



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm (**ONLINE ONLY**) & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Weekday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 6:00pm
(ONLY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: B

16TH MAY 2021



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

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

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe
that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First reading**Acts 1:15-17, 20-26**

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20

R. *The Lord has set his sway in heaven.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word. **R.**

Second reading**1 John 4:11-16**

My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,

we too should love one another.

No one has ever seen God;

but as long as we love one another

God will live in us

and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him

and he is living in us

because he lets us share his Spirit.

We ourselves saw and we testify

that the Father sent his Son

as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges

that Jesus is the Son of God,

God lives in him, and he in God.

We ourselves have known and put our faith in

God’s love towards ourselves.

God is love

and anyone who lives in love lives in God,

and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you,

and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father,

keep those you have given me true to your name,
so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them,

I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them

and not one is lost

except the one who chose to be lost,

and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you

and while still in the world I say these things
to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them,

and the world hated them,

because they belong to the world

no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them

from the world,

but to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

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

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
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.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17: 22

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished
in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.



MAY IS HERE! Let's bring out our Rosaries and increase our devotion to our Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

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

Pray for those who have died recently: Deacon Fintan Phelan, Stella Roberts, Kathleen Chrissie Edwards, Bertha Pierre, Angel Sarmiento, May they rest in peace, Amen.

PARISH VOCATIONS' PROMOTION APOSTOLATE

Special thanks to all who have been sending their contribution to the second collection for the training 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.



STOP DISABILITY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Earlier this year the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change.

Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation

REFLECTION – 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

By now after several weeks in Eastertide of almost daily passages from the Gospel of John, we have learnt how to live and breathe with and in Jesus Christ. With Jesus as the true vine and with us as the branches, we abide in one another (John 15:1-5) as never before. Now in this Gospel passage (John 17:11-19) we see how Jesus prepares to sanctify himself through his resurrection and so too to sanctify the Apostles and so to consecrate them for a holy purpose. That holy purpose is to spread the Good News, “the priestly service of the gospel”(Romans 15:16). As Jesus says, “for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth” (John 17:19) – the truth of the Gospel. It is a beautiful passage and is rightly known as the “High Priestly Prayer” – the prayer of Christ for the Church he founded and for his ministers. It is priestly, because that is what priests and bishops do: they *govern*, they *teach* and they *sanctify* the people. Jesus is the eternal High Priest from whom all bishops - the successors of the Apostles through the laying on of hands over 2,000 years - and all priests derive their authority and priestly calling. We see apostolic succession under way in the selection, through the Holy Spirit, of the Apostle Matthias (Acts 1:15-26) to replace Judas Iscariot. We know very little about Matthias, but we do know that he was put forward because he had first hand experience of the full breadth of Jesus’s ministry on earth, from his Baptism in the Jordan to his resurrection and ascension into heaven. St Peter and the Apostles were men of witness, with all their faults and weaknesses. They were consecrated in truth. St John declares himself a witness as he says: “We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world.” All of us are called to spread the Good News of the Gospel and to be witnesses to the truth. All of us, through our Baptism in Christ are “consecrated in truth.” We are therefore “not of this world,” but we need God’s protection from sin so that we may beautify our world (John 17.17-19).