



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH (ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
6TH MARCH 2022

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)
Fr Celestine Ekwueme (Assistant Priest)
Revd. Vincent Morrison (Deacon)
Mr Frazer Bellfield (Seminarist)
Shirley Nash (Parish Secretary)
Robert Haddad (Lead Catechist)

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 – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 12noon; Sun. 4pm-5.45pm
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
PARISH SURGERY: Every Tuesday and Friday: 9:00am to
12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm

PARISH CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

FIRST COMMUNION: Every Saturday at 10:15am.
CONFIRMATION: Every Friday at 6:00pm
RCIA: Every Wednesday 7:30pm to 9:00pm
INFANT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS: First Thursday of the
month at 7:30pm.

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 of 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.

INFANT BAPTISM: You must show evidence of Catholic faith practice to arrange to have your baby baptised. Meet with a priest to obtain the form during parish surgery times.

OUR LADY OF REPARATION CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP MEETS IN THE CHURCH EVERY FRIDAY FROM 7:30PM.

This week, George Dakpallah teaches on the topic: **The little things we often ignore to confess.**

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

POOR PARISHES: Today, Sunday 6 March: To enable the Archbishop make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

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.

POST-CONFIRMATION LIFE: The parish is calling on young people (under 18) who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation to join our Post-Confirmation Group to begin to explore what it means to be a young Catholic in this day and age, using their own experiences to fuel their discussions and actions. The first session took place last Tuesday. We look forward to having more young people take part in this programme. Do come on Tuesday to the Parish Centre. The programme runs from 6pm to 7:30pm

LENTEN MASSES AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be a Mass every **MONDAY** during Lent at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel (near the Woodcroft Entrance). All are most welcome.

A RETREAT FOR LENT

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called **Saving Grace**. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside what space you can for Saving Grace! Background information about the retreat can be found at: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace> And you can sign up to receive the materials directly here: http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz

CROYDON CHURCHES FORUM: For the last 10 years, in the run-up to Easter, Croydon Churches Forum has produced a prayer booklet which acts as a focus for unity and prayer. This year's 'Transform Croydon' prayer booklet runs from Wednesday 2nd March to Easter Day. And can be accessed on our parish website. You can also get a daily post on CCF Facebook page: www.facebook.com/croydonchurchesforum



What is ADORATION?

Why is it important that we revive adoration in our Parish?

Jesus invites you to spend some time in his presence in the Holy Eucharist. All you need is the readiness to give him your time and your heart.

We thank all those who accepted Jesus' invitation to come to his presence for at least one hour every week.

Our parish committee will be contacting you over the coming week.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anthony Mann, Mary Byrne, Olga Chapman, Roger Fernandes, Anthony Noronha and Jerry Deefholts. 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**

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CROYDON: We rejoice with our high school for maintaining a proud and unbroken record of service to the local Croydon community for 170 years. In this her 170th anniversary year we rejoice that St Mary's has been judged to be 'Outstanding' for Catholic Life by the Diocesan Inspection Team. The opening line from the Ofsted report says: "St Mary's Catholic High School is a deeply caring community. Its pupils and staff live up to their core values of being welcoming, serving others and working hard." Full reports are available to read or download on the school website at: www.stmaryscroydon.co.uk/Inspections/ Prospective applicants who want to visit the school should telephone **0208 686 3837** or email: admissions@stmaryscroydon.co.uk

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, BALHAM is seeking foundation governors. The school is a successful provider of outstanding full-time education to 16 – 19 year olds from the whole community, across several boroughs. The governors are particularly, but not exclusively, seeking volunteers with current experience / expertise in human resources management, accountancy / audit or safeguarding – but, fundamentally, it is people with an interest in ensuring young people achieve their very best potential in a college with a Catholic life and mission. Interested persons to contact Eleanor Lewis on 02087726062 or e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 6th March. First Sunday of Lent.

- 8.00am David Agbim; birthday thanksgiving.
- 9:15am Jose and Albertina Fernandes (RIP).
- 10:45am Claudette Joseph; birthday thanksgiving.
- 12:15pm Pro Populo
- 3:00pm Holy Souls.
- 6.00pm Private intention of Gian Paolo

Monday 7th March. (Feria)

- 10.00am Private intention of Audrey Reekie
- 12:10pm Anthonia Eburn Adeoti (RIP)
- 6:45pm Holy Souls.

Tuesday 8th March. (Feria)

- 10:00am Angela Soave (RIP).
- 12:10pm John Gallagher (RIP)
- 6:45pm Holy Souls.

Wednesday 9th March (Feria).

- 10.00am Conrad Myers (RIP).
- 12:10pm **Funeral** of Olga Chapman (RIP)
- 6:45pm Pamela Albert (RIP).

Thursday 10th March. (Feria)

- 10:00pm Carlton D'Monte; 85th birthday thanksgiving.
- 12:10pm Rum Fleming (RIP).
- 6:45pm Cynthia Sochima; in thanksgiving.

Friday 11th March. (Feria)

- 10:00am Rosemary Mark and Alphonse Silva (RIP).
- 12:10pm Alphonse Nguyen (RIP).
- 6:45 pm Holy Souls.

Saturday 12th March. (Feria)

- 10:00 am Patricia Coye (RIP).
- 7:00 pm Carmen Dias (RIP).

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY

We wish to appoint a Cover Coordinator & Supervisor to organise and assist with the supervision of classes during the short term absence of teachers.

Please visit the school's website for further information:

www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities

Completed application forms should be emailed with a covering letter to Mrs H Palmer on:

h.palmer@johnfisherschool.org

Closing date: noon on Thursday 17th March 2022

LENT 2022

LENTEN TALK, STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS will be held every Friday beginning at 6pm. **TOPIC** for this Friday: "With Our Lady at the foot of the Cross." - John 19:25

FOOD BANK: We implore every family to join in the 'One Bag of Provision per Family Campaign for Lent' so that the hungry and displaced people especially in the Easter European corridors may rejoice that we are Christians on the Way to Heaven. You may bring your support to Church whenever you are coming to Mass. May the Lord bless your generous hearts. Amen

Penitential Service: Wednesday 13th April @6:00pm