



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) 17TH DECEMBER 2023

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. 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT B. pp 87-89

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:

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 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: Charismatic Prayer meeting is held every Friday after the evening Mass.

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.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Elsa Gonzales Martinez, Peter Domfeh, Rose Kiwanuka, Grainne Gray, Frederick Michael Ho, Bibiana Vicente Ferreira, Ellen Coyle & Antonia Conteh. 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 INFANT SCHOOL:

Nursery and Reception entry September 2024 closing date is 12th January 2024.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Our Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group in conjunction with the Parish is organising a LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR in preparation for Pentecost 2024. Programme will commence on 17th February 2024. Registration forms are at the back of the Church for interested parishioners to fill and return.

CONFIRMATION 2024: Registration forms for booking a place in the Confirmation programme for 2024 are out already. Candidates for Confirmation must be 14 years and above. Completed forms must be returned by Monday 8th January 2024. Bear in mind that late submission of forms shall not be entertained.

ADVENT SHOE BOX APPEAL

We are, once again, asking parishioners to donate a Christmas present for the homeless and vulnerable in our community. Fill a shoe box with toiletries, treats and a Christmas Card and these will go to the guests at St Mildred's Drop-In on Christmas Day. Further information about what to include in your box is on the parish website and on the posters in the porch. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE shall be held in our church on Wednesday 20th December starting at 6:45pm. Kindly avail of this opportunity to go to confession in readiness for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE

Everyone is invited to a Christmas Season Cake Sale by the First Communion Children and Parents holding on Sunday 17th December after the 9:15am Mass in the Parish Centre. Minced pies, mulled wine, teas & coffees will be served as we enjoy the taste of Christmas from 20 different nationalities. Do not miss this grand event by our children.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 21st December 2023 until Friday 5th January 2024. From the Parish Office we wish you joy, peace, hope and love at Christmas and a very blessed New Year.

CHRISTMAS CARD: Please, take a copy of the Parish Christmas Card for your family. Inside of the card is the parish schedule for the Season.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday 17th December: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

8:00am	Deceased Members of the GOA family
9:15am	Deceased Legionaries
10:45am	Felix Palafox: In thanksgiving
12:15pm	Christopher Igbudu & family: Wellbeing
3:00pm	Uche & David Agbim: Thanksgiving & Wellbeing
6:00pm	Missa Pro Populo

Monday 18th December: Feria

10:00am	Dr Sze Hing Ng, RIP
12:10pm	Dr Peter Ofili, RIP
6:45pm	Edna Maria Joseph, RIP

Tuesday 19th December:

10:00am	Danny: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm	Antonio Mergulhao: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm	Devis Donovan, RIP

Wednesday 20th December:

10:00am	Eddie Fegredo, RIP
12:10pm	Susan Tobin: Birthday thanksgiving Breda Molly: In thanksgiving
6:45pm	PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Thursday 21st December:

10:00am	Dr Geraldine Ng: Wellbeing
12:10pm	Penny & all the Music Ministers
6:45pm	Paul Etuka & the Holy Souls, RIP

Friday 22nd December: Feria

10:00am	Sonny D'Souza, RIP
12:10pm	Saverna Nelson, RIP
6:45pm	Holy Souls

Saturday 23rd December: Feria

10:00am	Nisha & Samuel D'Souza: Wedding Anniversary
7:00pm	Matthias Ozogolu: Birthday thanksgiving

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

20th December: Advent Penitential Service at 6:45pm

24th December: 4th Sunday of Advent Masses: 7pm (vigil), 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm
Christmas Vigil Masses at 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm & 12midnight; Carol Service from 11pm.

25th December: Christmas Day Masses at 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm

26th December: St Stephen's Feast day: Mass at 10:00am ONLY

27th –30th December: Usual Masses

31st December: Usual Sunday Masses; New Year Eve Service of Adoration from 9:00pm-10:40pm
New Year Eve Thanksgiving Mass: 11:00pm

1st January 2024: Masses at 10am & 12noon.

21st January 2024: Archbishop John Wilson's visit to the Parish & Mass at 12:15pm