



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

70 Wellesley Road, West Croydon CR0 2AR

Tel: 02086881857 Email: croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk

Website: www.saint-mary.org.uk

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - C 5TH JANUARY 2025

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. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD C Pp. 114-118

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. **Next session 03/02/2025**

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

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

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. Pick a form at the back of the church or 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 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

*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.*

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bishop John Hine, Fr Wenna Henry Tiku, Vinodhini Eliatamby, Attracta Slater, Widad Haddad, Teresa Dubier & Anna Maria Caruana. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: 19TH JANUARY
RACIAL JUSTICE DAY: 16TH FEBRUARY
CAFOD FAST DAY: 16TH MARCH

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.**

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY

Santa Marta Group & Caritas Southwark invite you all to a seminar on Anti-Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery. Seminar will be held at St Mary's RC Church, 70 Wellesley Road Croydon, CRO 2AR on Wednesday, 29 January 2025 6.30pm-8.30pm. Email caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk or call 07521525400 for further information or see poster on the notice board.

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2025

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of St. Mary's is organizing the second Life in the Spirit Seminar in the Parish. On behalf of our Parish Priest and his Associates, you are all invited to participate. It commences on the 14th of February 2025 and ends on the 2nd May 2025 and takes place every Friday in the church immediately after the 6.45pm Mass and ends at 9.30pm. Please fill a registration form at the back of the church and return.

WEDNESDAY MASS AT THE CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CHAPEL HOLDS AT 12NOON WILL RESUME FROM WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR: Parish Office will re-open on Monday 6th January 2025.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS RECRUITMENT:

Application forms are now available for new servers. Completed forms are to be returned not later than 25th January 2025. Applicants must have made their first communion.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 5th January: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

8:00am Priests of our parish & vocations
9:15am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
10:45am Francis Mali Doherty: Healing
12:15pm James & Nicole Wedding Anniversary
3:00pm Pascal Vaz, RIP
6:00pm Departed relatives of Benjamin Kalema

Monday 6th January: FERIA

10:00am Martin Grier, RIP
12:10pm Janet Ikeme, RIP & Holy Souls
6:45pm Departed relatives of Celine Ibe-Deen

Tuesday 7th January: FERIA

10:00am **FUNERAL:** Teresa Dubier, RIP
12:10pm Vivian Okany, RIP
6:45pm Derek Vaz: In thanksgiving

Wednesday 8th January: FERIA

10:00am Yvonne Robinson, RIP
12:10pm Rosanna Jacob
6:45pm Departed relatives of Francis Abonyi

Thursday 9th January: FERIA

10:00am Michael Stroller: Healing & Wellbeing
12:10pm **FUNERAL:** Attracta Slater, RIP
6:45pm Departed relatives of Gladys Sagay

Friday 10th January: FERIA

10:00am Edila Rodrigues: Birthday thanksgiving
12:10pm Celine Ibe-Deen: Private Intentions
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 11th January: FERIA

10:00am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
7:00pm Departed relatives of Jane Nammudu

RAFFLE DRAW RESULTS: Anthony Ogunsola (1st £200); Stella 07595744802 (2nd £100); Parita Shah (3rd £50); Maddie Scanlon (4th £25); 16 Rose from Choir (5th £10); Rosaline 07949847272 (6th £10); Mary Reddick (7th £10). Winners to collect prizes from the Parish Office. £1000 raised for Church projects and £390 donated to seven church charities.

LIST OF HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION 2025

Epiphany of the Lord: **Sunday 5th January**
SS Peter & Paul: **Sunday 29th June**
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: **Friday 15th August**

All Saints Sunday: **2nd November**
Christmas Day: **Thursday 25th December**

LIST OF MOVEABLE FEASTS 2025

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 5th March
Palm Sunday: Sunday 13th April
Good Friday: Friday 18th April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 20th April
The Ascension of the Lord: Thursday 29th May
Pentecost: Sunday 8th June
The Most Holy Trinity: Sunday 15th June
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ: Sunday 22nd June
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe: Sunday 23rd November
First Sunday of Advent: Sunday 30th November