



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 14TH JANUARY 2024

### 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. 2ND ORDINARY TIME B. Pp 127-129*

### 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, Pearline Campbell, 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.

**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

### 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](mailto:rciacroydon@gmail.com) or just come along to the parish hall on a Wednesday evening.

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.

### 2024 LIST OF HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION AND MOVEABLE FEASTS

**Epiphany Sunday:** 7th January (moved from 6th Jan)

**SS Peter & Paul:** 30th June (moved from 29th June)

**The Assumption of the BVM:** Thursday 15th August

**All Saints:** Friday 1st November

**Christmas Day:** Wednesday 25th December

**Ash Wednesday:** 14th February

**Palm Sunday:** Sunday 24th March

**Good Friday:** Friday 29th March

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 31st March

**Ascension Thursday:** Thursday 9th May

**Pentecost Sunday:** Sunday 19th May

**Trinity Sunday:** Sunday 26th May

**Corpus Christi:** Sunday 2nd June

**Christ the King:** Sunday 24th November

**First Sunday of Advent:** Sunday 1st December

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

**14th January: Pax Christi:** The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

**21st January:** White Flower Appeal

**28 January:** Racial Justice Sunday

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council shall take place on Thursday 25th January in the Parish Centre. Newly appointed members should take note.

### TRANSFORM CROYDON PRAYER

Transform Croydon prayer meeting dates for 2024 are

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** and **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** from 7:30-9:30pm at New Life Croydon, Cairo New Road.

The current plan for the summer term is to incorporate prayer into the Sound of the Trumpet event at the Fairfield Halls on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

These are opportunities for the whole church to gather to pray for the life of our borough and to celebrate our unity. Please put the dates in your diary.

### FOOD BANKS

December and January can be very difficult months for many. Purley Food Hub writes: We delivered food for close to **6,000 meals** for Food Hub clients and their families during December – our most ever in a single month. As a result, we are appealing in January for hot chocolate drink needing only water, cartons of long-life milk and non-dairy alternatives, jars of meat & fish paste, jars of honey and tinned tuna, packet or tinned potatoes and tinned sweetcorn, jars of tomato-based pasta sauce,

### MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday 14th January: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

8:00am Clarina Chelsea Fernandes: Thanksgiving  
9:15am Dionne & Diana Kay: Birthday thanksgiving  
10:45am Florence Smith, RIP  
12:15pm Antoinette Bartholomeusz, RIP  
3:00pm Missa Pro Populo  
6:00pm Uche & David Agbim: Wellbeing & thanksgiving

#### Monday 15th January: FERIA

10:00am Jennifer Brown: Birthday thanksgiving  
12:10pm Beatrice Onochie: Wellbeing  
6:45pm Holy Souls

#### Tuesday 16th January: FERIA

10:00am Reginaldo & Martina Fernandes, RIP  
Matthias Ozogolu, RIP  
12:10pm Anthony Paul: Wellbeing  
6:45pm Michael Collins, RIP

#### Wednesday 17th January: ST ANTHONY, Abbot. Mem

10:00am Allison Clancy & family: Wellbeing  
12:10pm Wellbeing of the family of Beatriz Gonzalez  
6:45pm Departed relatives of Agnes Wambugu, RIP

#### Thursday 18th January: FERIA

10:00am Paul Etuka & Etuka Ancestors, RIP  
12:10pm Edna Maria, RIP  
6:45pm Departed relatives of Eunice Barbosa, RIP

#### Friday 19th January: FERIA

10:00am Joachim Feyisetan, RIP  
12:10pm Anthonia Adeoti, RIP  
6:45pm Holy Souls

#### Saturday 20th January: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00am Connie Apostol: In thanksgiving  
7:00pm Zeffrine D'Cunha, RIP

tinned tomatoes and tinned vegetarian meals. Also two non-food items: shampoo and washing powder tablets/capsules.

Several other Croydon foodbanks advertise their 'most wanted' items online. If you are able, please consider supporting a food bank close to you.

### ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

Next Sunday, 21 January, Archbishop John Wilson will be paying a visit to the parish. It would be his first visit since he became our shepherd nearly five years ago. I enjoin every parishioner to come around and catch a glimpse of the archbishop, listen to him and even have a quick chat with him on that day. Fr Patrick is arranging a special session with our young parishioners from about 11am as soon as the archbishop arrives at the parish. He will celebrate Holy Mass at 12:15pm and we shall have a reception for him in the Parish Centre. Let us make it a duty to honour our archbishop.