



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)

CONFESSION: Saturday after 10am Mass; 6pm and at call.

ROSARY: 11.30am (Monday—Saturday)

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: B

14TH FEBRUARY 2021



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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. **Amen.**

First reading **Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps. 31(32):1-2,5,11**

*R. You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R.**

Second reading **1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1** •

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **cf.Ep1:17,18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward.
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 **Cf. Ps 77: 29-30**

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;

they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
so that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
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.

Pray for those who have died recently: Fr Paul Sanders, John Cunningham, Charles Keith Amosingh, William Errol Boyed, Rebecca Berry, Christiane Saide, Valerie Andrews, Frederick Ducass, Albert Henser, Maria Alba Fernandes, Danny Sequiera, Carolina D'Almeida, Rita Margaret D'Cruz and Michael Lavery. May they rest in peace, Amen.

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

COVID-19 ESSENTIAL GUIDANCE

- Wash your hands regularly with soap.
- Use a face covering (mask) in enclosed spaces.
- Observe social distancing when in public.
- Do not socialize in church with anyone outside of your household.
- Follow the guidance provided in church as pointed out by stewards.
- If you feel sick, do not come to church; seek medical advice.

- Be careful; keep safe and keep others safe because you love them.
- Pray your Rosary daily!

REFLECTION

The healing ministry of Jesus progresses as shown in today's gospel text. The world of Mark is one troubled by all sorts of inexplicable realities that keep humanity bothered: demonic possessions rank as highly disturbing; there were disease conditions that were hard to fathom. Last Sunday, Jesus was presented as healing a woman who suffered from a fever and of course all who were sick and tormented by devils. His fame was spreading like wild fire but he was yet to hit at the root of the most devastating disease condition of his time: leprosy! In that ancient time, leprosy was most dreaded, just like humanity in our own time is threatened by the COVID 19 plague. Interestingly the two disease conditions have something in common: to cure it or prevent its spread, the afflicted must isolate or be isolated. Thanks to modern medicine, leprosy can now be curtailed/treated and even the COVID 19 plague in its various mutants is being studied to the level of making vaccination possible for preventing infection and lessening the impact of a possible infection. Treatment of this disease also gets better compared to when it first began. We ought to know by now better than the ancient people who linked leprosy to punishment for sins committed that the virus is not God's anger for sins committed.

However as scary as these disease conditions are, there is something scarier, SIN. It's the deadliest and the worst of diseases that can afflict humanity. We cover our faces with masks; we wash our hands and keep distance from those not of our household; we isolate from those we think have come in contact with a sick person yet and ironically too, we romance with sin and all its deadly symptoms roaming freely in our environment!

What shall we do then? Let us follow the example of the leper who approached Jesus with faith as he said: 'If you want to, you can cure me.' Let us acknowledge the power of Jesus Christ to save us by curing us of sin and other ailments of the mind, body or soul. He will set us free so we can live our lives bearing testimony to his power and love. The testimony we shall give would begin from a personal examination of conscience and a perfect act of contrition. If we need sacramental confession then we seek out a priest and arrange for one where we can actually besiege God and say: Cure me Father, for you can.

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY!

17th February is ASH WEDNESDAY.

There will be 3 Masses open to parishioners to attend and at which they can receive blessed ashes. The Masses are at 10:00am, 12:10pm and 6:45pm. Please, arrive in time for Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS holds every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm.

AID FOR A FRUITFUL LENT

Archbishop John Wilson and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home.

Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week.

There are also additional materials for use by parish and other groups, either in person or via Zoom/Teams or similar.

If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme>

where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY.

Confirmation candidates and their families are invited to a special welcoming Mass on Friday 19 February at 8 pm. This will mark the start of the course which will lead to candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year. For any inquiries, please contact Fr Peter Sebastian on 0203 870 9790.

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

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

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY

We wish to appoint a School Business Manager to cover the current post-holder's maternity leave for 9-12 months in the first instance. Please visit the school's website for further information www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities. Completed application forms should be emailed with a covering letter to Mrs H Palmer at h.palmer@johnfisherschool.org by the closing date of noon on Thursday, 18th March 2021.