



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (B) 31ST 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 HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY B. pp

MATIC RENEWAL GROUP: Charismatic Prayer meeting is held every Friday after the evening Mass.

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.

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.

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 CHARIS-

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**



Archdiocese of Southwark
Pastoral Letter for the

Solemnity of the Holy Family 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

A Saviour has been born for us who is Christ the Lord! (Lk 2:11) I am so pleased to be able to greet you with Christmas good wishes - for you and your family and friends - in this holy season of hope. Each year we rejoice in celebrating the changeless truth that God sent his Son into our world because he loves us. More specifically, in the Lord Jesus God loves you, in the reality of your life here and now, in your tears and in your smiles. This is why, individually and together, we can look to the future with confidence.

Dear friends, I pray that something of God's love touches your heart this Christmastime, even if you face challenge or suffering. In Christ, no one is ever alone. God really is with you. Whatever happens, God will never abandon you.

As the family of the Church, within all our relationships, it's so important that we try to make the love of God we have received something tangible for others. We do this by imitating the example of the Holy Family: through sensitivity, kindness, and generosity, and, especially, through

our faith. A famous song once declared *'love is all around us.'* This is true; but love can only be all around us if, first, it comes from within us. It is God's love in Christ, born into our hearts again this Christmas, which compels us to put love in action. Faith and love are inseparable. We seek to love others in faithfulness to Christ who was born, died, and rose again.

Loving relationship is at the heart of our faith: the loving relationship of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who live eternally as one God in three persons; the loving relationship of the Father who sent his Son to take flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary; the loving relationship of Our Blessed Lady and St Joseph to the Lord Jesus; the loving relationship, through the Holy Spirit, by which we share the gift of faith as disciples. According to God's plan for humanity, we are created in God's image and likeness for loving relationship. This is shown so beautifully in family life.

It was faith in God, and fidelity to God's word, that enabled Abraham and Sarah to believe God's promise. It was faith in God, and fidelity to God's word, that made Our Lady and St Joseph capable of cooperating so uniquely and beautifully with God's purpose for their lives and our salvation. It is our Catholic faith that gives identity and meaning to the Sacrament of Marriage and to family life as the domestic church. The family, in the closer and wider senses, remains the most important building block of the Church and of society. When the family flourishes, the Church flourishes. When the family flourishes, society flourishes. Catholic faith is intrinsic to our understanding of marriage and family life, supported by our parishes and schools.

I have been privileged over the past year to witness so many inspiring examples of husbands and wives, with their children and extended families, living and celebrating their Catholic faith, passing it on, and making it central to their day-to-day life. We know that every family has its difficulties. Sometimes, sadly, we also know there is breakdown, both in marriage and in family life. To anyone who is wounded by damaged or broken relationships, please know that the Church is your home, a compassionate 'hospital' of healing and mercy. I want to say a very sincere 'thank you' to every family which forms part of our Archdiocese. Thank you for your commitment to your faith and for making your homes holy places where the values and virtues of the Holy Family of Nazareth are put into practice.

Our relationships with each other matter. They matter in the family, in our Church, and in our society and world. It's so necessary that we take time to listen to each other and to walk beside one another as we journey on the way together with Christ in faith. As a child, in his family home with Mary and Joseph, the Lord Jesus grew in maturity. He was filled with wisdom and God's favour was with him. This is our desire for every disciple, for every family, and for our Church in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

As we look to all that 2024 will bring in God's providence, we commit ourselves to fulfilling our mission to

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 31st December: HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY (B)

8:00am Beatrice Ozogolu: Private Intentions
9:15am Jake Llewellyn, RIP
10:45am Missa Pro Populo
12:15pm Boma Fyneface: Birthday thanksgiving
3:00pm Shirley Nash: In thanksgiving & Wellbeing
6:00pm Uche & David Agbim: Wellbeing & thanksgiving
9:00pm ADORATION/BENEDICTION
11:00pm New Year Eve Thanksgiving Mass

Monday 1st January: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Sol.

10:00am Baby Teddy Tope, RIP
12noon Leo Anthony Magendra: 2nd Birthday

Tuesday 2nd January: SS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN, Memorial

10:00am Shane Myers, RIP 1st Memorial
12:10pm Paul Etuka, RIP & Etuka grandparents
Vaman & Mary Mendon: 30th Anniv.
6:45pm Petornila Martyres, RIP

Wednesday 3rd January: FERIA OF CHRISTMAS

10:00am Peter Fernandes, RIP
12:10pm Nina Pinto's Intentions
6:45pm Yolanda Savrin: Wellbeing

Thursday 4th January: THE BEATIFIED MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE, Memorial

10:00am FUNERAL: BREDIA DRISCOLL, RIP
12:10pm Eda Pereira's Intentions
6:45pm Peace in Israel

Friday 5th January: FERIA OF CHRISTMAS

10:00am Joseph Wambugu: Wellbeing
12:10pm THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND
6:45pm Bernadette Smith: Wellbeing

Saturday 6th January: FERIA OF CHRISTMAS

10:00am Domingos Braganca, RIP
7:00pm Paul Etuka, RIP & Etuka Ancestors

share the Gospel of salvation in Christ through words and actions that build relationships in service of a civilisation of faith, love, and peace.

With every blessing for this Christmas Season and the New Year, and the assurance of my prayers and gratitude

Yours devotedly in Christ

+ John Wilson

Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

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