



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 27TH AUGUST 2023

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)
Fr Michael Etuka (Ass. Priest)
Fr Sylvester Oyeka, CSSp (Ass. Priest)
Fr James Yakubu, MSP (Ass. Priest)
Revd. Vincent Morrison (Deacon)
Shirley Nash (Parish Secretary)

SUNDAY READINGS

Parish Mass Book:
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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:

Enid Nelson, Saverna Nelson, Mavis Roach, Ernest Burns and Carmen Smith. 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

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.

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

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 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
SIXTH FORM: 12TH October 2023 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Sign up at 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 28th 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 23rd 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

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.

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.uk/latest/cat23>

FR JAMES YAKUBU, MSP We welcome Fr Yakubu as he joins our parish pastoral team. He is a member of the Missionary Society of St. Paul. We wish him a fruitful apostolate among us.

BANK HOLIDAY TOMORROW 28TH AUG. 10AM MASS ONLY!

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27th August: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

8:00am Christopher Igbudu & family: Wellbeing
9:15am Henry Jiron, Jr: In thanksgiving
10:45am Joshua Fadele: Birthday thanksgiving
12:15pm Shane Myers, RIP
3:00pm Beatrice Joseph, RIP
6:00pm Tai Adekoya & Kehinde Campbell: Birthday thanksgiving

Monday 28th August: ST AUGUSTINE, Memorial

10:00am Anna Xiem & Augustino Thuong Vu, RIP
12:10pm NO MASS
6:45pm NO MASS

Tuesday 29th August: THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Feast

10:00am Joaquim Pires, RIP
12:10pm Alan Kotian, RIP
7:00pm Celine Fernandes: Thanksgiving

Wednesday 30th August: SS MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD, Memorial

10:00am Sr Mary Connell, RIP
12:10pm Michael Sheehan, RIP
6:45pm Ugochukwu Okonkwo, RIP

Thursday 31st August: Feria

10:00am Michelle Eze: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Damiano Xavier Fernandes, RIP & Elise Maria Rosa Fernandes, RIP
6:45pm Victoria Asante: 70th Birthday thanksgiving

Friday 1st September: Feria

10:00am Wilfred Prior: Birthday & Wellbeing
12:10pm **THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**
2:00pm Wedding: Olanrewaju Dalemo & Oritsedere Begho
6:45pm Dolly & Fred Barrett, RIP

Saturday 2nd September: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00am Efua Aryetey & family: Wellbeing & thanksgiving
7:00pm Celsus & Rebecca Ikeji, RIP

CAFOD SOCIAL EVENT: CAFOD invites everyone to its social event holding in our Parish Centre on Friday 15th September after the 6:45pm Mass. Guest speaker is the Head of CAFOD for Africa. Come and learn about the Universal Catholic Church's mission of helping the poorest of the poor in the world. Refreshments will be served.

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

EVC (Uganda) Providing Education for desperately poor children in Uganda: 2/3 September
CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE: 9/10 September
HOME MISSION SUNDAY: 16/17 September