



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

### 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. 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT B. Pp 148-150*

### 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:** Meeting of the candidates, parents and sponsors with the priests and catechists shall be held on Saturday 10th February at 4pm in the Parish Centre.

**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](mailto: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:

Rose D'Souza, Lawrence Rasquinha, Theresa Langley, Headley Davis, Nathaniel Nwangwu, Janette Lynn Timilar, Patricia Gatland, Pearline Campbell, and Vilma Bowling. May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

**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**

**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 & 18th February 2024 with highlights of the programme at every Mass. Participants will have a session with the Priests on 24th February at 12:15pm in the Parish Office.

#### UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

There are still available spaces on the following pilgrimages:  
Fatima: 26th June to 1st July 2024  
Lourdes: 5th to 9th June 2024  
Contact Malcolm Fernando on 07505011249

#### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

TODAY: CLERGY SUPPORT FUND  
25TH FEBRUARY: CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION  
17TH MARCH: POOR PARISHES

#### CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes.



You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund

at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan QR code.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church.

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London** is holding a Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection on Saturday 24 February 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church, 1 Hamilton Road, Sidcup DA15 7HB.

The Reflection will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Way of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information

#### DEALING WITH DIVORCE?

People suffering from relationship breakdown are the focus of Restored Lives which runs non-denominational online and face-to-face courses to help adults and their children deal with the trauma of separation and divorce. Their next online course starts on January 22 – for details visit: <https://www.restoredlives.org>

#### ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

We welcome all young people to join our new 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 every 2 weeks from February 4th on a Sunday after 12:15 mass. For any extra information please email [stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stmarycroydon.youthgroup@gmail.com)

**FOOD BANKS:** December and January can be very difficult months for many. Purley Food Hub writes: We delivered

#### MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

##### Sunday 18th February: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

8:00am Dr Sze Hing Ng & Anne Ng: Wedding anniversary  
9:15am Frs Charles Briggs & David O'Regan, RIP  
10:45am Rita Fyneface & children: Thanksgiving  
12:15pm Edna Maria, RIP  
3:00pm Ellen Coyle, RIP  
6:00pm Missa Pro Populo

##### Monday 19th February: Feria

10:00am Dr Sze Hing Ng & Anne Ng: Wedding anniversary  
12:10pm Emma Cornish Intentions  
6:45pm Augusto Bastos da Silva Vieira, RIP

##### Tuesday 20th February: Feria

10:00am Departed Clergy & Religious, RIP  
12:10pm Bishop Hilary Okeke: Wellbeing  
6:45pm Ayonlesi Adeyemi: Birthday thanksgiving

##### Wednesday 21st February: Feria

10:00am Nancy & David Mendes, RIP  
12:10pm Wellbeing of the Nicholas Family  
6:45pm Souls in Purgatory

##### Thursday 22nd February: THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, Feast

10:00am Richard & Constance Shaw  
12:10pm Clifford D'Costa: Birthday thanksgiving  
6:45pm Ellen Coyle, RIP

##### Friday 23rd February: Feria

10:00am Margaret & Henry Graham  
12:10pm Guiseppe Dadoaro & Gennaro Salvo, RIP  
6:45pm Holy Souls

##### Saturday 24th February: Feria

10:00am Patricia Gatland, RIP  
3:00pm Augustine Olufemi Ajayi, RIP  
7:00pm Millie Martins, RIP

food for close to **6,000 meals** for Food Hub clients and their families during December – our most ever in a single month. We are therefore appealing in January for hot chocolate drink needing only water, cartons of long-life milk and non-dairy alternatives, jars of meat & fish paste, jars of honey and tinned tuna, packet or tinned potatoes and tinned sweetcorn, jars of tomato-based pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes and tinned vegetarian meals. Also two non-food items: shampoo and washing powder tablets/capsules. Several other Croydon foodbanks advertise their 'most wanted' items online. If you are able, please consider supporting a food bank close to you.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 6pm. Let us keep in mind that Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Fridays during Lent are days of penance and abstinence. Kindly save some money and provisions by doing those acts of penance and bring supply to the Foodbank.

**THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY.** We are currently looking to appoint a full-time **Finance Assistant**. Please visit the school's website for more information. <https://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities>