



## OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:	7pm (Saturday); 8am, 9.15am, 10.45am, 12.15pm, 3pm & 6pm
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:	10am, 12.10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Wed. 12.45pm – 6.15pm; Sat. 10.30am -12noon Sun. 4pm - 5.45pm; First Fri. 10.45 – 12noon
CONFESSION:	Sat. 10.30am -11.30am & 6pm – 6.45pm; Wed. 12.45pm – 1.15pm First Fri. 10.45am – 12noon (and at call)
ROSARY: 9.40am Monday to Friday	MORNING PRAYER: 9.40am Sat
FATIMA DEVOTION: First Saturday 11am	PERPETUAL SUCCOUR: Sat. 11am

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

#### Entrance Antiphon

cf Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

#### Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

#### First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'  
The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2,6-9

**R.** *O that today you would listen to his voice  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us;  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

#### Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his

appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:  
Give me the living water, so that I may never get  
thirsty.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

## **Gospel**

### **John 4:5-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:  
Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'  
'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is  
deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a  
greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well  
and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again;  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will  
never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give  
will turn into a spring inside him,  
welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so  
that I may never get thirsty and never have to come  
here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband'  
said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman an-  
swered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are  
right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have  
had five, the one you have now is not your husband.  
You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir'

said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this moun-  
tain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where  
one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman,  
the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know;  
we worship what we do know:  
for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come  
– in fact, it is here already –  
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit  
and truth:

that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship  
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is,  
Christ – is coming; and when he comes, he will tell us  
everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were sur-  
prised to find him speaking to a woman, though none  
of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or,  
'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down  
her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the  
people. 'Come and see a man who has told me every-  
thing I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This  
brought people out of the town and they started  
walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi,  
do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to  
eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples  
asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him  
food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me,  
and to complete his work.

Have you not got a saying:

Four months and then the harvest?

Well, I tell you:

Look around you, look at the fields;  
already they are white, ready for harvest!  
Already the reaper is being paid his wages,  
already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life,  
and thus, sower and reaper rejoice together.  
For here the proverb holds good:

one sows, another reaps;

I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for.

Others worked for it;

and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him  
on the strength of the woman's testimony when she  
said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the  
Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay  
with them. He stayed for two days, and when he  
spoke to them many more came to believe; and they  
said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe  
because of what you told us; we have heard him  
ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of  
the world.'

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**

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and  
grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,  
may take care to forgive our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven  
and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread  
that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O  
Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery  
may come to true completion.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### **HYMNS FOR TODAY'S MASS**

#### **ENTRANCE: BE THOU MY VISION**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, through all my days;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
Grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heaven's sun!  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish 8th Cent tr. Mary Byrne*

### **OFFERTORY: GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE**

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,  
Fruits of labour, fruits of love.  
Taken, offered, sanctified.  
Blessed and broken, words of one who died.  
**Refrain:**  
Take my body, take my saving blood.  
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

Christ our Saviour, living presence here.  
As he promised while on earth.  
I am with you for all time.  
I am with you in this bread and wine.

To the Father, with the Spirit  
One in union with the Son.  
For God's people, joined in prayer.  
Faith is strengthened by the food we share.  
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### **COMMUNION: LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Lord Jesus Christ  
You have come to us,  
You are one with us,  
Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin.  
Pouring Your love and goodness in.  
Jesus our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ  
Now and every day  
Teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance Lord of you  
Into our lives your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ  
You have come to us  
Born as one with us,  
Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus help us see  
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ  
I would come to you  
Live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

*- Patrick Appleford*

### **O BREAD OF HEAVEN**

O bread of heaven beneath this veil  
Thou dost my very God conceal;  
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;

I love Thee and adoring kneel;  
each loving soul by Thee is fed  
with Thine own self in form of bread.

O food of life, Thou Who dost give  
the pledge of immortality;  
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,  
and every grief with joy repays.

O bond of love, that dost unite  
the servant to His living Lord;  
could I dare live, and not requite  
such love then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live unless to prove  
some love for such unmeasured love.

Beloved Lord in heaven above,  
there, Jesus, Thou awaitest me;  
to gaze on Thee with changeless love,  
yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
for how can He deny me heaven  
Who here on earth Himself hath given?

**RECESSIONAL: HERE I AM LORD**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin

my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

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**PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS**

- ◆ Stations of the Cross at 6pm every Friday.
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Lenten Talk at 6pm on Wednesday followed by Benediction and Mas.
- ◆ Get ready for Lenten Penitential Service and Confessions on Wed. April 1, 2020 at 6pm
- ◆ Tuesday Bible Study Group meets at 7pm in the Parish Centre.
- ◆ RCIA Class on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Centre.
- ◆ First Communion Class on Sunday after 9.15am Mass.
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer Group meets on Fridays after the 6.45pm Mass.
- ◆ Life Ascending Group meets on Mondays after the 10am Mass in the Parish Room.
- ◆ Legion of Mary meets at 5pm on Saturdays in the Presbytery.

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

Thelma Hofer, RIP  
Bonnie D'Souza, RIP  
Archbishop Peter Smith, RIP

**ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH'S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT**

**Sunday 29th March @ 6pm:** Reception into St George's Cathedral followed by Cathedral Mass.  
8pm: Vigil Service, after which the Cathedral will close.  
**Monday 30th @ 12.30pm:** Funeral Mass followed by Burial in the Cathedral Crypt.

**THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF OUR LADY—MARCH 29TH**

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- ◆ 17 Mar: St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ 19 Mar: St. Joseph Spouse of Our Lady
- ◆ 25 Mar: Annunciation of Our Lord
- ◆ 5 Apr: Palm Sunday
- ◆ 9 Apr: Maundy Thursday
- ◆ 10 Apr: Good Friday
- ◆ 11 Apr: Holy Saturday
- ◆ 12 Apr: Easter Sunday
- ◆ 19 Apr: Divine Mercy Sunday

**NEW CAR PARKING SYSTEM**

Our new system is now live and is operative Mon - Fri (24hrs.) it covers parking on the forecourt, all parking areas around the parish centre & ramps. Please register your vehicle at the pad by the repository, at every visit.



**Lenten Masses in Croydon University Hospital**  
Mondays of Lent @12noon **Except Monday 30th March** .  
Final Mass for Lent Mon 6th April.

**Visit our Bookshop for your** Prayer items, Gifts/Cards, Mass Cards, Statues, Candles, and Publications to aid the Lenten Journey.

**SAINT MARY'S UNITY GROUP RELAUNCHES TODAY 15TH MARCH @1.30PM. IT IS A YOUTH GROUP FOR 18-40S. PLEASE, BE A PART OF IT.**