



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

20TH FEBRUARY 2022

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)

Fr Celestine Ekwueme (Assistant Priest)

Revd. Vincent Morrison (Deacon)

Mr Frazer Bellfield (Seminarist)

Shirley Nash (Parish Secretary)

Robert Haddad (Lead Catechist)

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday);

8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm & 6.45pm **Saturday:** 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 12noon; Sun. 4pm – 5.45pm

CONFESSION: Saturdays 10:30-11:30am; 6pm – 6:45pm and at call.

ROSARY: 9.30am (Monday—Friday)

INFANT BAPTISM: Second & Fourth Saturdays of the month

PARISH SURGERY: Every Tuesday and Friday: 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm

PARISH CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

FIRST COMMUNION: Every Saturday at 10:30am.

CONFIRMATION: Every Friday at 6:00pm

RCIA: Every Wednesday 7:30pm to 9:00pm

INFANT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS: First Thursday of the month at 7:30pm.

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 of 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.

INFANT BAPTISM: You must show evidence of Catholic faith practice to arrange to have your baby baptised. Meet with a

priest to obtain the form during parish surgery times.

OUR LADY OF REPARATION CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP MEETS IN THE CHURCH EVERY FRIDAY FROM 7:30PM

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND: 26/27th February to provide care and support for priests in their retirement and old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His church and His People.

CAR PARKING: If you park your car on our premises while visiting the church or the parish office Monday to Friday, you **MUST** register your car registration details in the electronic pad to avoid getting a parking penalty ticket.

POST-CONFIRMATION LIFE: The parish is calling on young people (under 18) who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation to join our Post-Confirmation Group to begin to explore what it means to be a young Catholic in this day and age, using their own experiences to fuel their discussions and actions. We will be using the LIFE Post-Confirmation programme written by Danny Curtin, and Tom Caluori who will kindly join us for the first session, and support us through the programme.

The first of these sessions will take place on Tuesday 1st March, from 6.30 - 8.30pm, in the Parish Centre. We encourage all confirmed youths to come - it promises to be an enriching opportunity.

JUNIOR BAKE OFF is looking for the UK's best young bakers aged 9-12. Filming would take place from July 2022, but our **applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022.**

Interested bakers can apply online at -

www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

A RETREAT FOR LENT

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called **Saving Grace**. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 25minute video in which our Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contrib-

uting. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside what space you can for Saving Grace! Background information about the retreat can be found at: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace> And you can sign up to receive the materials directly here: http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz

CROYDON CHURCHES FORUM:

For the last 10 years, in the run-up to Easter, Croydon Churches Forum has produced a prayer booklet which acts as a focus for unity and prayer. This year's 'Transform Croydon' prayer booklet runs from Wednesday 2nd March to Easter Day. And can be accessed on our parish website. You can also get a daily post on CCF Facebook page: www.facebook.com/croydonchurchesforum



**What is ADORATION?
Why is it important that we revive adoration in our Parish?**

Find out at Masses on the weekend of 26th/27th February.

Jesus invites you to spend some time in his presence in the Holy Eucharist. All you need is the readiness to give him your time and your heart.

COVID GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES:

This guidance is arrived at against the background that we all realize there needs to be continued caution by all against infection as we try to move forward safely towards a normal lifestyle.

Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and seek medical advice to keep others safe.

Those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering and have their hands sanitized on entry and exit of churches.

Since transmission from surfaces is now minimal, it is safe to use the hymn books, missals and other worship aids.

Holy water stoups will now be in use with the water changed regularly.

GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST

Mourning the loss of a loved one? Trying to cope with feelings out of control? If so, this retreat is for you. It runs from Friday 18th – Sunday 20th March at Aylesford Priory. To book or find out more telephone 01622 717272.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Byrne, John Olisa Onyekweli, Olga Chapman, Roger Fernandes, Anthony Noronha and Millie Garbutt. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 20th February. Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

8.00am Nancy and David Mendes (RIP).
9:15am Pro Populo.
10:45am Successful operation of Brenda.
12:15pm Conrad Myers (RIP).
3:00pm Martin Joseph Duffy, RIP
6.00pm Theresa Okafor's Intentions.

Monday 21st February (Feria)

10.00am Elizabeth Feyisetan (RIP).
12:10pm Nancy and David Mendes (RIP)
6:45pm In thanksgiving and wellbeing of Onwuekwe family.

Tuesday 22nd February: THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE (Feast)

10:00am Richard and Constance Shaw (RIP)
12:10pm FUNERAL: John Olisa Onyekweli (RIP)
6:45pm Mary and Tom Tallon (RIP).

Wednesday 23rd February. SAINT POLYCARP, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

10.00am Auntie Maureen (RIP)
12:10pm Wellbeing of Tracey Nichols and family
6:45pm Francis D'Souza (RIP).

Thursday 24th February. (Feria)

10:00pm Isabel Fernandes (RIP)
12:10pm Milagros Nicholas; wellbeing.
6:45pm Paul Antoine (RIP). 10th anniversary.

Friday 25th February. (Feria)

10:00am Alphonse Nguyen (RIP).
12:10pm Leonie Achurch (RIP).
6:45 pm Holy Souls.

Saturday 26th February. The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am Cordelia Adoli; wellbeing.
7:00 pm Sean Noronha; wellbeing.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts 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

St. Joseph..... Pray for us

St Theresa of the Child Jesus.... Pray for us

LENT 2022

2nd March: Ash Wednesday: Masses at 8am, 10am, 12:10pm, and 6:45pm

LENTEN TALK, STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS will be held every Friday beginning at 6pm.

FOOD BANK: We implore every family to join in the 'One Bag of Provision per Family Campaign for Lent' so that the hungry in our community may rejoice that we are Christians on the Way to Heaven.