



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7pm (Saturday); 8am, 12:15pm, & 6pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am, 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Daily 12:45pm – 6:20pm; Sat. 10:45am – 6:20pm
Sun. 1.15pm to 5.50pm

CONFESSION: Sat. 10:30am -11:30am & 6pm – 6:45pm; Wed. 12:45pm – 1:15pm (*To resume after the lockdown*)
First Fri. 10:45am – 12noon (and at call) (*To resume after the lockdown*)

ROSARY: 11.30am daily

MORNING PRAYER: 9:30am daily

FATIMA DEVOTION:

PERPETUAL SUCCOUR:

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST– YEAR A 14TH JUNE 2020

Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in

this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3:52-56 R. v.52

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

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Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; He has not taught them his decrees **R.**

Second Reading 1 Cor 10: 16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing
The praises of thy Shepherd-King,
In hymns and canticles divine;
Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song
Worthy his praises to prolong,
So far surpassing powers like thine.

Today no theme of common praise
Forms the sweet burden of thy lays –
The living, life-dispensing food –
That food which at the sacred board
Unto the brethren twelve our Lord
His parting legacy bestowed.

Then be the anthem clear and strong,
Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song,
The very music of the breast:
For now shines forth the day sublime
That brings remembrance of the time
When Jesus first his table blessed.

Within our new King's banquet-hall
They meet to keep the festival
That closed the ancient paschal rite:
The old is by the new replaced;
The substance hath the shadow chased;
And rising day dispels the night.

Christ willed what he himself had done
Should be renewed while time should run,
In memory of his parting hour:
Thus, tutored in his school divine,
We consecrate the bread and wine;
And lo – a Host of saving power.

This faith to Christian men is given –
Bread is made flesh by words from heaven:
Into his blood the wine is turned:
What though it baffles nature's powers
Of sense and sight? This faith of ours
Proves more than nature e'er discerned.

Concealed beneath the two-fold sign,
Meet symbols of the gifts divine,
There lie the mysteries adored:
The living body is our food;
Our drink the ever-precious blood;
In each, one undivided Lord.

Not he that eateth it divides
The sacred food, which whole abides
Unbroken still, nor knows decay;
Be one, or be a thousand fed,
They eat alike that living bread
Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

The good, the guilty share therein,

With sure increase of grace or sin,
The ghostly life, or ghostly death:
Death to the guilty; to the good
Immortal life. See how one food
Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.

We break the Sacrament, but bold
And firm thy faith shall keep its hold,
Deem not the whole doth more enfold
Than in the fractured part resides
Deem not that Christ doth broken lie,
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye,
The hidden deep reality
In all its fullness still abides.

*Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.
Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from
heaven, says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6: 51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from
heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they
said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’
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

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of
unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in
mystery in the offerings we here present.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood re-
mains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for
all eternity in that share in your divine life, which
is foreshadowed in the present age by our recep-
tion of your precious Body and Blood. Who live
and reign 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.

APPRECIATION

Our sincere appreciation to all those who have
been donating and sending their weekly offerings
to the parish via our web Donation Page, Stand-
ing Order and Online Banking. Your continued
contribution is a sure sign of your commitment to
the parish
family in this time of the pandemic. May God
continue to bless our parish family and help us to
overcome this invisible enemy of the human race.

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

**PASTORAL LETTER
CONCERNING THE REOPENING OF CATHOLIC
CHURCHES FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER**

*'Give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of His name.
Adore the Lord in His holy court.'* (Ps 29)

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our world, our country, and, in different ways, each of our lives. For some this has been devastating, with loss of life and serious illness. Throughout these past months we have prayed for everyone who has died, and for their families and loved ones. We are continuing to pray for all our keyworkers who serve with such selfless generosity. And we pray for our local, national, and global community, as we rebuild our future together. Perhaps we are learning not to take so much for granted and to focus more on who and what matters most. Please God, moving forward, we will treat each other with greater kindness, with greater respect, and with greater love.

As we know, places of worship, including Catholic churches, were closed by the Government to control the spread of the Coronavirus infection and save lives. As the restrictions have begun to be relaxed, we are very grateful that permission has now been given for places of worship to reopen for individual prayer from Monday 15 June. This can only happen, however, if all the necessary hygiene and social distancing measures have been put in place. We welcome this first step towards the restoration, in due course, of public liturgical celebrations with a congregation.

The Government's permission to open our churches for visits for individual prayer enables us to draw closer to Christ who is really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our sacramental yearning, for the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, now finds deeper anticipation as, once again, we are able to pray in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. It is a beautiful providence that our churches are allowed to open the day after *Corpus Christi*, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. There is a longstanding Catholic tradition of visits to the Blessed Sacrament and prayers before the Tabernacle. We are now invited to revive these with new devotion.

For any church to open from 15 June, strict requirements must be put in place which have been communicated to every parish in the Archdiocese. To be allowed to open their church, each parish will need to satisfy all the necessary conditions outlined.

PARISH PROGRAMMES STREAMING ONLINE

Monday to Friday: Mass at 10:00am; 12:10pm & 6:45pm

Saturday: 10:00am & 7:00pm (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 8:00am; 12:15pm & 6:00pm

PRAYERS: (Mon—Sat) Morning 9:30am; Evening: 6pm
Night: 9:00pm

(Sun) Morning 9:30am; Evening: 5:30pm
Night: 9:00pm

ROSARY: 11:30am daily

ADORATION: Mon—Fri: 12:45pm to 6:20pm

Sat: 10:45am to 6:20pm

Sun: 1:15pm to 5:45pm

This means that not every church will open immediately, and some churches may remain closed for the time being. The days and times which churches can open will also vary. I know that many people have been frustrated that our churches have been closed. Together, patiently, we can now begin opening them, wherever possible, and as soon as possible. We share the same desire to unlock the doors to the Lord's house. This must, however, be managed properly and safely.

During this time of pandemic, I am immensely grateful for the remarkable ways in which parishes, schools, individuals, and families are sustaining the life of faith. I want to express a special word of thanks to the priests in the Archdiocese who have continued to celebrate Holy Mass each day in closed churches, without congregations, some of them live-streaming the liturgy, catechesis, prayers and devotions. We all look forward to being able to gather again in our churches, especially for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Until this is possible, as best we can, we will open our churches for individual prayer.

As we enter our churches, to '*adore the Lord in his holy court*', we carry with us, in our prayer and in our hearts, the needs of everyone in the communities where we live, that peace, justice, and healing will touch our lives and our world. With the assurance of my prayers and every blessing
Yours devotedly in Christ

+John Wilson

The Most Reverend John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark

Given at Archbishop's House, Southwark, 11 June 2020,
the Memoria of St Barnabas the Apostle

REOPENING ST. MARY'S CHURCH

If you are not shielding or isolating because of underlying health conditions and you are well enough to work as steward/helper to facilitate the reopening of our parish church for individual prayer, consider joining our stewardship team by ringing the parish to speak with Fr Celestine or dropping an email to croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk

Without YOU joining us to run this first phase of the reopening of our church, we may not be able to fulfil the conditions contained in the guidance issued by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.