

OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

10am; 12:10pm (ONLINE ONLY) & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Weekday 12:45pm - 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am - 6.00pm

(ONLY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE)

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: B

13TH JUNE 2021



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24 ·

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.' The word of the Lord.

Responsorial PsalmPs. 91(92):2-3,13-16R.It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**.

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Jn15:15 Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven. and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. he suffered death and was buried. and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Ps 26: 4

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

IN CASE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If any Catholic you know is taken to the hospital, please let us have their details so we can link them up with Catholic chaplains in the hospitals for proper spiritual care.

BOOKING OF MASSES

Do you want to have Holy Mass(es) offered for your intention(s), for the sick or deceased, or thanksgiving to God for favours received? If you are not restricted from going out, write your intention(s), enclose it in an envelope with your offering and drop it in the Parish House letter box. If you are making an offering by cheque, make it payable to St Mary's Catholic Church. You may also send your intention to the parish email address: croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk and make your donation online via the parish app or directly to the parish account:

Bank: NatWest Account Name: St Mary's West Croydon Account Number: 36004219 Sort code: 605001

PARISH VOCATIONS' PROMOTION APOSTOLATE

Special thanks to all who have been sending their contribution to the second collection for the train-

ing of priests and deacons. Our parish project of prayer has since begun with the daily prayer for Vocations at all Masses celebrated in our parish. Please, let us make this part of our daily family prayer as we also encourage our young boys to draw closer to Christ who may speak to them personally about offering of themselves for service of their brothers and sisters in the Church as priests. We are still collecting the slips distributed for joining the apostolate and also the envelopes for donating towards the fund. Our little donations can make a huge difference in the life of our diocese. May the Lord bless our generous hearts.

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 like ness 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

SCHEDULE OF PARISH ACTIVITIES MASSES:

Saturday: 10:00am & 7:00pm (Sunday Vigil Mass) Sunday: 8:00am; 9:15am; 10:45am;12:15pm; 3:00pm &6:00pm Monday to Friday: Mass at 10:00am; 12:10pm (Online) & 6:45pm

ROSARY: 11:30am daily (Online)

EXPOSITION: Weekday:12:45pm to 6:00pm Saturday: 10:40 to 6:00pm (Online)

REFLECTION

Never get discouraged in your faith, because Jesus yearns for us to enter his Kingdom and will do everything possible to help us, even death on the Cross. That's the message of the Bible passages which the Church places before us today at Mass: hope combined with personal responsibility to bear fruit, and to thank and praise God for everything he has given us – "indeed, it is right and just." The parable of the Mustard Seed is both about the growth of our own personal faith and the growth of the Church, the Body of Christ. From humble beginnings both our personal faith and the worldwide Church grow to offer shelter to all. The kingdom grows, first and foremost by hearing the Word, then by spreading it (CCC 2653-2654). It grows within us when we read the Bible and the lives and writings of the saints. It grows within us as we pray. It grows especially when we come to Mass, quietly and at peace with one another, to hear the Word of God and to receive - in our very being - the Word made flesh, the Body of Christ. Hope is expressed so very beautifully through the prophetic book of Ezekiel. Undaunted by the tragedy of exile and captivity in Babylon of the Jewish people, and writing hundreds of years before the coming of Christ, he looks forwards with thanksgiving to a time of salvation and redemption. He reveals God's plan - God says he will "take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel" and it will give shelter to every kind of bird. That tree is none other than the Cross on Calvary on which hung the Saviour of the world. All humanity is called, especially the humble, the poor, the sick, the forgotten and the sinner. If they have faith, they will understand the meaning of the parables Christ uses to explain the generosity of the Kingdom of Heaven and the means by which to enter it. They will thank and praise God - "It is good to give you thanks, O Lord." If we can thank God, we will be with God.

Holy Communion for Teenagers

If there are young people who have not yet made their First Holy Communion and would like to do so, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can organise an appropriate course. Please contact Fr Peter on <u>petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk</u> or 02038709790 (direct line) for more information.

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