



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 (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)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: B

21ST FEBRUARY 2021



who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 90: 15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
 I will deliver him and give him glory,
 I will grant him length of days.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
 through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
 that we may grow in understanding
 of the riches hidden in Christ
 and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

Responsorial Psalm **Ps. 24(25):4-6,7b-9**

R. *Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.*

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.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **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.**

Second reading **1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt4:4**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel **Mark 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels

looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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

Mt 4: 4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. 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, Deacon William Errol Boyd, Patrick Ryan, John Cunningham, Charles Keith Amosingh, 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

Lent began last Wednesday with the traditional blessing and signing with ashes as a sign of our humanity in need of God's redemption. We were besieged in the parish with a large turnout of parishioners many of whom have not been to Mass in a long time but summoned courage to get to church even when it meant being on a long queue that was long enough to barricade the entrance to the nearby TESCO express shop. It was an amazing sight to behold such an expression of people's longing for God; many of the passersby seized the chance to video the spectacle!

That Wednesday episode was not really surprising to me as such is the nature of Ash Wednesday when the clarion call to repent and live a new life sounds loudly, penetrating the ears to cause a reaction in the minds of God's children to heed the call

at least for that one day and moment. The long boring days of lent kick in from the next day when the temptation becomes rife to cut short the zeal and enthusiasm with which we heeded the call to repentance on Ash Wednesday, returning to our old ways of life that have failed to yield the desired fruits of forgiveness, kindness, promotion of justice and peace, reconciliation, generosity and genuine love for God and humanity. It is for this reason that the Church, on the first Sunday of Lent, calls our attention to the temptation of Christ and our own temptation too.

All three synoptic evangelists situate Jesus' temptation right after the event of his baptism in the Jordan river. At his baptism there was a spectacle just like ours on Ash Wednesday. But right after that, Mark says the Spirit (of God) impelled Jesus into the wilderness where he remained for forty days and was tempted by Satan. Mark does not tell us in the fashion of Matthew and Luke the specifics of this temptation, leaving it open for us not to feel like spectators watching the drama between our heavyweight superhero and the tempter but to align ourselves with the bout and see in it our own struggles too with Satan, with our weaknesses, our trials, our falls, our failures and our feeling of being alone in our struggles.

Jesus' temptation teaches us to be on our guard always, relying on God's help through the ministration of our guardian angels to battle with Satan by being attentive to the Word of God especially as he calls us to repent and get ready for the coming of the kingdom of God. We must have our own desert experience where we feel the closeness of God and not an abandonment, for God is with us always, a sure help in the midst of the worries, pain, anxiety, disappointment, setback and discouragement that may cause us to doubt his ever-abiding presence. Our Lord won his own battle. We shall also be victorious if we trust in God and rely on his help.

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.

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

Stations of the Cross: Friday 5:30pm

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.

CATHOLIC VOICES PANDEMIC SURVEY -

Catholic Voices was involved in a very successful survey and report during the first lockdown in May-July 2020. Over 2,500 Catholics in England and Wales and Scotland were surveyed, which has given us important insights into how people responded to the arrival of the pandemic. Since then a lot has changed and Catholic Voices would like to hear again from clergy and lay people about their current experiences and, crucially, what they feel about that future, so the survey is being relaunched. Repeating the survey now provides a good comparison moment. Please spend some time to take part in the survey.

The link is here:

<https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey> . The survey will be open until late Spring.

OUR FOODBANK PROJECT: As we fast during this Lent, let us make a difference in our community by donating the following urgently needed food items: **Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tinned fish, Tinned Meat, UHT Milk, Corned Beef, Sweet Corn**

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY: The first online gathering for the teenage candidates will be on Friday 26th February, 6:15pm to 8pm. Fr. Peter will e-mail the candidates with further information. For all inquiries, please contact Fr Peter on petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk or 02038709790.

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.