



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 5TH NOVEMBER 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 6
Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY YEAR A. pp 149-152

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: Registration for First communion 2024 has closed. Parents will receive email in the coming days with instructions concerning what comes next.

CONFIRMATION: Every Friday from 6 to 8pm.

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.

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

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:

Frederick Michael Ho, Bibiana Vicente Ferreira and Antonia Conteh. 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**

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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

11/12 November: **ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL**

25/26 November: **CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES**

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 Masses daily for those souls in the month of November and once a week throughout the next year.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE DAY: Saturday 11th 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 6th November. There will be Memorial Mass at 11:00am on that day. There will be no 10am Mass but we shall have adoration from 10am to 10:45am with Confessions. We shall visit the Mitcham Road Cemetery and Queen's Cemetery same day right after the Mass

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

South West Area Day of Recollection for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion shall be held on Saturday 2nd December at St Boniface Church, 185 Mitcham Road Tooting. The day's programme will begin at 10am and finish with lunch at about 2:15pm

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

Nativity painting competition organised by the Knights of St Columba.

Entrants: Open to all primary school age children.

Age category: a) KS1 (4-7yrs/yrs R-2) (b) KS2 (7-11yrs/3-6)

Theme: Nativity of Jesus Christ (must include Bible chapter and verse that relates to the drawing). **Deadline** is Sunday, 3rd December, 2023. Drop off in the box at the back of the church. Online entrants can use doneke@yahoo.com

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL:

Nursery and Reception entry September 2024 closing date is 12th January 2024.

OPEN DAY (by appointment through the school office 020 8688 2891) on Tuesday 14th November 2023.

COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL

Coloma Convent girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance on Thursday 9th November at 2pm to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. Families of those who have died are warmly invited to attend this Mass at the school. Please RSVP liturgy@coloma.croydon.sch.uk by 2nd November indicating the name of your loved one to be prayed for.

CONFIRMATION 2023: Canon Gerard Bradley, Episcopal Vicar in charge of South West Pastoral Area of our diocese shall be here on Saturday 18th November to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayer.

ALL HALLOWS NIGHT: We thank parents and children who turned up for the Saints Night. We thank the organisers and everyone who came to Mass and the celebration in the hall.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS:

Malcolm Fernando is organising Christmas Raffle in the Parish. The Raffle is to support youth training 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

MISSION CALENDAR SALE

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be in our Parish to sell their Mission Calendar 2024 the week end of 4th/5th November. Having a Mission Calendar is a way of reminding

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5th November: 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Pamela Hannigan, RIP
9:15am Elvina De Meneses, RIP
10:45am Pro Populo
2:15pm Mandy Maynard, RIP
3:00pm Betty Hession, RIP
6:00pm Hilda Norine McMahon, RIP

Monday 6th November: Feria

10:00am Sonny De Souza, RIP
12:10pm John Derrick & Yvonne Gwendoline Smith, RIP
6:45pm Mary & Joe Rush, RIP

Tuesday 7th November: DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST GEORGE, Feast

10:00am Neville D'Cruz, RIP
12:10pm Dorothy Stella & Michael Benjamin Smith, RIP
6:45pm Timothy Yeboah: In thanksgiving

Wednesday 8th November: Feria

10:00am Kathleen Williams, RIP
12:10pm Audrey Reekie: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm Hazel Davis, RIP & Bibiana Ferreira, RIP

Thursday 9th November: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, Feast

10:00am The Priests of our parish & vocations
12:10pm Dexter Brown: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm Enid Sexton, RIP

Friday 10th November: ST POPE LEO THE GREAT, Memorial

10:00am Dr Sze Hing Ng, RIP
12:10pm Holy Souls
6:45pm Nichole Eze: Birthday thanksgiving

Saturday 11th November: ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Memorial

11:00am Parish Memorial Day Mass
7:00pm Rotney & Blaisey: 4th Wedding Anniversary

ourselves all the year round of our duty to sustain the missions by our prayer and sacrifice. Please help the sisters generously.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Divine Mercy in Krakow (Poland) 14th to 20th May 2024

Fatima: 26th June to 1st July 2024 (*led by Fr Patrick*)

Lourdes: 5th to 9th June 2024

Medjugorje: 11th to 17th April (*led by Fr Michael*)

Padre Pio, Lanchiano, Loreto & St Francis of Assisi to be confirmed. Contact Malcolm Fernando on 07505011249

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

31st October: All Hallows Night starting with Mass at 6:45pm and with socials in the hall

1st November: All Saints Day: Masses at 8, 10, 12:10 & 7pm

2nd November: All Souls Day: Masses as on November 1

11th November: Parish Memorial Day starting with Mass at 10am and concluding with Visit to the Cemeteries.

14th November: 12:10pm Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy

18th November: Confirmation Mass by Canon Gerard Bradley at 7pm

27th November: Fr Patrick's 30th Anniversary Mass at 6:45pm followed by reception.

2nd December: A Day with Mary

13th December: Parish Xmas Dinner for the Seniors