



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 4TH DECEMBER, 2022

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)
Fr Michael Etuka (Assistant Priest)
Fr Sylvester Oyeka, CSSp (Assistant Priest)
Revd. Vincent Morrison (Deacon)
Shirley Nash (Parish Secretary)
Robert Haddad (Lead Catechist)

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday);
8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

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 from 1015 -1145am.

RCIA: Are you interested in embarking on an active Christian faith journey, in making a return to faith, or needing to prepare for Confirmation as an adult? Join our RCIA programme every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like more information please speak to one of the

clergy, email us at rciacroydon@gmail.com or just come along on a Wednesday evening. Our friendly team look forward to welcoming you.

INFANT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS: First Thursday of the month at 7:30pm.

PRAYER MEETINGS

LEGION OF MARY: Senior Presidium meeting takes place on Saturdays at 5:00pm 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.

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:

Bishop Howard Tripp, Michael Sage, Audrey Passorelli, Jean Marjorie Joyce Hills, and Michelle Vidal. May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. Amen.

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**

CONFIRMATION 2023: Registration forms are out for booking a place in the Confirmation programme for 2023. Candidates for Confirmation must be 14 years and above. **Fill and return your forms by Monday 19th December 2022.** Meeting with candidates and their parents will

be held on 13th January 2023. Application forms are available online and in the church.

World Youth Day, Lisbon (31st July to 7th August 2023)

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For further information, please email youth@rcaos.org.uk

ADVENT SHOEBOX 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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:

Malcolm Fernando is organising Christmas Raffle in the Parish to support our youth movement in the Parish as well as the Catholic Charities such as ACN, CAFOD, MISSIO, Seminary Fund & Diocesan clergy Support Fund. He requests for volunteers to sell raffle tickets. They should contact him on 075 05 011 249

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER: Christmas Dinner for our Senior citizens shall be held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 1:30 pm in the Parish Centre.

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTION

A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent.

Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to God's invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

Deacon Vincent Morrison: He has been unwell but is now recuperating. Please pray for his speedy recovery.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The scheduled meeting has been postponed. A future date shall be announced soon.

St Mary Magdalene with St Martins in Addiscombe is looking for an experienced Deputy manager for a permanent position in their preschool, term time only, (subject to a 6-month probation period). Anyone interested in applying, should email their CV to: magdaleneschool@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT: This shall be held on Saturday 17th December from 3:45pm to 6:00pm. All are invited.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday 4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent (A)

8:00am Pro Populo
9:15am Priests in our parish & Vocations
10:45am John Walsh, RIP
12:15pm Peter Maguire, RIP
3:00pm Benedict, Christopher, Thadey & Francis Moshy, RIP
6:00pm Maria Connaghan, RIP

Monday 5th December (Feria)

10:00am Elvina De Menses, RIP
12:10pm Mauve Uzuzanor, RIP
6:45pm Kyrell Matthews: For Divine Mercy

Tuesday 6th December (Feria)

10:00am Wellbeing of Divina Barreto
12:10pm Quick recovery of Christine Cahill
6:45pm Benedict, Christopher, Thadey & Francis Moshy, RIP

Wednesday 7th December: ST AMBROSE, Memorial

10:00am Quick recovery of Deacon Vincent
12:10pm Showri Raju & Family: For blessings received through St Anthony
4:15pm Croydon Schools Deanery Mass
6:45pm Fatima Rose: Deliverance & Healing

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

10:00am John & Mary Byrne, RIP
12:10pm Michael McGowan, RIP
6:45pm Birthday: Maria Mettle

Friday 9th December (Feria)

10:00am Pedurupillai Xavier RIP
12:10pm Tim Leahy, RIP
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 10th December (Feria)

10:00am Dez Parkes, RIP & Deceased members of Williams Family
7:00pm Perry & Joseph: In thanksgiving

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE shall be held in our church on Thursday 15th December starting at 6:00pm. Kindly avail of this opportunity to go to confession in readiness for Christmas.

CROYDON SCHOOLS DEANERY MASS shall be held in our parish on Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 4:15pm. In view of this, our weekly adoration on Wednesday shall be concluded with Benediction at 3:30pm. Adorers should please take note.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION: We require help to decorate the church tomorrow morning after the 10am mass. After the 6pm Mass tonight, we shall need helpers to bring materials from the Crypt to the Parish Room.

NEED FOR VIGILANCE: While at Mass, please, take care of your belongings to avoid them being taken by some unscrupulous persons who visit the church just to steal.