



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 24TH 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

Parish Mass Book:
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Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR A. pp 131-134

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.

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:

Sonny Sylvester D'Souza, Edward Fregedo, 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

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-

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

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

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCIES

We are currently looking to appoint the following:
Chaplain (full-time, term time only)
Clerk to Governing Board (part-time)
Please visit the school's website for more information.
<https://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities>

BAPTISM COURSE

There is a course in the parish for children between 8-12 years old who have not been baptised and wish to join the first communion programme this year. Course is run by Deacon Vincent every Friday in the Parish Room from 5pm to 6pm.

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>

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

PACT: Prison Advice & Care Trust: 30th Sept/1st October

CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION: 7/8 October

World Apostolate of Fatima: 14/15 October

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from October 6-8; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

NEW BEGINNINGS: For those who have suffered a divorce or separation or the death of their spouse, this Beginning Experience residential weekend will help provide healing. It's on October 13-15 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For details ring Maura on 07795 498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION IN OUR PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES: This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9:30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023. You are all welcome to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 24 September: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Pro Populo
9:15am Mark Henderson: In thanksgiving
10:45am Gerald Stevenson-Dias, RIP
12:15pm Christopher Agina Igbudu & Family: Health & Wellbeing
3:00pm Conceigao Sousa Rodrigues, RIP
6:00pm Benedict Okafor, RIP

Monday 25th September: FERIA

10:00am Ann Ng & Departed members of Wong Family
12:10pm Evette Warren, RIP
6:45pm Joao Rodrigues, RIP

Tuesday 26th September: FERIA

10:00am Margaret Baptist, RIP
12:10pm Muriel Roach, RIP
6:45pm Eileen O'Driscoll: In thanksgiving & Wellbeing

Wednesday 27th September: ST VINCENT DE PAUL, Mem

10:00am Rene Herthton, RIP
12:10pm Ugochukwu Okonkwo, RIP
6:45pm Doris & Marlene Annett, RIP

Thursday 28th September: FERIA

10:00am Rosa & Leopoldo, RIP 30th Anniv.
12:10pm Nicola Jane Aherne, RIP
6:45pm Sheila Daniels, RIP

Friday 29th September: SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, Archangels, Feast

10:00am Anne & Michael Heffernan, RIP
12:10pm Vera McCann, RIP
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 30th September: ST JEROME, Mem

10:00am Daisy Leonor: Wellbeing
7:00pm Thanksgiving and Intentions of the Etuka Family

shared by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. On that day there will be contributions from range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. To register for the seminar, click on the above link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3Dvs124W>. Registration is free. For more information, please write to: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:

From 21st to 28th October 2023. Itinerary include Lourdes and Nevers. All travels by luxury air-conditioned coach. 1 night in Paris, 4 nights in Lourdes and 1 night in Nevers. Cost per person sharing is £650; Single room is £825. Contact Diane Brelu 07951194036

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We need adult Catholics to give their time and knowledge in guiding our children as we plan to begin our Children's Liturgy/Sunday School again. Send a note to the parish email address which is on the front page of our newsletter to register your interest.