

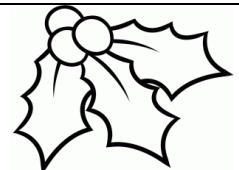








St. Mary's Catholic Church
The Lord's Epiphany



Our Lady of Reparation
Sunday 5th January 2020

70 Wellesley Road, Croydon CR0 2AR Tel: (020) 8688 1857 E-mail: croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk Website: www.saint-mary.org.uk Live internet Camera: 7am-10pm Church Opening Times: 7am-7pm		Blessed Sacrament Adoration and Benediction Wednesdays 12.45pm to 6.15pm First Fridays 10.45am to 12 noon Saturdays 10.30am to 12 noon Sundays 4pm to 5.45pm 		Fr. Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest) Fr. Celestine Ekwueme (Assistant Priest) Fr. Sean Davidson (Assistant Priest) Revd. Vincent Morrison (Permanent Deacon)	
Confession times <u>Saturdays</u> 10.30am - 11.30am & 5.45pm - 7pm				✱ Sunday Mass times ✱ 7pm (Saturday) 8am., 9.15am., 10.45am., 12.15pm., 3pm., & 6pm 	
Wednesdays 12.45pm to 1.15pm		First Fridays 10.45am to 12 noon		Daily Mass times Monday to Friday • 10am & 12.10pm Monday to Friday • 6.45pm Saturdays • 10am	
(and at call)					
Prayer times Rosary • 9.40am • Monday to Friday Morning Prayer • 9.40am • Saturdays		<u>Fatima Devotions</u> First Saturdays @ 12 noon <u>Perpetual Succour</u> All other Saturdays @ 12 noon			

Saturday 4th January 2020 		Wednesday 8th January 		Saturday 11th January 	
7.00pm	Baldumevo Gomes, RiP	10.00am	John Dol Jasso, wellbeing	10.00am	James Ward, RiP
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Sunday 5th January The Epiphany of Our Lord		12.10pm	Edna Maria, RiP	The Baptism of Our Lord	
8.00am	Dickie & Bonnie Wegwermer, RiP &^ deceased members of the Wegwermer & Saldanaha families	6.45pm	For the children of Ellen Everet	Sunday 12th January 	
9.15am	Jesus Rodrigues & Inacio Rodrigues, RiP	Thursday 9th January		8.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
10.45am	Cecilia Ozogolu, in thanksgiving	10.00am	Vincent Paul, RiP and Lilia Carma, RiP	9.15am	Romaldina & Constantion Monteiro & Dora D'Souza, RiP
12.15pm	People of the Parish	12.10pm	For Pope Francis	10.45am	People of the Parish
3.00pm	Nicholas Cummins, RiP	6.45pm	In thanksgiving for prayers answered	12.15pm	Bridie Hearne, RiP
6.00pm	Julia Mahoney, RiP	Friday 10th January		3.00pm	Tony Soorjah, RiP
Monday 6th January		10.00am	Winnie Rojo, RiP	6.00pm	Betty O'Keeffe, RiP
10.00am	Robert Noel, RiP	12.10pm	Antonio DeSouza, RiP Maria Alfonso DeSouza, RiP	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Parish Office HOURS  Mon to Fri 9.30am to 4pm Shirley Nash Parish Secretary </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Parish Surgery Mondays 4.30pm to 7pm Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am & 5pm - 6.30pm  Open Door </div> </div>	
12.10pm	Edna Maria, RiP	6.45pm	Private intention		
6.45pm	Peggy McGeever, RiP				
Tuesday 7th January		Wednesday Word   Year of The Word Sun 12 th January 1 st Reading • Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 2 nd Reading • Acts 10: 34 - 38  Gospel Matthew 3: 13 - 17			
10.00am	Lucas, Ubaldina & Sylvia DeSouza, RiP				
12.10pm	Matias Rodrigues & Ana Rodrigues, Silver Wedding Anniversary, in thanksgiving				
6.45pm	Sophia Patricia Gregory, RiP				

Parish update from

Fr. Patrick

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I would like to start with a very BIG THANK you to each and everyone of you for your Seasonal prayers, wishes and gifts together with your generous Christmas offerings to the priests of the Parish. On behalf of Fr. Celestine and Fr. Sean, **THANK YOU**. It is really appreciated and we recognise the great kindness of you all. We had a special Mass of thanksgiving as we saw out 2019 and celebrated with midnight Mass to welcome in 2020 falling on the Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God. At this Mass I was able to give a snapshot of some of the landmarks we have achieved as a Parish community over the last year. As a Parish, bearing the name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are consecrated to Her. I watched our Parish Day with Mary (Dec) from the Holyland and prior to that we had the Visit of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (Oct) when we re-consecrated. It is very fitting that I was able to recount on the Feast of Mary Mother of God, all that has happened, surely under Her protective mantle. We launched the Parish Stewardship programme (Nov) to encourage our use of time, talent and treasure for the parish good and ultimately to the Glory of God and the spreading of His Word. Thank you for an overwhelming response. We officially put together a Stewardship group and these parishioners were the first to give their time bringing specific talents to the table. You have all responded very generously to the treasure needs as many signed up for gift aid using the declaration forms. There is much still to be done – so please look out for opportunities to share time and talent as we will need help with setting up or firming up on:

Practicals: H & S, safeguarding, fire protection, car parking, Mass Stewarding, event/hall management, security, parish maintenance, Church cleaning

Ministries: reading, Altar Serving, music, welcoming groups, bereavement support, Offertory procession, collectors & processors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, prayer of the Faithful writers

Parish groups: Legion of Mary, St. Mary's Parish Women's Group, SVP, Children's Rosary Group, the Knights, Parish Pastoral Group, Finance, Refreshment Group, Bible Study Groups, SFN/Young Adults

Liturgy & Devotions: catechism for children & adults, Sacraments; Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriages, Adoration, prayer groups, First Friday & Saturday

Other: outreach work, soup-kitchen/shelter evangelisation, returning Catholics, encouraging & supporting vocations.

These are just a few, but with God's help and us building together, we will leave a legacy of Faith, Church and Community for future generations.

A very **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who helped in so many ways to prepare the Church for the Holy Season. The Church Cleaning teams (Thursday & Sunday teams), the Church Christmas decorators and installers of the Nativity Scene, offertory collectors & counters, processors, music ministers, readers, notice-givers, Eucharistic Ministers, prayer of the Faithful writers, Altar Servers, the juniors & MCs and their helpers like those who look after the Altar Server vestments. The Sacristans who look after the Sanctuary and Altars, adorning with flowers, ensuring everything is replenished and ready. There is also a crucial parish office & house team who work behind the scenes to help bring everything together from admin to meals to websites/apps/newsletters and other vital administration plus hall management/bookings and grounds maintenance. It is you, wonderful parishioners, who supplied 110 Christmas-wrapped Shoeboxes for the homeless and vulnerable people of Croydon (25 Dec), had a collection for the Croydon Churches Floating Shelter following our Advent Service (15 Dec), supplying much appreciated food to the Croydon foodbanks to help needy families and hosting a Christmas Day lunch for parishioners who might otherwise have been alone on Christmas day (25 Dec). These are not just outstanding examples of outreach, but truly show time, talent & treasure in motion. There are countless people to thank, so a **VERY BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for all that has been done during this Holy Season. On this feast of the Epiphany where Christ is revealed to the world, may we too reveal Him to all who meet us in 2020 and beyond. As the well known hymn goes; **"...they'll know we are Christians by our love..."**

News: We keep Father Celestine and his family in our prayers as he has travelled home for his youngest brother's wedding. We also pray for Fr. Sean who responds to the Lord's calling to a further vineyard. His last Sunday with us will be next week, 12th Jan, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.. The 12.15pm Mass will be followed by farewell social in the parish centre where we will make a presentation to him for the great work he has done in building the parish community.

Pro-Life: Please pick up a petition to lobby the Prime Minister to reject new abortion laws that fail to protect the unborn. Further news on 12 Jan.

Peace Sunday 19 Jan: Pax Christi donation envelopes are available now as you enter. All contributions appreciated.

Christian Unity week 18 Jan: Hold the date!

Deacon Vincent writes...

Many thanks to all for the kind cards and gifts over Christmas. It was much appreciated.

Rest in Peace

We keep in prayer the souls of all who have died and especially remember

Frances Bull whose funeral takes place here in the parish on Thu 16 Jan at 10am.

May the comforter and consoler in His mercy and love grant eternal peace to Frances and wipe away the tears of all who mourn for her.

Today's Parish Music Ministry 5 Jan

Epiphany : Cantor & organist @ 9.15am

Ugandan choir @ 10.45am

Main choir & music group @ 12.15pm

Parish Groups

- Children's Bible Study follows the end of the 9.15am Mass – parish centre
- The Parish 20 to 40 group, SFN meet in the lobby centre after the 12.15pm Mass.
- Bible Study & Charismatic Prayers meets this coming Friday 10th Jan immediately after the 6.45pm Mass, in the Church. All are welcome.
- RCIA re-starts, Wed 8th Jan, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre (Velainkani room)

Infant Jesus of Prague – Sat 11th Jan

All are invited to the 10am Mass next Saturday. The Infant Jesus Prayer Group then invite you to light refreshments in the Parish Centre. Please join us and meet the group who say the Novena prayers on a weekly basis, to find out more about this Devotion. Did you know we have the statue here in the Parish a kind donation in 2005?

Pilgrimages supporting Catholic

Charities 2020 •Padre Pio: 30th April to 5th May •Lourdes: 5th to 9th June

•Medjugorje: 1st to 7th July •Divine

Mercy: 30th July to 4th August

•Fatima: 20th to 24th August • Infant

Jesus: 2nd to 5th September Flying from

Gatwick. Further Details from Malcolm

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Candles: We have real "live" candle stands in the Saint alcoves and by Our Lady's Altar.

Parents/carers must be responsible for their children/vulnerable adults around the real candles at all times and anywhere on Church

premises or grounds. Children/vulnerable adults are **NOT** to handle or light the real candles or use the igniters or similar. No other candles should be left anywhere around the Church other than on the proper stands. Thank you.

General health, safety, security & signage:

These should always be observed and are the usual requirements & signs that we are all familiar with. If you see anything untoward or of concern, please let the clergy know. Any emergencies use 999, local non-emergencies, ring 101. Thank you.

Transform Croydon Prayer Meeting

As part of Churches Together (Croydon), we are invited to take part in praying for our borough On **Wed 8th January, from 7:30-9:15** the first Croydon Churches prayer meeting of the year will be held at New Life Church, Cairo New Road, Croydon CR0 1XP – all are welcome

