



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 28TH APRIL 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 SUNDAY OF EASTER B. Pp 264-266

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.

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: Every Friday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

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.

PRAYER MEETINGS

LEGION OF MARY MEETINGS:

Senior Praesidium (Our Lady Morning Star) Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Parish Room.

Senior Praesidium (Our Lady Virgin Most Powerful) Sundays at 10:30am in the Parish Centre

Junior Praesidium 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. 9-Tuesday Novena began last Tuesday and continues every Tuesday till 11th June.

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: Life in the Spirit Seminar is held every Friday after the evening Mass.

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP: We welcome all young people to join our 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 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month after 12:15 mass. For any extra information please email : stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Barry Hughes, Fr David Standley, Anne Pendry, Thomas Olaniyan, John William Daniel, Alice Williams, Evelyn Verez and Stefan Merbitz 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**

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES: There is a pilgrimage to **Santiago & Fatima** from 8th June to 14th June 2024 (cost £850 sharing; £1000 single). Contact Diane 07951194036

LEGION OF MARY EDEL QUINN PILGRIMAGE

This is a pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on Saturday 4th May 2024. Coach provided: £20 per adult, £10 per child (16 years and below). Please bring a packed lunch. Your bookings can be done with Fr Michael or the Parish Office.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. The Cathedral is the mother church of our diocese and the seat of our bishop. This collection helps to meet the cost of its upkeep.
12TH MAY: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

WEEKLY MASSES AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There is Mass in the Hospital Chapel at 12noon on Wednesdays. Do feel free to attend.

ALTAR SERVERS' RALLY: Parents of servers who have registered for the Aylesford Rally should visit the Sacristy this weekend to sign the appropriate parental consent form.

ALTAR SERVERS: Forms are now available for new server applicants and training will commence in mid-May. Applicants must have received First Holy Communion. Servers are needed mostly for 7pm, 10:45am, 3pm and 6pm Masses.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish (croydonwest). The deadline for applying is May 31.

PARISH GIVING

We are grateful for all you do to support the parish. Setting up a Standing Order is the most efficient way to make a donation to the parish without incurring fees. You can use the following details for one-off donations or set up a Standing Order: NatWest Bank;

Account Name: RCAS Croydon West.

Account Number: 36004219

Sort Code: 60-50-01

If you are a taxpayer, you can **PLEASE** sign up for Gift-Aid at no extra cost to you.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 28th April: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

8:00am Missa Pro Populo
9:15am Parish Confirmandi 2023: Thanksgiving
10:45am Anthony Fernandes, RIP
12:15pm Madam J. Akuokie, RIP
3:00pm Ogakwu Family Thanksgiving
6:00pm Private Intention of the Donor

Monday 29th April: ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Feast

10:00am Anne & Julian Xavier, RIP
12:10pm Assunta Sacco, RIP (4th Anniversary)
6:45pm Private Intention of the Donor

Tuesday 30th April:

10:00am Hamilton Noronha, RIP
12:10pm Glenis Bastian: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm Chete Iloba: Birthday thanksgiving

Wednesday 1st May: ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

10:00am Kristiano Mergulhao: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Jean Barre, RIP
6:45pm John Daniel, RIP

Thursday 2nd May: ST ATHANASIUS, Memorial

10:00am Wesley Nash: 30th Birthday
12:10pm J.F. & M.F. DeSouza, RIP
6:45pm Nelson Fernando, RIP (6th Anniversary)

Friday 3rd May: SS PHILIP & JAMES, Feast

10:00am Eric Walter, RIP
12:10pm **THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 4th May: THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Feast

10:00am Teoflina Felomena Gomes, RIP
7:00pm Peter D'Costa, RIP

GIFT-AID BOXES

If you are yet to collect your gift aid envelope boxes, the organiser will have them on display for collection on the weekend of 4th/5th of May.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION You are all cordially invited to the Priestly ordination of Reverend Frazer Bellfield which is scheduled for Saturday the 20th of July 2024 at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 12:30pm, and to his First Solemn Mass on Sunday 21st July at 12:30pm at St Theresa's Biggin Hill.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

This year's Corpus Christi procession shall be held on Sunday 2nd June at the end of the 12:15pm Mass. Let us come together to bear witness to the Body of Christ, the Food of Life.

YOUTH MEETINGS TODAY

St Mary's Youth Group (12-18) shall meet in the Parish Centre after the 12:15pm Mass.

Fr Michael Etuka is inviting Young Adults (19+) to come to a meeting at 2pm in the Parish Centre to discuss the way forward for their age group participation in the life of the Church in our parish.