



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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 3RD SEPTEMBER 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

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day of the month at 7:30pm (by arrangement).

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, Carmen Smith and Sharon Samaru. 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.

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

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: 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

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

INFANT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS: First Thurs-

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

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 justice-andpeace@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. Feast day Mass shall be celebrated on Friday at 6:45pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

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.

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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

EVC (Uganda) Providing Education for desperately poor children in Uganda: 2/3 September: Empowering Vulnerable children (EVC Uganda) raises funds to provide desperately poor children with an education in a loving, caring and supportive environment. Our Sponsor a Child Programme provides a route out of poverty and destitution, offering real hope for the future.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE: 9/10 September
HOME MISSION SUNDAY: 16/17 September

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK **TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 3rd September: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Priests of Our Parish & Vocations
9:15am Denis & Francis Hyland, RIP
10:45am Clemencia & Natalio Hurtado, RIP
12:15pm Pro Populo
3:00pm Fr Michael Etuka & Family: Thanksgiving for Ordination
6:00pm Sofia Abraham in thanksgiving

Monday 4th September: Feria

10:00am Dario Veres-Cela, RIP
12:10pm Martina & Reginald, RIP
6:45pm Holy Souls

Tuesday 5th September: Feria

10:00am Elvina de Meneses, RIP
12:10pm Peter Okia-Anie: Graduation Thanksgiving
6:45pm Vincent Paul, RIP

Wednesday 6th September: Feria

10:00am Muriel Roach, RIP
12:10pm FUNERAL: Ernest Burns, RIP
6:45pm Uche Uzoho: Birthday thanksgiving

Thursday 7th September: Feria

10:00am Ashley Fernandes: Wellbeing & thanksgiving
12:10pm Neville D'Cruz, RIP
6:45pm Lily Carma, RIP

Friday 8th September: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast

10:00am Holy Souls
12:10pm Santana & Zia Gomez, RIP
6:45pm Our Lady of Valainkani: Thanksgiving

Saturday 9th September: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00am Phillis Woohidge, RIP
3:30pm Roma & Duarte Rodrigues: Silver Jubilee of Marriage
7:00pm Annie Healy, RIP

CONCERN IS NOT ENOUGH: More than 6 million adults live in absolute poverty in Britain. This means they are destitute and are deprived of basic needs such as food, sanitation, health or shelter. But poverty isn't the only sort of deprivation; chronic loneliness and isolation is a significant and growing problem. According to the Office of National Statistics, Britain has become the loneliness capital of Europe. In our parish poverty and isolation are prevalent but what can we do about it? Today, members of St Vincent de Paul will talk to us about how we can work together to help tackle these problems. And a meeting of those interested in doing something shall be announced soon.

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