



# OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 28TH 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. 4TH ORDINARY TIME B. Pp 132-134*

**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:

Headley Davis, Nathaniel Nwangwu, Janet Lynn Cabanero Timillar, Patricia Gatland, Pearline Campbell, and Vilma 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

### 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](mailto:rciacroydon@gmail.com) or just come along to the parish hall on a Wednesday evening.

Renewal Group in conjunction with the Parish is organising 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.

#### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

**28 January:** Racial Justice Sunday

#### RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY PRAYER

God of our past, present and future, <sup>[SEP]</sup> you created each one of us in your image and likeness, help us to recognise you in each person.

As we pray for end to suffering caused by racism lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we create a future based on justice and healing, where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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 [lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk](mailto:lucillemcquade@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>

#### ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

We welcome all young people to join our new 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 every 2 weeks from February 4th on a Sunday after 12:15 mass. For any extra information please email [stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com)

#### TRANSFORM CROYDON PRAYER

Transform Croydon prayer meeting dates for 2024 are **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** and **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**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

#### MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

##### Sunday 28th January: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

8:00am Missa Pro Populo  
9:15am George & Little Flower: 40th Wedding Ann.  
10:45am Joseph John Murphy, RIP  
12:15pm Anthony Nonyelu, RIP  
3:00pm Ann Persand, RIP  
6:00pm Uche & David Agbim: Wellbeing

##### Monday 29th January: Feria

10:00am Peter Ofili, RIP  
12:10pm Lalitha Persand: Birthday thanksgiving  
6:45pm RIP: Departed Relatives of Amala D'Souza

##### Tuesday 30th January: Feria

10:00am Rita D'Cruz, RIP  
12:10pm Mary Coyne: Wellbeing  
6:45pm RIP: Departed relatives of Jean Leahy

##### Wednesday 31st January: ST JOHN BOSCO, Memorial

10:00am All Souls & Thanksgiving: Renju Burny  
12:10pm Elizabeth Anthony: Wellbeing  
6:45pm Mary & Michel, RIP

##### Thursday 1st February: Feria

10:00am Adebayo Akanji, RIP  
12:10pm Charlotte Hamilton: Birthday  
6:45pm RIP: Departed relatives of Sharon Mergulhao

##### Friday 2nd February: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, Feast

10:00am Shawn Elliott: Wellbeing  
12:10pm **THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**  
6:45pm Janette Lynn Cabanero Timillar, RIP

##### Saturday 3rd February: ST LAURENCE OF CANTERBURY, Memorial

10:00am Robb Family: Special Intention  
7:00pm Joseph Lobo, RIP

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

Immense thanks to all who were here last Sunday to welcome our archbishop, the Most Reverend John Wilson to our parish. May God replenish the generosity and kindness of all who provided for the refreshments, prepared the hall and tidied up afterwards.

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We congratulate and pray for the following officers of the Parish Pastoral Council who will serve for the next three years: Sue Betts & Maureen Nwafor: Co-Chairs  
Geraldine Daly: Secretary  
John Daly: Asst. Secretary