



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11.10.2026

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. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Pp 140-142

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: Welcome Mass on 25th October @9:15

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 12th 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 to support the Mission Work of the Order of Preachers. We welcome Fr Peter Harries

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

11th October: Order of Preachers (Dominican) Mission Appeal
18th October: World Mission Sunday Collection
25th October: World Apostolate of Fatima

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 @7pm beginning with Mass
01.11.2026: All Saints Day
02.11.2026: All Souls Day: Masses @8am, 10am, 12:10 & 7pm
07.11.2026: Parish Memorial Day Visit to the Cemetery
08.11.2026: Remembrance Sunday @12:15pm Mass
10.11.2026: Deanery Deceased Clergy Mass (12:10pm)
21.11.2026: Confirmation Mass (7pm)

NOVEMBER DECEASED LIST: In the month of November we remember especially our departed brothers and sisters, friends and relatives. There are Holy Souls envelopes at the entrance of the church. Enclose the list of names in an envelope together with your offering and place the envelope in the Holy Souls box in front of the Altar. We shall place all the listed names on the Altar and offer Masses daily for those souls in the month of November and once a week throughout next year.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE DAY: Saturday 7th November is Remembrance Day in our parish. Kindly send the name as well as framed picture of your loved one who died within the year to the parish office by Monday 2nd November. There will be Memorial Mass at 10:00am on 7th November 2025. *There will be Adoration, Marian devotion, confessions from 9:00am to 9:45am on that day.* We shall then visit the Mitcham Road Cemetery and Queen's Cemetery right after the Mass to bless the graves of our loved ones.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC 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

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/tnpn4hqg> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

ALL HALLOWS EVE: As we approach the Solemnity of All Saints, a celebration that reminds us of God's call to each of us to live a life that is holy, we once again invite families with to get their children ready for this year's All Hallows Eve event. Let us come together to celebrate this old Catholic tradition on Saturday 31st of October beginning with Mass at 7:00pm, to be followed by refreshments and activities in the Parish Hall. Please come dressed as your favourite saint, angel or personage from the Bible.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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

8:00am Mary Rita McNamara, RIP
9:15am Fausta & Kelly D'Silva: Wellbeing
Breimi Corera: 13th Anniversary of Confirmation
10:45am Nathanael Nwagwu, RIP
12:15pm Rosolino & Marequinho Martins, RIP
3:00pm Marisa: Birthday thanksgiving
6:00pm Ken MacNamara, RIP (29th Anniversary)

Monday 12 October: Feria

10:00am Missa Pro Populo
12:10pm John Joyce, RIP
6:45pm Mary Josephine Bruce: Wellbeing

Tuesday 13 October: ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, Feast

10:00am Mary O'Connor: Wellbeing
12:10pm Clarence Edward Gomes, RIP
6:45pm Peter Noonan: Wellbeing

Wednesday 14 October: Feria

10:00am Luca Small: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Ann Hunter: Wellbeing
6:45pm Mary & Lavinia Clarke: Wellbeing

Thursday 15 October: ST TERESA OF JESUS, Memorial

10:00am Francis Pereira: Birthday
12:10pm Clare Ross: Wellbeing
6:45pm Ida Moraes, RIP

Friday 16 October: Feria

10:00am FUNERAL: Mary Brewis, RIP
12:10pm Maria Pereira, RIP
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 17 October: ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Memorial

10:00am Olayemi Ogunsola, RIP
7:00pm Members of the Knight of St Columba

Sunday 18 October: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8:00am Missa Pro Populo
9:15am Brigitta Okwor, RIP
10:45am Jacob & Bernadette Ugonabo, RIP
12:15pm Edna Maria Jeyam, RIP
3:00pm Victor Manuel Dossantos
6:00pm Souls in Purgatory

VISIT OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: All children of Our Lady are invited to a day of special prayer as we welcome the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on visitation to our parish. Come to pray, adore the Blessed Sacrament and honour our Blessed Mother. Event holds on the weekend of 24th/25th October beginning with procession at 9:45am.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Malcolm and his team have begun the sale of Christmas Raffle Ticket in the parish. 1st Prize: £250; 2nd Prize: £100; 3rd Prize £50 voucher; Plus other prizes. Price per coupon is £1.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: Let us unite with the rest of the Church in this month of the Holy Rosary to pray the Rosary fervently as we meditate on the mysteries of our salvation and implore Our Lady's help for peace in our world.