



# OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 4TH FEBRUARY 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. 5TH ORDINARY TIME B. Pp 134-137*

### 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:** Meeting of the candidates, parents and sponsors with the priests and catechists shall be held on Saturday 10th February at 4pm in the Parish Centre.

**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.

**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:

Theresa Langley, Headley Davis, Nathaniel Nwangwu, Janet Lynn Cabanero Timillar, Patricia Gatland, Pearlina 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 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.

#### PRO LIFE

“On Saturday 10th February, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God’s grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support.  
[www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)”

#### UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

There are still available spaces on the following pilgrimages:  
Fatima: 26th June to 1st July 2024

Lourdes: 5th to 9th June 2024

Contact Malcolm Fernando on 07505011249

**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](mailto: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>

#### 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)

**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.

#### MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

##### Sunday 4th February: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

8:00am Priests of the Parish & Vocations  
9:15am Clifford & Celine D’Costa: Thanksgiving  
10:45am Christian & Emilia Nkpade, RIP  
12:15pm Matthias Ozogolu, RIP  
3:00pm Missa Pro Populo  
6:00pm Mariez Carmina: Wellbeing

##### Monday 5th February: ST AGATHA, Memorial

10:00am Alia Brown, RIP  
12:10pm Maxine Mahoney: Birthday thanksgiving  
6:45pm RIP: Departed Relatives of Monica Samuel

##### Tuesday 6th February: ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, Memorial

10:00am Judith Paul, RIP  
12:10pm Ken Hubbert: Wellbeing  
6:45pm RIP: Departed relatives of Celine Ibe-Deen

##### Wednesday 7th February: Feria

10:00am Margaret Flemming, RIP  
12:10pm Francis McGrail, RIP  
6:45pm RIP: Departed relatives of Claudia Rosihna

##### Thursday 8th February: Feria

10:00am Lena Simons, RIP  
12:10pm Wimawaraj Gunaratnam, RIP  
6:45pm Departed Clergy & Religious

##### Friday 9th February: Feria

10:00am Baldumero Gomes, RIP  
12:10pm Adekola Akano, RIP  
6:45pm Holy Souls

##### Saturday 10th February: ST SCHOLASTICA, Memorial

10:00am Nwodo/Iwuoh family thanksgiving  
7:00pm Bertilla Lobo, RIP

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** 14th February is Ash Wednesday. It is the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. There will be four Masses on that day at the following times: 8am; 10am; 12:10pm and 7pm. Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 6pm. Let us keep in mind that Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Fridays during Lent are days of penance and abstinence. Save money and provisions from fasting and bring supply to the Food bank.

#### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

Invites you to a half-day Retreat of quiet Reflection at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LU on Saturday 17th February 2024 from 10:30am-1:00pm. Details include Holy Rosary, Video Talk: By Sister Doctor Betty Nina MD/Physician of the Medical Sisters of St Josephs Kerala India, Discussion on Video Talk, Christian Meditation and Healing Prayers.

#### 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  
Fr Patrick Feyisetan: President