



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 21ST 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. 3RD ORDINARY TIME B. Pp 129-131

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:

Nathaniel Nwangwu, Janet Lynn Cabanero Timillar, Patricia Gatland, Pearline Campbell, and Vilmah Bowling. 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 Renewal Group in conjunction with the Parish is organis-

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 or just come along to the parish hall on a Wednesday evening.

ing 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:

21st January: White Flower Appeal

28 January: Racial Justice Sunday

JOB ADVERT: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) wishes to recruit a full-time Administrative Assistant (35 hours p.w) The position will be based at SPUC's Kennington office (SE11) and the duties will include: Responding to supporter enquiries by post, email & telephone; packing and dispatch of materials; data entry & general support to SPUC's administration and finance departments with day-to-day tasks.

Contact Lucille McQuade at lucilemcquade@spuc.org.uk or on 02070917091. closing date: 09/02/2024

DEALING WITH DIVORCE?

People suffering from relationship breakdown are the focus of Restored Lives which runs non-denominational online and face-to-face courses to help adults and their children deal with the trauma of separation and divorce. Their next online course starts on January 22 – for details visit: <https://www.restoredlives.org>

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 31st January** and **Wednesday 9th 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 22nd June.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 21st January: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

8:00am Priests of the Parish & Vocations
9:15am Missa Pro Populo
10:45am Beatrice Ozogolu: Private Intentions
12:15pm Anthony Nonyelu, RIP
3:00pm Tanya Kadi: Family thanksgiving
6:00pm Martina Chickson, RIP

Monday 22nd January: Feria

10:00am Mathias Ozogolu, RIP
12:10pm Skye Gunaratnam: In thanksgiving
6:45pm RIP: Departed Relatives of Gloria Sagay

Tuesday 23rd January: Feria

10:00am John Simons, RIP
12:10pm Florence Ejimotu, RIP
6:45pm RIP: Departed relatives of Jane Nammudu

Wednesday 24th January: ST FRANCIS DE SALES, Mem

10:00am Lianne Nash: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm June Simon, RIP
6:45pm RIP: Departed relatives of Maureen Nwafor

Thursday 25th January: THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Feast

10:00am All Souls & Thanksgiving: Renju Burny
12:10pm Florence Ejimotu, RIP
6:45pm RIP: Departed relatives of Therese Roberts

Friday 26th January: SS TIMOTHY & TITUS, Mem

10:00am Freda Fiala, RIP
12:10pm Ellen Coyle, RIP
6:45pm Paul & Rose Meyn: 25th Wedding Ann.

Saturday 27th January: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00am Emma Cornish, RIP
7:00pm Olga D'Cunha, RIP

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. We are therefore 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, 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

Today, 21 January 2024, we welcome to our parish, His Grace, the Most Reverend John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark on a pastoral visit. 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.