



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - 2ND FEBRUARY 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:
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Please follow readings, responses and prayers in Parish Mass Book. THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Pp. 296-301

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: Catechists meeting with Candidates and their parents on Friday 7th February at 6:00 pm in the Parish Centre (Main Hall). Please note the Welcome mass will be held on Sunday February the 12th at 12:15 pm.

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 interest-

ed 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 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 others 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 gift 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.*

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY: 16TH FEBRUARY

CAFOD FAST DAY: 16TH MARCH

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.

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. Email to group14@hcpt.org.uk as soon as possible if interested

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 2nd February: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:00am Priests of the Parish & Vocations
9:15am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
10:45am Missa Pro Populo
12:15pm Julia Anne O'Driscoll, RIP
3:00pm Jennifer Agu: Healing
6:00pm Charmaine Olupitan: Birthday thanksgiving

Monday 3rd February: ST LAURENCE OF CANTERBURY.

Memorial; ST BLAISE, Memorial

10:00am All Souls
12:10pm Francisca Conceicao Fernandes, RIP
6:45pm Crystal Faith: Wellbeing

Tuesday 4th February: Feria

10:00am Dawn Shaw, RIP
12:10pm Matthias Ozogolu, Snr RIP
6:45pm Fiorella Garcia: Birthday thanksgiving

Wednesday 5th February: ST AGATHA, Memorial

10:00am Bertram Nwagwu, RIP
12:10pm Bernadette O'Halloran: Wellbeing
6:45pm Elijah Myers, RIP

Thursday 6th February: SS PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, Memorial

10:00am Bertram Nwagwu, RIP
12:10pm Amon De Souza, RIP
6:45pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday 7th February: Feria

10:00am Juwan Pavalrajancroos, RIP 1st Memorial
12:10pm THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 8th February: ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

10:00am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
7:00pm Wendy Anthony: 40th Anniversary as a Nurse

in finding out more about this rewarding pilgrimage.

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

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:

We are glad to announce the results of the nativity drawing competition organised by the Knights of St Columba, council 976, Croydon. There will be presentation of certificates and cash prizes to winners and participants at the 12:15pm mass today.

1st prize : Nicole Ezeh
2nd prize: Ebosetale Ekekhomen
3rd prize : Akwa Nkum

This is also hoping for greater participation by December, 2025.

Monday 'Know Your Faith/Bible Study' reconvenes this Monday at 7:30pm.

RCIA also reconvenes on Wednesday at 7:30pm.