



# OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 1ST OCTOBER 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:  
Order of Mass: Page 6  
*Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY YEAR A. pp 134-136*

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, Kevin Quinn, Mavis Roach, 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](mailto:rciacroydon@gmail.com) or just come along to the parish hall on a Wednesday evening.

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

### 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 for First communion 2024 has closed. Parents will receive email in the coming days with instructions concerning what comes next.

**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 Thursday 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

## 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.

## 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**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 21/22 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

From 21st to 28th October 2023. Itinerary include Lourdes and Nevers. All travel 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 07951 194036.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

**NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (NVPS):** We shall welcome to our parish the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco next weekend 14-15 October 2022. Events would begin at 9:40am on Saturday 14th and last throughout the day to be concluded on Sunday with the 6pm Mass. Parishioners are invited to this event of rededicating our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Those who wish to be invested with the Brown Scapular to please attend.

## MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday 1st October: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

8:00am Priests in our Parish & Vocations  
9:15am Hermann Gahuidi, RIP  
10:45am David & Uche Agbim: In thanksgiving  
Andrea Fernandes: Birthday thanksgiving  
12:15pm Ronald Haslam, RIP  
3:00pm Leo Roberts: Birthday thanksgiving  
6:00pm Pro Populo

#### Monday 2nd October: THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS, Mem

10:00am Rose Headlam: Birthday thanksgiving  
12:10pm Sharon Mary Samaru, RIP  
6:45pm Holy Souls

#### Tuesday 3rd October: Feria

10:00am Rosa Leopole, RIP  
12:10pm Zulmira Noronha, RIP  
6:45pm Jacob Ekehomen, RIP

#### Wednesday 4th October: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Mem

10:00am Vivienne Aviet, RIP  
12:10pm Bernadette Gallagher: 90th Birthday thanksgiving  
6:45pm Wellbeing of our Priests

#### Thursday 5th October: ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

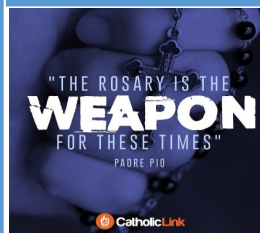
10:00am Alba Fernandes, RIP  
12:10pm Elvina De Meneses, RIP  
6:45pm Victor Albert, RIP

#### Friday 6th October: Feria

10:00am Holy Souls  
12:10pm **FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**  
6:45pm Nice: In thanksgiving

#### Saturday 7th October: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, Mem

10:00am Jacinto Vieira, RIP  
7:00pm Wellbeing of our Priests



**'Hold on tightly to the ROSARY. Be very grateful to the Madonna because it was she who gave us Jesus. Love our Lady and make her loved; always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible.'**

**- St Padre Pio**

**MISSIO RED BOXES:** Please, take home one box per family, fill it up with all your spare coins and notes and hand it over to one of the priests in our parish. Donations from these boxes go towards supporting the work of the Church throughout the world.

**APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS:** St Vincent de Paul society & Croydon Nightwatch hold a joint **APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS.** Items needed are: Tea bags, soup tins (not packets) canned food, fruits, milk, vegetable, fish and meats, as well as shampoos and toothpastes. Collection dates are 14th and 21st October 2023 at St Mary's Church.

#### **ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL:**

Nursery and Reception entry September 2024 closing date is 12th January 2024.

**OPEN DAY** (by appointment through the school office 020 8688 2891) on Tuesday 14th November 2023.