



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: C - 9TH MARCH 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. 1st SUNDAY OF LENT-C: Pp. 153-156

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: Monday & Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday: 5:30pm –6:30pm; Wednesday 12:45pm – 6:30pm; Sat. 10:45am –12noon; Sun. 4pm-5.30pm

CONFESSION: Monday –Friday 6:00pm –6:30pm; Saturdays 10:30-11:30am; 6pm – 6:45pm and at call.

ROSARY: 9.30am (Monday–Friday)

LAUDS: Saturday 9:30am; **VESPERS:** Sunday 5:15pm & Wednesday 6:15pm

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: Every Friday at 6:15pm

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 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 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.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP: Meets in the Parish Room after 10am Mass on Wednesdays to grow in the love of God and each other.

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 FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Griffin,

Brandon Curtis, Joyce Reikes and Esther Boitel -Gill. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

CAFOD FAST DAY: 16TH MARCH
POOR PARISHES: 23RD MARCH
AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN): 6TH APRIL

HOPE IN ADORATION: As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is [encouraging people](#) to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ". The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Malcolm Fernando is planning the following pilgrimages in support of the Parish, CAFOD, MISSIO & CAN:
Lourdes: 10th to 13th April;
Divine Mercy (Krakow): 14th to 20th May;
Blessed Carlo Acutis & Vatican: 5th to 8th June;
Medjugorje: 25th to 31st July. For further details contact Malcolm on 07505011249 or mjfernando@gmail.com

PARAY LE MONIAL: Pilgrimage from 04 Jun -10 Jun 2025 for the 350th Jubilee of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Contact Diane 07951194036.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI & SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO:

We are planning our Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo from 23rd November to 2nd December 2025. Cost per person sharing is £1450; Single room £1690. Forms are at the back of the church or in the parish office. See flyers for further information.

Supporting Marriages in Southwark

To celebrate Jubilee 2025 a one-day Building a Better Marriage event will be held during 2025. The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm. It is free to attend and to book please contact Carole on 07983 524727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. The dates and location of the events are:

- 15 March - Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen
- 12 April – St Mary Church, Croydon West
- 28 June – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames
- 5 July - St Thomas More, Dulwich
- 13 September – St George's Cathedral, London
- 4 October – Holy Cross, Catford
- 1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY at The Friars, Aylesford 7 June 2025. Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). The event itself is free. Our parish is putting on a coach(es) for the day itself, so to join our parish coach, please contact the parish office by email or phone. You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT

Parish prayer groups and communities are to meet to discuss the Called to Bear Fruit themes and feed back their voices to the diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 9th March: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT: C

8:00am Carmel Spollen's Intentions
9:15am Maureen Onyenakasa, RIP
10:45am Chris Nwagwu: In thanksgiving
12:15pm Missa Pro Populo
3:00pm Louis Callus, RIP
6:00pm Pamela Albert, RIP

Monday 10th March: Feria

10:00am Margaret & Noel O'Neil: Wellbeing
12:10pm Francis Freeman: Wellbeing
6:45pm Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 11th March: Feria

10:00am Patricia Delaney: Wellbeing
12:10pm Prof. Francis Chinegwundoh: Birthday
6:45pm Jonathan Vas: Wellbeing & Deliverance

Wednesday 12th March: Feria

10:00am Anthonia Adeoti, RIP
12:10pm Julian Duribe: 18th Birthday
6:45pm Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 13th March: Feria

10:00am Ann & Pat Ryan
12:10pm Richard Sandersen: Health & Wellbeing
6:45pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday 14th March: Feria

10:00am Fr Patrick's Intentions
12:10pm Aaron Reekie: Birthday
6:00pm: Lenten Talk & Stations of the Cross
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 15th March: Feria

10:00am Mary Fadele: Birthday
7:00pm Ida Moraes, RIP

JUBILEE YEAR SCHEDULE:

Saturday morning programme will focus specifically on the Jubilee Year themes. It will include Lauds (*Morning Prayer of the Church*), Holy Mass, Adoration, Rosary, other Marian devotions, Confessions and Benediction.

Monday to Friday, there will be Masses at the usual times; Confessions will be held every evening 6:00pm to 6:30pm. Vespers (*Evening Prayer of the Church*) will take place during Adoration on **Wednesday** from 6:15pm, and on **Sunday** at 5:15pm. To join in the prayers download universalis app from Play store or App Store for £10 for life or **send a text message to 07814845538** giving your details and asking to be included in a daily broadcast on our Parish WhatsApp channel. **Programme has commenced since Saturday 22nd February 2025.**

SPECIAL APPEAL: We appeal to those who attend the 6pm Sunday Mass to please vacate the church for the cleaning exercise that is done after the Mass. This is Health & Safety procedure that we cannot continue to overlook. There is ample time for prayer and personal devotions throughout the week and all afternoon on Sunday before the evening Mass. Let us make use of those opportunities in order to help us manage the church properly.

LENTEN TALK & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent there will be Lenten Talk and Stations of the Cross at 6pm followed by Mass at 6:45pm. Next Friday's talk will be on Fasting.

TEA & COFFEE SESSIONS ARE NOW HELD IN THE PARISH FROM AFTER THE 8AM MASS TO AFTER THE 12:15PM MASS.