

OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS 01.11.2026

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:
Order of Mass: Page 6
Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. Solemnity of All Saints Pp 184-187

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.
INFANT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS: First Thursday of the month at 7:30pm (by arrangement).
BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN BETWEEN 7- 15 yrs old: will commence on Saturday, 7th November immediately after the first communion class (11:50am). Please make any final applications before this date, contact the parish office for registration forms or speak to one of the clergy.

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 27th October & Friday 30th October '26.**

PARISH CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME
FIRST COMMUNION: Welcome Mass on 25th October @9:15
CONFIRMATION: Continues every Friday from 6:15 to 8:30pm.
CONFIRMATION 2027: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN for candidates aged 14years +. Please collect a form at the back of the church, from office or download from the website. **Applications close on Friday, 8th January 2027. No applications will be accepted after this date.**
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.

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, 26th 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 Valankanni 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.
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): Next meeting this Sunday 01st November 2026, in Valankanni 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, Peter Jarvis, John Annett, Baby Amoura Ayling-Daniel, Stanislaus Thiruchelvam, Eileen McGlinchey, Edward Taylor, John Joyce, Mary Brewis, Mary Anne Harris, Adjoua Felicienne Grah, Jose Caetano Valente DaGama, Ellen Brenda Hanson, Sharon Lawrence & 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.

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver: will be in our parish on the weekend of 31st October and 1st November with their Mission Calendar 2027. The Sisters are here to raise funds to help provide food for girls from poor families at a boarding school established by the Diocese of Tunduru-Masasi in Tanzania. Please support this worthy cause generously. Thank you.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS
8th November: Archbishop's Appeal: This is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout south London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's appeal 2026. Hearts & Mercy has received a grant from this Fund this year to support its charitable works in Croydon. Every gift is welcome. You may use the envelopes to gift-aid your donations or simply scan the QR Code.

22nd November: Catholic Youth Services

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
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 Cemeteries
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. If you are a GIFT AIDER, please write your Gift –Aid number or full name on the back of the envelope please, many thanks.

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. One of the Parish Fathers will be at each cemetery.
Notice for Parish Newsletters

COLOMA MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Coloma Convent Girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance on Thursday 26th November at 3:30pm to pray for all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. RSVP to liturgy@coloma.co.uk by 19th November to indicate your attendance and or to give names of loved ones to pray for.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are inviting everyone on Wednesday 4 November at 6:30pm to the Cathedral Hall for a talk by Fr Hugh Mackenzie on Magnifica Humanitas, reflecting on Pope Leo's distinction between human and artificial intelligence, and what the rapid development of AI means for our understanding of humanity, morality and faith. For further details and tickets visit https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/news-events.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2: ALL SOULS DAY: there will be Holy Mass at the following times: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12:10pm and 7:00pm. Take a Holy Souls Prayer Card to join in praying at all Masses this month as we pray for the faithful departed.

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

PADRE PIO: The relics of St Padre Pio And St Carlo Acutis will visit Holy Cross Church, Carshalton on the Friday 6th November. Please see the posters on the noticeboards, for further details.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 01 November: ALL SAINTS, Solemnity
8:00am Priests of the Parish/Vocations
9:15am Eslinda Pereira: Thanksgiving
10:45am Missa Pro Populo
12:15pm Anthony Ogunsola: Birthday T'sgiving
3:00pm Holy Souls of Purgatory
6:00pm In Honour of St Martin De Porres

Monday 02 November: ALL SOULS,
08:00am Peter & Maria Braganca, RIP
10:00am Sandra Headlam: Birthday
12:10pm Holy Souls
6:45pm Ira Fernando: Birthday

Tuesday 03 November: ST MARTIN de PORRES, Religious
10:00am Funeral of John Henry Joyce, RIP
12:10pm Jay Lhoyd Lustria, RIP
6:45pm In Honour of St Martin De Porres: Thanksgiving

Wednesday 04 November: ST CHARLES BORROMEO, Memorial
10:00am For the Souls of the Braganca Family, RIP
12:10pm Yvonne Gwendoline & John Derrick Smith, RIP
6:45pm In Honour of St Martin De Porres: Thanksgiving

Thursday 05 November: Feria
10:00am Clement Nwafor, RIP
12:10pm Funeral of Eileen McGlinchey, RIP
6:45pm Daisy Vaz: Thanksgiving

Friday 06 November: Feria
10:00am Bremi Corera; Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm The Sick and Housebound
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 07 November: PARISH MEMORIAL DAY
10:00am Joan O'Connor, RIP
7:00pm Felix & Ruthi: Thanksgiving

Sunday 08 November: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
8:00am Potenz Foli Atiogbe, RIP
9:15am Jeremy, Angeline Jarett
10:45am Kathleen Williams & deceased family members, RIP
12:15pm Missa Pro Populo
3:00pm Chizoba Nnadozie: Birthday Thanksgiving
6:00pm St Anthony: Special intention