



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)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: B

21ST MARCH 2021



First reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps. 50(51):3-4,12-15**

R. *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

and cleanse me from my sin.

R.

Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Ps 42: 1-2**

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
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.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Second reading **Hebrews 5:7-9**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn12:26**

**Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!**

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

**Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!**

Gospel **John 12:20-33**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason
that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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

Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice.
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

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted
among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

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, Stella Roberts, Conrad Myers, Luc Andre Jeantou, Patrick Ryan, Jamie Bailey, Rosaleen Nash, Monica Hayes-Meek, Geraldine Garbutt, John Cunningham, Charles Keith Amosingh, Rebecah 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.
- **VACCINATION:** We urge parishioners to avail themselves of the opportunity to receive the vaccination when made available to them.
- Pray your Rosary daily!

REFLECTION

We are approaching the hour when Christ will redeem the world through his passion, death and resurrection. Precisely how Christ has saved the world remains a mystery. But we know it is rooted in God's love for humanity, His desire to pull us back from the brink, to bathe us in the love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit into eternity. We hear in today's readings how God revealed to the prophet Jeremiah that He would make a new and eternal covenant – not like the covenant made with Moses which was founded on the Law. The people broke that when they worshiped the Golden Calf. No - this covenant would be something new and quite different. It would be written in our very hearts rather than on tablets of stone, and injected with Christ's love. "Then I will be their God and they shall be my people" (Jer 31:33). There are echoes here of the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God," (Matt 5:8) while Psalm 50 calls out "A pure heart create for me, O God."

We now know that God was talking about the sacrificial love of his only begotten Son, "the source of eternal salvation" (Hebrews 5:9). Christ's own words in John's Gospel create for us such a powerful image of our salvation at the very moment He is raised up on the Cross at Calvary: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself" (John 12:32). We are moved to tears and we understand the nature of this sacrificial love: "unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest" (John 12:24-25). Christ is that wheat grain whose death and resurrection continue to reap a rich harvest of souls. It may appear that we are mere by-standers in this entire process, yet Christ tells us: "Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life." We too must die to ourselves in order to serve one another generously. Through our Lenten observances and through Christ's Sacraments we become full participants, not by-standers, in our journey to eternal life.

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: For our candidates every Friday, 6:15pm to 8pm facilitated by Fr. Peter Sebastian. Please pray along with candidates and their parents as they make the journey.

Late Deacon William Boyd: Pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon William Boyd who served in our parish for many years. You may support family by joining online (www.saintedmunds.net) to pray at his funeral on Thursday 25th March 2021 at 12noon. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAMME

March 28: Palm Sunday: All Masses as usual. Blessed Palms to be distributed after Mass.

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week: Week-day Masses as usual.

Thursday April 1: Maundy Thursday

10:00am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

5:00pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:15pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Collections taken for the poor in our parish

Friday April 2: Good Friday

10:00am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

1:30pm & 3:15pm: Passion Service.

Collections taken for the Holy Land

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 3: Holy Saturday

10:00am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

8:30pm: Easter Vigil *****Attendance at this Easter Vigil Mass will be on first come first served basis. Anyone who arrives after the church is full to capacity may choose between going down to the hall or returning home to join the service online. Those in the hall shall be linked up with the church virtually but shall have the opportunity of receiving Holy Communion.**

Sunday April 4: Easter Sunday: All Masses as usual

Monday April 5: Easter Monday/ Bank Holiday: 10 am Mass ONLY