



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 17TH MARCH 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 LENT B. Pp 169-176*

### 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](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.

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

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alice Williams, Anne Ng, Rose D'Souza, Lawrence Rasquinha, and Ida Patrick. 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 are still available spaces on the **Fatima pilgrimage** to be led by Fr Patrick from 26th June to 1st July 2024 Contact Malcolm Fernando on 07505011249

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

**Archdiocese of Southwark Day Pilgrimage to the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Norfolk as part**

of the 2024 Year of Prayer preparation for Jubilee 2025.

Date is Saturday, 27th of April 2024. Coach leaves 6:30am from Outside Virgo Fidelis Church: 143 Central Hill, SE19 1RT. Returns 9pm. £50 per person. Ring Fr James Clark to book: 0208 670 2777. Meals/Drinks not included

#### 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

#### UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

17TH MARCH: POOR PARISHES

29TH MARCH: PAPAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

#### LENTEN MASSES AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be Mass in the Hospital Chapel at 12 noon on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. All are most welcome

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#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024 PROGRAMME

##### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday 24th March: Masses at the usual times

Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week: Usual weekday masses

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: 27th March

Holy Mass 9:30am

Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral 11:30am

Penitential Service 6:00pm (Avail yourself the opportunity of Easter confessions as there will be a number of priests present to support us. There will be no evening Mass)

##### HOLY THURSDAY: 28th March

Office of Reading and Morning Prayer 10.00am

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Watching until Midnight

##### GOOD FRIDAY: 29th March

Office of Reading/Morning Prayer 9:00am

Children's Stations of the Cross 10:15am

Solemn Liturgy 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross in Malayalam 5:30pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Vigil of the Cross with Taize Music 8:30pm till 10:00pm

##### HOLY SATURDAY: 30th March

Office of Reading/Morning Prayer 10:00am

Easter Vigil Mass 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY: 31st March Holy Mass at the usual times

EASTER MONDAY: 1st April Holy Mass 10:00am Church is closed after Mass.

EASTER TUESDAY TO SATURDAY: Regular Weekday programme of activities.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 16th April: Holy Masses as on a regular Sunday with the following: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Devotions starting at 1:30pm and ending with Benediction before 3pm.

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GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK : On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the Vigil of Palm Sunday, 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)

#### MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

##### Sunday 17th March: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

8:00am Doreen Escorte, RIP  
9:15am Nelly Mayes, RIP  
10:45am Visitation Pontanilla, RIP  
12:15pm Prisca Nabuusi: Thanksgiving  
3:00pm Judy Nutall & Barbara Bailey, RIP  
6:00pm Missa Pro Populo

##### Monday 18th March: Feria

10:00am Mary Melody, RIP  
12:10pm Edna Maria, RIP  
6:45pm Marie Christine Thomas, RIP

##### Tuesday 19th March: ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity

10:00am Heather & Carlton: 58th Wedding Anniversary  
12:10pm Josephine Fernandes, RIP  
6:45pm Joan O'Connell, RIP

##### Wednesday 20th March: Feria

10:00am Marie Christine Thomas Hendow, RIP  
12:10pm FUNERAL: Ida Patrick, RIP  
6:45pm Frotten Cruz & Marieza: Birthday

##### Thursday 21st March: Feria

10:00am Ellen Coyle, RIP  
12:10pm Georgieana Chinegwundoh: Birthday  
6:45pm Souls in Purgatory

##### Friday 22nd March: Feria

10:00am Elizabeth Feyisetan, RIP  
12:10pm Dorothy Stella & Michael Benjamin Smith, RIP  
6:45pm Holy Souls

##### Saturday 23rd March: Feria

10:00am Rudolph Caubo, RIP  
7:00pm Michael Gallagher, RIP

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 6pm. Let us keep in mind that Fridays during Lent and Good Friday are days of penance and abstinence. Kindly save some money and provisions by doing those acts of penance and bring supply to the Foodbank.

**JOINT EASTER SUNDAY PRAISE SERVICE is being organised by Croydon Churches Forum (CCF) on Sunday 31st March 2024 (Easter Sunday), from 6.30-8.45pm at New Life, Croydon.** This will be part of our public declaration: Last year in Fairfield Halls we announced that Croydon Churches would come together to worship on Easter Sunday to mark the coming to an end of the Borough of Culture year. Many different churches have already indicated they would like to participate so we are hoping more churches will encourage their members to join in. Please put the date in your diary and spread the information!

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Rehearsals for Holy Week shall be held on Saturday 23rd March 4pm for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. Good Friday 11am for Good Friday . Saturday 30th 11 am for Easter vigil .

Forms now available for new server applicants and training will commence in mid May. Servers are needed mostly for 7pm, 10:45am, 3pm and 6pm Masses.