



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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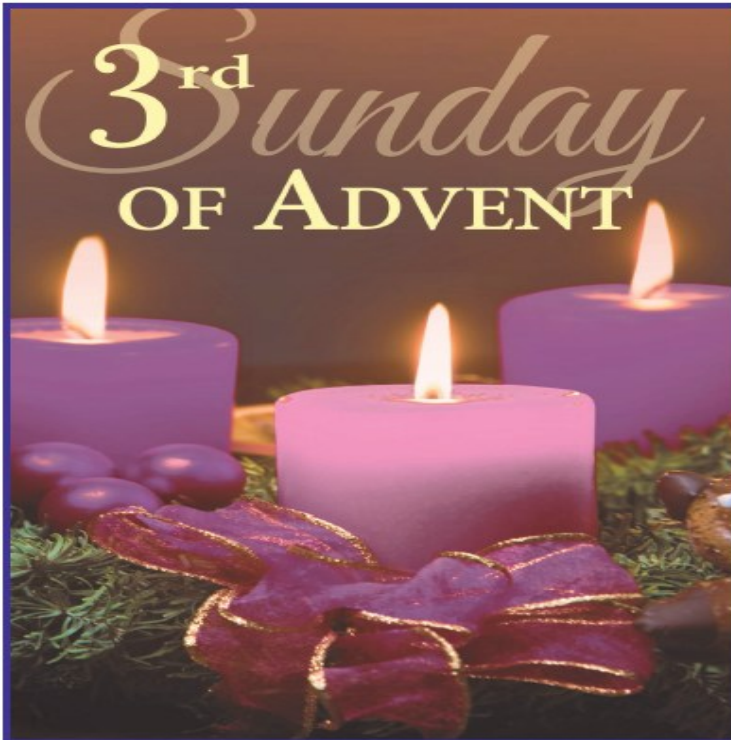
SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm (**ONLINE ONLY**) & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Weekday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 6:00pm

CONFESSION: Sat. 10:30am – 11:30am & 6pm – 6:45pm;

ROSARY: 11.30am daily



### Year B: 13th December 2020

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**First reading**                      **Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11**

‘The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;

to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

‘I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,

for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,

like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,

so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**    **Luke 1:46-50,53-54**

**R: My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.    **R.**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Phil 4:4-5**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

#### **Collect**

O God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a  
Salvation and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.     **R.**

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy.     **R.**

**Second reading**                   **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**                               **John 1:6-8,19-28**

A man came, sent by God.  
His name was John.  
He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.  
This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?'  
So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:  
a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord.'  
Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with

water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Homily**

**The Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only-Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate.  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your savingwork.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Sanctus:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Agnus Dei:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

**Communion Antiphon**                      **Cf. Is 35: 4**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**Prayer after Communion**

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Fr. Joseph O'Callaghan, Rev Deacon Alan Boxall,  
Michael Anthony Powell, Maureen Habgood,  
Antoinette Chambeyron, Mary Josephine Harwood,  
Daniel Junior Morrison, Patrick Stokes, Robert Ed-  
ward Wright. Robert James Brennan, Emillie Jo-  
seph, and Eugene McKeon.

**IN CASE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION:** If any  
Catholic you know is taken to the hospital, please let  
us have their details so we can link them up with  
Catholic chaplains in the hospitals for proper  
spiritual care.

**COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR ATTENDING  
PUBLIC WORSHIP:**

- Our church is well prepared to receive parishioners for Masses on designated days and times. If you choose to come at any of the times, do well to comply with safety instructions and guidance provided for social distancing and sanitization.
- NHS Test and Trace form is available on our website and on the newsletter. Download and fill the form from home to facilitate easy access to the church. Bring a pen with you to fill the form at the entrance if you have no access to a printer.
- Upon entering the church for Mass, put

your offertory donation in the basket provided at the back of the church. Giving by Standing Order, Gift Aid or Online donation via our website would be better appreciated

- Holy Communion is distributed at the end of Mass. Please, wait until the ushers signal that you join the line. As you approach the minister, kindly pull down your mask, stretch out your hands to receive Our Lord. As soon as you receive, make your way out of the church. Meditation and thanksgiving is done before the end of Mass.
- As you leave the church, sanitize your hands at the exit door and remember not to congregate by the door or anywhere on the premises.
- Pay attention to entrance and exit signs to facilitate easy and safe movement around the church.

**NO ACCESS TO TOILET FACILITIES IN THE PARISH AT THIS TIME OWING TO INFECTION PREVENTION GUIDANCE.**

- You would need to wear a face covering now in the church.
- Ring the parish office during the week to arrange for Infant Baptism & Weddings
- Let us continue to pray as individuals, families and church for an end to this pandemic.

**ADVENT REFLECTION**

'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.' (*Philippians 4:4-5*)  
With the above words from Paul's letter to the Philippians, the Church begins the liturgy of the 3rd Sunday of Advent traditionally called 'Gaudete Sunday.' Gaudete is from Latin and it means 'to rejoice'. The reason for our rejoicing is made clear: The Lord is near! Indeed the Lord is near; he is nearer now than when we first began advent. Our preparations are reaching a crescendo: food, drinks, clothes and all the stuff we plan for which we normally associate with Christmas are beginning to feature on our budget list and are finding a way into the comfort of our homes. The Church leads us in prayer as Mass begins begging God to make all her children attain the joy of so great a salvation! The joy of Christmas is however not to blind us from the realization of our purpose and mission on earth. The prophecy of Isaiah read today at Mass reveals the mission of one anointed by God, sent to bring the good news to the poor, reprieve to the captive, and a proclamation of the Lord's year of favour. This mission, Jesus points out at the beginning of his ministry in Nazareth, as his plan of action. We, today's disciples of our Lord Jesus must be ready to continue his mission in all

its ramification. To do this effectively, we must be ready to look inwards and try to discover God's purpose for us as individuals, even as we provide answers to the fundamental question asked John the Baptist by the priests and Levites sent to him from Jerusalem: who are you? John would not claim to be who or what he was not. He was quite open and frank about the replies he gave: He was not the Christ; he was not Elijah and he was not the Prophet. He was simply a voice crying in the wilderness. He still resonates in us on this Sunday, guiding us to meditate on the reason for the coming of our God. Our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation will help us rediscover God's plan for our lives and make us seek grace for a fulfilled Christian living that helps to create joy, love and peace. © Fr Patrick Feyisetan



Arise, shine, for your light has come!  
Mandy Grace '12

#### CHRISTIAN FAITH JOURNEY:

Are you interested in embarking on an active Christian faith journey, in making a return to faith, or needing to prepare for Confirmation as an adult? Send email to: [croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk) or phone 02086881857 between 9.00 and 17:00hrs Monday to Friday to speak with any of the priests.

#### REGISTRATION FORMS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021 WILL BE OUT ON MONDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2020.

**First Communion Programme is open to children of the parish from age 7** and given the current circumstances we have capped it to **max SIXTY (60)** children; places will be allocated first come-first served basis. Classes will take place on Saturdays from 10:45am to 11:45am starting from 6th February 2021.

**Candidates for Confirmation must be 14 years and above, and only FIFTY (50) slots are available for next year's programme.** Again, this is on a first come-first served basis. Classes will hold on Fridays 6:30-8:00pm beginning from 5th February 2021.

Application forms for the two programs are available online and in the parish office. Fill and return **NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2021.**

#### SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24th

10:00am Last Advent weekday Mass

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:**

6:00pm: Family Mass

8:00pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00am: Christmas Midnight Mass

December 25th: 8:00am; 9:15am; 10:45am & 12:15pm Masses

December 26th: 10:00am & 7:00pm Masses

December 27th: Regular Sunday Masses

December 28th: 10:00am Mass only.

**\*\*\* Pick a form to book your attendance and return not later than 18th December 2020 when remaining spaces shall be advertised online.**  
**Note: MIDNIGHT MASS IS FULLY BOOKED!**

#### NHS TEST AND TRACE

“To manage the risk of the virus re-emerging”

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CAR REG: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Mass: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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