



# OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 5TH MAY 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. 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER B. Pp 266-268*

**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](mailto: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](mailto:stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com)

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Barry Hughes, Fr David Standley, Alda Almeida, 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**

#### NEXT SECOND COLLECTION:

**12TH MAY: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY.** This collection supports the work of the Catholic communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. It provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales.

#### 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:** The coach will leave St Mary's on Monday morning at 7:45am. Parents are urged to bring their child(ren) by 7:00am. Do bring a lunch pack for them.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

#### 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.

#### MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

##### Sunday 5th May: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

8:00am Priests of the Parish & Vocations  
9:15am Jake Llewellyn, RIP  
10:45am Dorothy & John Stokoe, RIP  
12:15pm Missa Pro Populo  
3:00pm Fr Semplicio D'Souza Ordination anniversary  
6:00pm Antonio Joaquim Scarlet, RIP

##### Monday 6th May: FERIA

10:00am Dorothy & Sapiencia Noronha, RIP  
12:10pm NO MASS  
6:45pm NO MASS

##### Tuesday 7th May: FERIA

10:00am John & Lena Simons, RIP  
12:10pm Sharon Mary Samaru, RIP  
6:45pm Ellen Mac Sweeney, RIP

##### Wednesday 8th May: FERIA

10:00am Peter Crane, RIP  
12:10pm **FUNERAL:** Alda Almeida, RIP  
**VIGIL MASS OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
7:00pm Innocent Muwonge: In thanksgiving

##### Thursday 9th May: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Sol.

8:00am Henriques' Family thanksgiving  
10:00am Florence Baptist: Thanksgiving & Wellbeing  
12:10pm Theresa Rowland, RIP  
7:00pm Eddie Rowland, RIP

##### Friday 10th May: FERIA

10:00am Betty Hession, RIP  
6:45pm Gertrude & Regina Chingwudoh: Birthday

##### Saturday 11th May: FERIA

10:00am Tom Corduff, RIP  
7:00pm Lily Carma, RIP

**TRIP TO ST JUDE, FAVERSHAM:** A coach trip is being organized for the 1st of June. Charge per head is £17 payable to Tangy (07910877215). The coach will depart from St Mary's at 9am and leave Faversham at 4pm. Please, book in advance to avoid disappointment.

**ASCENSION CELEBRATION:** Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Vigil Mass of the feast is at 7pm on Wednesday. Ascension Day Masses will be at 8am, 10am, 12:10pm and 7pm. Note that as Catholics we have a duty to attend Mass on holydays of obligation.

#### FR SYLVESTER OYEKA

We are grateful for the ministry of Fr Sylvester in our parish since September 2022. He will be leaving our parish at the end of July to take on another assignment with the Spiritans. The parish shall organise a 'thank you' for Fr Sylvester in the month of July.

#### FR MATTHEW DONNELLY

Fr Matthew Donnelly who currently works as Assistant Priest at Sacred Heart Parish, Edge-Hill, Wimbledon has been posted to our parish by the Archbishop as Assistant Priest. He will be joining us in September.

**NOVENA FOR PENTECOST BEGINS ON FRIDAY.**