunciate: Birthday
12:10pm Daniel: In thanksgiving
6:45pm Bernadette Gallagher: Wellbeing

Friday 09 October: ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Feast

10:00am Effie Nunes, RIP
12:10pm Leo John Pilgrim Anthony
6:45pm All Souls

Saturday 10 October: OUR LADY

10:00am Joseph Braganca: thanksgiving
3:00pm WEDDING: Sarah & Oliver
7:00pm Joseph Maranati, RIP

Sunday 11 October: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8:00am Mary Rita McNamara, RIP
9:15am Fausta & Kelly D'Silva: Wellbeing
Bremi Corera: 15th Anniversary of Confirmation
10:45am Nathanael Nwagwu, RIP
12:15pm Rosolino & Marequinha Martins, RIP
3:00pm Marisa: Birthday thanksgiving
6:00pm Ken MacNamara, RIP (29th Anniversary)

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. For details/ to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hq4> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS by St Vincent de Paul Society & Croydon Nightwatch. Items needed are: Teabags, soup tins (not packets) and canned tins of food, fruits, milk, vegetable, fish and meats. Also, soaps, shampoos and toothpastes. Items should not be past their sell by date. **NO PERISHABLE GOODS AND CLOTHES.** Put donation in the box at the entrance.