



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) 3RD 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. 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT B. pp 82-84

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 Confir-

mation 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.

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:

Rose Kiwanuka, Graine Gray, Frederick Michael Ho, Bibiana Vicente Ferreira, Ellen Coyle & Antonia Conteh. May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. Amen.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT is scheduled as follows: When: Thursday December 14th
Where: Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington
Time: Palestinian-themed buffet from 6pm (£50) or concert-only ticket to start at 7:30pm (£30)
Buy your tickets through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com): Search 'FHL Christmas Concert' or for more details: friendsofthe-holyland.org.uk/christmas-concert-2023

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**

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

Nativity painting competition organised by the Knights of St Columba.

Entrants: Open to all primary school age children.

Age category: a) KS1 (4-7yrs/yrs R-2) (b) KS2 (7-11yrs/3-6)

Theme: Nativity of Jesus Christ (must include Bible chapter and verse that relates to the drawing). **Deadline** is Sunday, 3rd December, 2023. Drop off in the box at the back of the church. Online entrants can use don-ede@yahoo.com

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:

Malcolm Fernando is organising Christmas Raffle in the Parish. The Raffle is to support youth training in the Parish as well as the Catholic Charities such as ACN, CAFOD, MISSIO, Seminary Fund & Diocesan clergy Support Fund. Those who have taken the raffle booklets should please hand-over the money with counterfoils plus unsold tickets to clergy or to the Parish Office by 18th December

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.**

CAROLS! CAROLS!! CAROLS!!! Come to the Hall after 12:15 pm Mass next Sunday (3rd December) for beautiful carols to start off the Holy Season of Advent.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our Junior Legion of Mary Praesidium on its first anniversary. We welcome more children to join the praesidium and grow in devotion to Our Lady.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday 3rd December: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

8:00am Alia Brown, RIP
9:15am Angeles Pajarillo, RIP
10:45am Travis Edwards, RIP
12:15pm Innocent: In thanksgiving
3:00pm Missa Pro Populo
6:00pm Pamela Albert, RIP

Monday 4th December: Feria

10:00am Margaret Gerrard: Wellbeing
12:10pm Gozou Lou Tiandje, RIP
6:45pm Paul Etuka and the Holy Souls, RIP

Tuesday 5th December: Feria

10:00am Elvina De Meneses, RIP
12:10pm Eleyamma, RIP
6:45pm Michael & Louis Chukwu, RIP

Wednesday 6th December: Feria

10:00am Fr Gabriel Sebamali: 80th Birthday
12:10pm Sonny D'Souza, RIP
6:45pm Tom Cuff, RIP

Thursday 7th December: ST AMBROSE, Memorial

10:00am Wellbeing of Monica, Sandra & Sylvia
12:10pm Maria & Vincent Fernandes, RIP
6:45pm Holy Souls

Friday 8th December: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity

10:00am Priests of our Parish & Vocations
12:10pm Fr Patrick: In thanksgiving for 5 years at St Mary's
6:45pm Mario Mettle: Birthday

Saturday 9th December: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00am Bernadette Simons, RIP
7:00pm Ema Da Conceicao Rodrigues Jesus, RIP

APPRECIATION

Fr Patrick is very grateful to all parishioners for their prayers, gifts, support and solidarity as he celebrated his jubilee last Monday. He prays God's blessings on all.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

13th December: Parish Xmas Dinner for the Seniors

20th December: Advent Penitential Service at 6:30pm

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

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