



# OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - B 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)  
Fr Michael Etuka (Ass. Priest)  
Fr James Yakubu, MSP (Ass. Priest)  
Fr Matthew Donnelly (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. CHRIST THE KING SOLEMNITY Pp. 160-162*

### 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.

**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.

**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 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after 12:15 mass. For any extra information please email: [stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com)

**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**

#### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With you alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;*

*do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in you our unity*

*so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of you,*

*who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

### 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 10:15am

**CONFIRMATION:** Forms for 2025 now available. Contact the parish office.

**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 night**.

**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.

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Attracta Slater, Maureen Murphy, Euphrajia Nunes, Melvill Wheatley, Dawn Shirley Shaw, Aplone Gabriel Gomez, Thomas Kenneally. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### SECOND COLLECTION:

**24th November: Catholic Youth Services**

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Young Adults Group which was launched about 6 months ago will be holding an end of year General Meeting on Sunday the 8th of December 2024 after the 12:15 Mass to review and obtain general feedback from members and non-members. All young adults in the parish are welcome. Meanwhile upcoming YA Session is Sunday 1st December.

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** Registration forms are out for booking a place in the Confirmation programme for 2025. Candidates for Confirmation must be 14 years and above. **Completed application forms must be returned by Wednesday 8th January 2025.**

### APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

St Vincent de Paul Society & Croydon Nightwatch are making an appeal for the homeless. Items needed urgently are as follows: Tea bags, Soup tins (not packets), canned foods, fruits, milk, vegetable, fish and meats. Also, shampoos and tooth-pastes are needed. Items should not be past their sell by date.

### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL:

Nursery and Reception entry September 2025 closing date is 10th January 2024. **OPEN DAY** (by appointment through the school office 020 8688 2891) on Tuesday 12th November 2024.

### LOOKING FOR A WAY TO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH?

If so, have you considered coming on pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter to look after a child with social or learning needs? It's an incredibly fun week, giving children a once in a lifetime opportunity whilst also becoming closer to Our Lady. We will be travelling on Easter Sunday 20th April and returning on Saturday 26th April, the all-inclusive price is £825 although subsidies can be provided. Places are filling up fast so please email Jane on [group14@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group14@hcpt.org.uk) as soon as possible if interested in finding out more about this rewarding pilgrimage.

**SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT:** Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email [southwarkrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:southwarkrenewal@gmail.com).

**WEDNESDAY MASS AT THE CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CHAPEL HOLDS AT 12NOON.**

### DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 30 November 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Scholastica 17 Kenninghall Road Clapton London E5 8BS. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

**ADVENT COMPETITION:** Nativity painting /drawing and Christmas photography competition from the Knights of St Columba Age category:

For Nativity Painting/ drawing:

A scene of the nativity of our Lord drawn or painted which includes bible chapter and verse for:

### MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### **Sunday 24th November: CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

8:00am Josefina De Souza, RIP  
9:15am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP  
10:45am Aliane Peroval: Special Intention  
12:15pm Obioma Nkpade, RIP  
3:00pm Leonie Beardall, RIP  
6:00pm Missa Pro Populo

#### **Monday 25th November: Feria**

10:00am Bairavi Yasothar: 16th Birthday thanksgiving  
12:10pm Harlem & Israel Omolere: 3rd Birthday  
6:45pm Lourdes Eusebio, RIP

#### **Tuesday 26th November: Feria**

10:00am Michael Harte, RIP  
12:10pm Mary Coyne: Wellbeing  
6:45pm Willie Mergulhao: Birthday thanksgiving

#### **Wednesday 27th November: Feria**

10.00am Fr Patrick Feyisetan: Ordination Anniversary  
12:10pm Jerry John & Beatrice Lobo, RIP  
6:45pm Triza Supuni: Birthday thanksgiving

#### **Thursday 28th November: Feria**

10:00am Home Enthronement of the Sacred Heart  
12:10pm Michael McNamara, RIP  
6:45pm Maureen Murphy, RIP

#### **Friday 29th November: Feria**

10:00am Assumpta Muwonge: In thanksgiving  
12:10pm Chester Dlugosz, RIP  
6:45pm Holy Souls

#### **Saturday 30th November: ST ANDREW, Feast**

11:00am Alfred D'Souza, RIP  
7:00pm Rose D'Souza, RIP

a) KS1 (4-7yrs/ yrs R-2)

b) KS2 (7-11 yrs/ 3-6)

For Christmas photography of Crib scene and Altar (Any parish) with a phone or digital camera for:

a) KS2 (8-11 years)

b) KS3 (11-14years)

c) KS4&5 (14-18years)

**PLEASE** include with your entries: your name and name of school.

**Deadline:** By 8pm 24/12/2024. Prizes includes certificates, cash and (or) vouchers. Drop off at the box at the back of church. Online entrants can use: [kscompetition@yahoo.com](mailto:kscompetition@yahoo.com)

**SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Get your tickets from the parish office for £5. Tickets available on first come first served basis.

### CHANGE IN LECTIONARY

At the directive of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales, the parish shall switch fully to the new sets of lectionary approved for use from the First Sunday of Advent. Anyone who wishes to have a copy of the currently used Mass books can take one as a memento after today's Mass.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**30th November:** Confirmation by Canon Gerard Bradley 7pm

**1st December:** Christmas Carols after 12:10pm Mass

**7th December:** A Day with Mary

**15th December:** Parish Christmas Dinner for the Seniors

**18th December:** Penitential Service and Confessions 6pm