



# OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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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 & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Wednesday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat.10:45am –12noon; Sun. 4pm-5.45pm

**CONFESSION:** Saturday after 10:30-11:30am; 6pm and at call. **ROSARY:** 11.30am (Monday—Friday)

**PARISH SURGERY:** Every Tuesday and Friday: 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) : 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

**Entrance Antiphon** Rev 5: 12; 1: 6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**HYMN: WAIT FOR THE LORD**

**Refrain:**

*Wait for the Lord, his day is near.*

*Wait for the Lord be strong take heart*

1. Prepare the way for the Lord.  
Make a straight path for him.
2. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
3. All the earth will see the Lord.
4. Rejoice in the Lord always. He is at hand.
5. Seek first the kingdom of God, seek and you shall find.
6. Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.
7. I waited for the Lord: He heard my cry.
8. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord our God.
9. O Lord, show us your way.  
Guide us in your truth.
10. Prepare the way for the Lord.

*-Taize Chant*

**Collect**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess  
the heavenly kingdom.

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** Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –  
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the  
House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The-Lord-our-integrity.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps. 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

**R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and law.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

**Second reading**            **1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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**Gospel Acclamation**            **Ps84:8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**            **Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

**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 of the Faithful**

**HYMN: GIVE THANKS**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
  
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
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Let the poor say, "I am rich  
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*(last time) Give thanks  
- Henry Smith*

**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 Ps 84: 13**

The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.

**HYMN: LET US BREAK BREAD**

Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

*- Traditional*

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Canon Richard Hearn, Marie Josephine Silvia  
Sanassee, Joseph Mensah, Timothy McCarthy,  
Nadia Ghawi, Annunziata Dabrowski, Ellen Haris,  
Maria Rajopoopaphy, John Smith, Duncan Pears,  
Emanuel Perreira Cabral May they rest in peace and  
rise in glory. Amen.

**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 reli-  
gious 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**

**CLOSING HYMN: MINE EYES HAVE SEEN**

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning  
of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

**Refrain:**

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hal-  
lelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is  
marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires  
of a hundred circling camps  
They have gilded Him an altar  
in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence  
by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on. *(Refrain ...)*

He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never sound retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of all  
before His judgement seat;  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him!  
be jubilant, my feet;  
Our God is marching on. *(Refrain ...)*

In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom  
that transfigures you and me:  
As He died to make us holy,  
let us make all people free;  
Whilst God is marching on. *(Refrain ...)*

*- Julia Ward (1819-1910)*

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2022:**

Forms are out for booking a place in the first Communion and Confirmation programme for 2022. **Fill and return your forms by 30th November.** Meeting with candidates and their parents will be held on 14th & 15th January 2022. Application forms are available online and in the parish office.

**MAINTENANCE WORKS IN THE PARISH**

Fr Patrick asks for your understanding as we carry out some important maintenance work in the parish in the coming days.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 24 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE CONFIRMED IN THEIR FAITH THIS WEEKEND BY BISHOP PAUL HENDRICKS.****COMING PARISH EVENTS:**

**RCIA:** The parish community formally welcomes candidates for the Adult Initiation Programme at the 12:15pm Mass this Sunday. Their journey of faith began during the lockdown and has been growing steadily towards the reception of the Sacraments at Easter 2022. Please, keep them in your prayers.

**MISSIO, CAFOD, AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

**CHARITIES:** Malcolm Fernandes, the representative of the above Church charities in our parish is organizing sale of raffle tickets to raise funds for the charities. Volunteers are needed to help in this regard. Contact Malcolm on 02087774785

**PARISH SURGERY DAYS:** For signing of school forms, registration for Marriages, enquiry about Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, visit the parish office on **Tuesdays and Fridays between 9am and 12:30pm, and from 2pm to 4:30pm.**

**A DAY WITH MARY** monthly devotion shall be held in our parish on Saturday 11th December from 9:30am.

**OUR LADY OF MADHU:** Special novena in honour of Our Lady of Madhu in thanksgiving to God for Our Lady's Maternal help will hold from the 29th November to 7th December after the 6:45pm Mass. All are invited.

**SYNOD on SYNODALITY  
TIMELINE FOR SYNOD MEETINGS IN OUR PARISH:**

Here is the reviewed timetable for the remaining two sessions. Thank you for your cooperation as the delegates meet with invited parishioners in the hall today after the 12:15pm Mass.

Sunday **28th November @ 1:30pm:** Meeting in the H  
Wednesday **1st December @8pm:** ZOOM Meeting (ID 836 8671 5720) Passcode: Synod

**ST MARY'S UNITY GROUP:** Seminarian Frazer is inviting members and young people aged 18 to 35 for an evening outing on Sunday 28th November after 6pm Mass. Please, gather in the church forecourt.

**FATHER PATRICK, on behalf of the parish, is inviting Our Senior Parishioners to CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**Date: 17th December 2021**

**Time: 1:00pm—4:00pm Venue: Parish Hall  
Tickets £5:00 per person. Tickets available from the parish office. Tel no. 02086881857 option 3 to reserve your ticket.**

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PROGRAMME****Confessions:**

Saturday 18th Dec. 10:45-12noon: 6pm to 6:45pm  
Mon 20th –Wed 22nd 10:45-12noon

**Masses:****Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve**

10am: Last Advent Mass  
6:00pm: (*Family*) Vigil Mass  
8:00pm: Vigil Mass  
10:00pm: Vigil Mass  
12:00am: Midnight Mass

**Saturday: 25th December: Christmas Day**

8:00am: Mass at Dawn  
9:15am: Mass During the Day  
10:45am: Mass During the Day  
12:15pm: Mass During the Day

*(NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS)*

**Sunday 26th December: Holy Family Day**

Masses at 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, 3:00pm and 6:00pm

**Monday 27th December: St John the Evangelist**

10:00 am Mass ONLY

**Tuesday 28th December: The Holy Innocents**

10:00 am Mass ONLY

**Wednesday & Thursday: Masses as usual****Friday 31st December**

10:00am: Mass NO 12:10pm & 6:45pm Masses  
10:00pm HOLY HOUR  
11:15pm: New Year Eve Thanksgiving Mass

**Saturday 1st January: Mary, Mother of God**

10:00am: Mass  
12 noon: Mass  
7:00pm: Sunday Vigil Mass

**Sunday 2nd January: Usual Sunday Masses**