



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) 24TH DECEMBER 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)
Robert Haddad (Lead Catechist)

SUNDAY READINGS

Parish Mass Book:
Order of Mass: Page 5
Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT B. pp 89-92

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:

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: Every Saturday at 10:30am

CONFIRMATION:

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 at rciacroydon@gmail.com or just come along to the parish hall on a Wednesday evening.

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

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 shall be held on Monday 8th January 2024.

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.

ST MARY'S PURGATORIAL GROUP: Prayer meeting is held every Thursday in the Parish Room at 7:30pm. Contact 07866831016.

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:

Patricia Gatland, Arkadiusz Dawidziak, Rita Ferrari, Elsa Gonzales Martinez, Peter Domfeh, Rose Kiwanuka, and Breda Driscoll. 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**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Our Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group in conjunction with the Parish is organising a LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR in preparation for Pentecost 2024. Programme will commence on 17th February 2024. Registration forms are at the back of the Church for interested parishioners to fill and return.

CONFIRMATION 2024: Registration forms for booking a place in the Confirmation programme for 2024 are out already. Candidates for Confirmation must be 14 years and above. Completed forms must be returned by Monday 8th January 2024. Bear in mind that late submission of forms shall not be entertained.

ADVENT SHOE BOX APPEAL

We are, once again, asking parishioners to donate a Christmas present for the homeless and vulnerable in our community. Fill a shoe box with toiletries, treats and a Christmas Card and these will go to the guests at St Mildred's Drop-In on Christmas Day. Further information about what to include in your box is on the parish website and on the posters in the porch. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE

Thanks to all who organised the Cake Sale and everyone who participated in it contributing to charities chosen by the First Communion Group.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 21st December 2023 until Friday 5th January 2024. From the Parish Office we wish you joy, peace, hope and love at Christmas and a very blessed New Year.

CHRISTMAS CARD: Please, take a copy of the Parish Christmas Card for your family. Inside of the card is the parish schedule for the Season.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize £200 No 01304 Ethan Onwuna
2nd Prize £100 No 00918 Violet Simpson
3rd Prize £50 No 01173 D. A Gomes
4th Prize £25 No 00306 Mildred
5th Prize £15 No 01118 Matt
6th Prize £10 No 00929 J Gomez

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

24th December: 4th Sunday of Advent Masses: 7pm (vigil), 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm
Christmas Vigil Masses at 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm & 12midnight; Carol Service from 11pm.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Sunday 24th December: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

8:00am Missa Pro Populo
9:15am Baby Teddy Tope, RIP
10:45am Ashley James, RIP (10th Anniversary)
12:15pm Peter Betts, RIP
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS
5:00pm Bella & Bill Campbell, RIP
7:00pm Mary Mendon & Family: Special Intentions
9:00pm Parish Clergy Intentions
12:00am Missa Pro Populo

Monday 25th December: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

8:00am Dickie & Bonnie Wegwermer, RIP
9:15am Ronald Haslam, RIP
10:45am Paul Etuka and Holy Souls, RIP
12:15pm Michelle Fyneface: Birthday thanksgiving

Tuesday 26th December: ST STEPHEN, Feast

10:00am Lloyd & Jennifer D'Monte: Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving

Wednesday 27th December: ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Feast

10:00am Lucas, Ubaldina, Sylvia & Amon De Souza, RIP
12:10pm Genny & Mike Cleary, RIP
6:45pm Mary McGuire, RIP

Thursday 28th December: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Feast

10:00am Ivo De Jesus: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Peter DaCosta, RIP
6:45pm Holy Souls

Friday 29th December: ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, Feast

10:00am Roseline Okonkwo: In thanksgiving
12:10pm Ugochukwu Okonkwo, RIP
Emmanuel Benedict, RIP
6:45pm Dolapo Adeyemi: 40th Birthday

Saturday 30th December: 6TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE

10:00am Jennifer & Dexter Brown: 33rd Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving
7:00pm Clarence Edward Gomes & deceased family members, RIP

25th December: Christmas Day Masses at 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm

26th December: St Stephen's Feast day: Mass at 10:00am ONLY

27th –30th December: Usual Masses

31st December: Usual Sunday Masses; New Year Eve Service of Adoration from 9:00pm-10:40pm
New Year Eve Thanksgiving Mass: 11:00pm

1st January 2024: Masses at 10am & 12noon.

21st January 2024: Archbishop John Wilson's visit to the Parish & Mass at 12:15pm