



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 20TH AUGUST 2023

### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)  
Fr Michael Etuka (Ass. Priest)  
Fr Sylvester Oyeka, CSSp (Ass. Priest)  
Revd. Vincent Morrison (Deacon)  
Shirley Nash (Parish Secretary)  
Robert Haddad (Lead Catechist)

### SUNDAY READINGS

Parish Mass Book:  
Order of Mass: Page 6  
*Please follow readings and responses in Parish Mass Book. TWENTIETH SUNDAY YEAR A. p. 117-119*

sessions hold on Wednesdays in the parish hall from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

**INFANT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS:** First Thursday of the month at 7:30pm (by arrangement). *Course will not be held in August.*

### PRAYER MEETINGS

**LEGION OF MARY: Senior Presidium** meeting takes place on Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Parish Room. **Junior Presidium** meeting takes place 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.

**OUR LADY OF REPARATION CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP:** Charismatic Prayer meeting is held every Friday after the evening Mass.

**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.

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Monsignor Peter Oke, Fr Paul Oredipe, Matthew Gillett, Enid Nelson, Saverna Nelson, Mavis Roach and Ernest Burns. May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. Amen.

**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 MARY'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IS SCHEDULED FOR 3RD TO 10TH DECEMBER 2023**

Cost per Person: £1495 sharing; £1795 single  
Cost includes: Return flights from Heathrow –Tel Aviv

### 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 – 6:30pm; Sat. 10:45am – 12noon;  
Sun. 4pm-5.30pm

**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. 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:** From 14th August to 5th September there will be no usual Tuesday and Friday Parish Surgery. Visits to the parish office to discuss matters pertaining to the sacraments shall be by appointment ONLY.

### PARISH CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Registration forms for the 2024 programme are out. Get one for your child from the parish office or download it from our website. Forms must be returned on or before 29th September 2023. No late return of forms shall be entertained.

**CONFIRMATION:** Every Friday from 6 to 8pm.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults preparatory

- 1 suitcase per person for the aircraft hold, 20kgs
- 3 nights in Hotel Galilee 4\*
- 4 nights in Hotel Bethlehem 4\*
- St Peter's Fish Lunch
- Visits to Haifa/Cana/ Nazareth; Sea of Galilee/ Capernaum/Caesarea Phillipi; Jordan River/ Mount Tabor/Dead Sea; Bethlehem/Ein Karem; Jerusalem/ Mount of Olives/Western Wall; Via Dolorosa/ Church of the Holy Sepulchre/Bethany/Jericho

Forms are available from the Parish Office.

**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.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults programme has been recently restarted. 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 at [rciacroydon@gmail.com](mailto:rciacroydon@gmail.com) or just come along to the parish hall on a Wednesday evening.

#### **URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL, WIMBLEDON (For Girls)**

MAIN SCHOOL OPEN EVENING comes up on Wednesday 27th September 2023 from 6:30-8:30pm. OPEN MORNING comes up from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th October 2023—9am or 11am. Sign up at [www.ursuline.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2](http://www.ursuline.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2) SIXTH FORM: 12TH October 2023 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Sign up at [www.ursuline.merton.sch.uk/sixth-form/admissions/open-events](http://www.ursuline.merton.sch.uk/sixth-form/admissions/open-events)

#### **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE**

The Our Lady, Queen of Peace Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The pilgrimage was re-established last year after a break due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year we have the great privilege of having Fr Zvonimir Pavičić OFM, the parish priest of St James, Medjugorje to lead the pilgrimage. Fr Zvonimir will also lead an evening of prayer at St Patrick's church, Soho Square, on 30 August 2023.

**Southwark Justice and Peace Commission Autumn Assembly 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023** at St Edmund Catholic Church, Beckenham. Mass 10am continuing 10.20am in the parish hall. Entitled '**The Right to Stay: Free to Choose**'. Entrance free. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome. Keynote speaker Bishop Paul McAleenan. To reserve a place email [justiceandpeace@rcaos.org](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcaos.org)

#### **ST MARY'S PURGATORIAL GROUP**

St Mary's Purgatorial Group will be inaugurated in our parish on Friday 15th September, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Thereafter the group would be meeting every Thursday in the Parish Room at 7:30pm. Let us join in fervent prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Contact 07866831016.

**NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI:** Novena in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni shall be held after the 6:45pm Mass from the 30th of August to the 7th of September All are welcome to participate in this prayerful preparation for Our Mother's Feast.

### **MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

#### **TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Sunday 20th August: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- A**

8:00am	Ronald Haslam, RIP
9:15am	Missa Pro Populo
10:45am	David & Uche Agbim: Wellbeing & thanksgiving
12:15pm	Matthias Ozogolu: In thanksgiving Ben & Angel Eze: 20th Wedding Ann.
3:00pm	Anna Szadkowska: Birthday thanksgiving
6:00pm	Teofilo Afonso: Wellbeing

#### **Monday 21st August: ST POPE PIUS X, Memorial**

10:00am	Isabella Mergulhao: BirthdayThanksgiving
12:10pm	Anne Brogan: BirthdayThanksgiving
6:45pm	Mary Coyne: Wellbeing

#### **Tuesday 22nd August: THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Memorial**

10:00am	Lynette Antonypillai: In thanksgiving
12:10pm	Janice Angela & Leslie Anne Smith, RIP
7:00pm	Glory Uzoho: BirthdayThanksgiving

#### **Wednesday 23rd August: Feria**

10:00am	Caroline Fyeface: BirthdayThanksgiving
12:10pm	Anne France, RIP
6:45pm	Albert Fernandes, RIP

#### **Thursday 24th August: ST BARTHOLOMEW, Feast**

10:00am	Maria de Fatima, RIP
12:10pm	Vino Elliatamby: Wellbeing
6:45pm	Hugh & Kathleen Smith, RIP

#### **Friday 25th August: Feria**

10:00am	Jacinta Vieira, RIP
12:10pm	Violet Smith, RIP
6:45pm	Holy Souls

#### **Saturday 26th August: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

10:00am	Adeline Sequiera: BirthdayThanksgiving
7:00pm	Mike & Josephine Ogakwu, RIP

#### **RETREAT IN MALAYALAM**

Retreat in Malayalam shall be held in our parish from 21st to 23rd August from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. Our usual 6:45pm Masses shall be held during the retreat.

#### **BAPTISM COURSE**

There will be a short course in September for children between 8-12 years old who have not been baptised and wish to join the first communion programme this year. Please register before the first week of September with the Parish office or Deacon Vincent.

**DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS** is scheduled for Saturday 30th of September at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral. Catechists are to book individually at <https://aec.rcaos.org/latest/cat23>

**KINDLY SPARE SOME PRAYERFUL THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIANS PERSECUTED ALL OVER THE WORLD ESPECIALLY IN NORTH KOREA, SOMALIA, YEMEN, ERI-TREA, LIBYA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, SUDAN & INDIA.**