



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 25TH 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. 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT B. Pp 151-153

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, Ragil Gills and Ida Patrick. 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 organis-

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: Every Friday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

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 evening.

ing a LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR in preparation for Pentecost 2024. Join the seminar or pray for those who are willing to improve their Christian life and journey.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

There are still available spaces on the **Fatima pilgrimage** to be led by Fr Patrick from 26th June to 1st July 2024 Contact Malcolm Fernando on 07505011249

There is also a **pilgrimage to Santiago & Fatima** from 8th June to 14th June 2024 (cost £850 sharing; £1000 single). Contact Diane 07951194036

Archdiocese of Southwark Day Pilgrimage to the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Norfolk as part of the 2024 Year of Prayer preparation for Jubilee 2025.

Date is Saturday, 27th of April 2024. Coach leaves 6:30am from Outside Virgo Fidelis Church: 143 Central Hill, SE19 1RT. Returns 9pm. **£50** per person. Ring Fr James Clark to book: 0208 670 2777. Meals/Drinks not included

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

TODAY: CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION

17TH MARCH: POOR PARISHES

29TH MARCH: PAPAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

LENTEN MASSES AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be Mass in the Hospital Chapel at 12 noon on Monday 4th, Monday 11th and Monday 25th March. All are most welcome

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 25th February: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

8:00am Jeffrey Samuel: Wellbeing
9:15am Deceased Members of the Morrison Thompson & Stokoe families
10:45am Leon, Trevor & Melvin Morrison, RIP
12:15pm Nwodo/Iwuoh family: In thanksgiving
3:00pm Missa Pro Populo
6:00pm John Linehan: Wellbeing

Monday 26th February: Feria

10:00am Christie Mahon, RIP
12:10pm Ragil Gills, RIP
6:45pm A. Arul Lucion: In thanksgiving

Tuesday 27th February: Feria

10:00am John Derrick & Evelyn Margaret Smith
12:10pm Shane & Althea Weeler: 25th Wedding Anniversary
6:45pm Holy Souls

Wednesday 28th February: Feria

10:00am Matthew Collins, RIP
12:10pm Sam Joseph Brown, RIP
6:45pm Gloria Taylor, RIP

Thursday 29th February: Feria

10:00am Judith Paul, RIP
12:10pm Souls in need of God's guidance
6:45pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday 1st March: ST DAVID, Feast

10:00am Fr Patrick Feyisetan: In thanksgiving
12:10pm **THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 2nd March: Feria

10:00am Maria Celeste Fernandes, RIP
2:00pm Aloysius George, RIP
7:00pm Ogakwu Family thanksgiving

you are able, please consider supporting a food bank close to you.

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvaileukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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