



# OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B 3RD NOVEMBER 2024

### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)  
Fr Michael Etuka (Ass. Priest)  
Fr James Yakubu, MSP (Ass. Priest)  
Fr Matthew Donnelly (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. 31st ORDINARY TIME: Pp. 152-154*

### PRAYER MEETINGS

#### LEGION OF MARY MEETINGS:

**Senior Praesidium (Our Lady Morning Star)** Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Parish Room.

**Senior Praesidium (Our Lady Virgin Most Powerful)** Sundays at 10:30am in the Parish Centre

**Junior Praesidium** 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.

**ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP:** We welcome all young people to join our youth group for ages 12-18. We want to try and encourage more young people to take an active role in the church and have fun with other their age. There will be a range of activities such as movie nights, sports day and other activities which can be chosen by members. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after 12:15 mass. For any extra information please email: [stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com)

**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**

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With you alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;*

*do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in you our unity*

*so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth*

*and what is right.*

*All this we ask of you,*

*who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. 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.

**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:** Every Friday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

**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 night**.

**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.

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Jake Dicto, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Fr James Furlong, Maureen Murphy, Euphrajia Nunes, Melville Wheatley, Dawn Shirley Shaw, Aplone Gabriel Gomez, Thomas Kenneally. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### SECOND COLLECTION:

**10th November: Archbishop's Appeal**

**17th November: PACT Collection**

**24th November: Catholic Youth Services**

### Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection Sat 9th / Sun 10th November

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2023. Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online:

[www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal) or:

• Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)

• Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020**

**7960 2504**

• Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church



### APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

St Vincent de Paul Society & Croydon Nightwatch are making an appeal for the homeless. Items needed urgently are as follows: Tea bags, Soup tins (not packets), canned foods, fruits, milk, vegetable, fish and meats. Also, shampoos and tooth-pastes are needed. Items should not be past their sell by date.

### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL:

Nursery and Reception entry September 2025 closing date is 10th January 2024. **OPEN DAY** (by appointment through the school office 020 8688 2891) on Tuesday 12th November 2024.

**NOVEMBER DECEASED LIST:** In the month of November we remember especially our departed brothers and sisters, friends and relatives. There are Holy Souls envelopes at the entrance of the church. Enclose the list of names in an envelope together with your offering and place the envelope in the Holy Souls box in front of the Altar. We shall place all the listed names on the Altar and say at least one Mass a day for those souls in the month of November and once a week throughout next year.

**PARISH REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Saturday 16th November is Remembrance Day in our parish. Kindly send the name as well as framed picture of your loved one who died within the year to the parish office by Monday 11th November. There will be Memorial Mass at 11:00am on 16th November 2024. There will be Adoration, Marian devotion, confessions from 9:30am to 10:45am on that day. We shall then visit the Mitcham Road Cemetery and Queen's Cemetery right after the Mass to bless the graves of our loved ones.

**WEDNESDAY MASS AT THE CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CHAPEL HOLDS AT 12NOON.**

### COLOMA REMEMBRANCE DAY

Coloma Convent Girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance on Thursday 21st November at 4pm to commemorate all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. Families of those who have died are warmly invited to attend this Mass which will take place at the school. RSVP to [liturgy@voloma.co.uk](mailto:liturgy@voloma.co.uk) by 15th November to indicate the name of

### MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday 3rd November: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time -B

8:00am Priests of the Parish & Vocations  
9:15am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP  
10:45am Departed Legionaries  
12:15pm Paul Hamilton: Birthday thanksgiving  
3:00pm Benedict Okafor, RIP  
6:00pm Missa Pro Populo

#### Monday 4th November: ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, Mem

10:00am Diego & Feliciano Fernandes, RIP  
12:10pm Rosaline Cubagee: Birthday thanksgiving  
6:45pm Nigel Rodrigues, RIP

#### Tuesday 5th November: Feria

10:00am Elvina De Meneses, RIP  
12:10pm Yvonne Gwendoline & John Derrick Smith, RIP  
6:45pm Holy Souls

#### Wednesday 6th November: Feria

10:00am Michael Xavier: In thanksgiving  
12:10pm Lesly Garcia: Birthday thanksgiving  
6:45pm Shirley Nash: Wellbeing

#### Thursday 7th November: THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST GEORGE, Feast

10:00am Antone & Joanita Dourado, RIP  
12:10pm Michael Benjamin & Dorothy Stella Smith, RIP  
6:45pm Neville D'Cruz, RIP

#### Friday 8th November: Feria

10:00am Kathleen Williams, RIP  
12:10pm Rosaline Cubagee: Family Wellbeing  
6:45pm Patricia Dunkley, RIP

#### Saturday 9th November: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, Feast

10:00am Audrey Reekie: Birthday thanksgiving  
12:30pm **WEDDING:** Ikechukwu Nzemeke & Roseline Ogwuche  
7:00pm Ashlyn Cherif: In thanksgiving

your loved one so they can be prayed for.

### CROYDON DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

You are all invited to pray at the Memorial Mass commemorating departed clergy of the deanery on Tuesday 12th November at 12:10pm in our church.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**12th November:** 12:10pm Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy.

**16th November:** Parish Memorial Day starting with Mass at 10am and concluding with Visit to the Cemeteries.

**30th November:** Confirmation by Canon Gerard Bradley at 7pm

**1st December:** Christmas Carols after 12:10pm Mass

**7th December:** A Day with Mary

**15th December:** Parish Christmas Dinner for the Seniors

### ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

The CBCEW website has been updated with a raft of resources which offer further information regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. Please visit this link to access the updated resources which lay out the Catholic position on assisted suicide, and what you can do to stop its legalisation: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>