



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 26TH MARCH, 2023

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Patrick Feyisetan (Parish Priest)
Fr Michael Etuka (Ass. Priest)
Fr Sylvester Oyeka, CSSp (Ass. Priest)
Revd. Vincent Morrison (Deacon)
Shirley Nash (Parish Secretary)
Robert Haddad (Lead Catechist)

Sunday Readings
Please follow readings
& responses in the
Parish Mass Book
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on Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Parish Room. **Junior Presidium** meeting takes place on Sundays after the 9:15am Mass in the Vailankanni Hall. New members are welcome.

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA PRAYER GROUP: Prayer meeting is held every Tuesday after the 10:00am Mass.

OUR LADY OF REPARATION CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP: Charismatic Prayer meeting is held every Friday after the evening Mass.

CAR PARKING: If you park your car on our premises while visiting the church or the parish office Monday to Friday, you **MUST** register your car registration details in the electronic pad to avoid getting a parking penalty ticket.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Canon Michael Bunce, Fr James Hurley, Elizabeth Khar banda, Alia Brown, Shane Myers, Lucille Agatha Hylton and Alan Austin. May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. Amen.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon (31st July to 7th Aug 2023)

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For further information, please email youth@rcaos.org.uk

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person you created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest. **Amen**

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS:

6TH APRIL: ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOR TURKEY/SYRIA

7TH APRIL: HOLY PLACES

23RD APRIL: MAINTENANCE OF ST GEORGE'S CATH.

30TH APRIL: PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday of Lent at 6:00pm followed by mass at 6:45pm

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday);

8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm & 6.45pm

Saturday: 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday 12:45pm – 6:30pm; Sat. 10:45am – 12noon; Sun. 4pm – 5.30pm

CONFESSION: Saturdays 10:30-11:30am; 6pm – 6:45pm and at call.

ROSARY: 9.30am (Monday—Friday)

INFANT BAPTISM: Second & Fourth Saturdays of the month. This is strictly for infants as the designation goes. And parents of such babies must be practising Catholics, hence the need to show evidence of Catholic faith practice at the point of arranging the baby's baptism. Meet with a priest to obtain the application form during parish surgery times.

PLANNING TO GET MARRIED? If you are thinking of getting married at St Mary's it would be a good idea first to meet with one of the priests in the parish and discuss your requirements and the arrangements to be made. You need to give 6 months notice for your marriage so that all documentation and marriage preparation courses can be arranged. Look up for Parish Surgery days to discuss your plans with a priest.

PARISH SURGERY: For signing of school forms, seeing a priest to begin the process of getting married, planning for infant baptism, etc, visit the Parish Office **ONLY** on Tuesdays and Fridays: 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm

PARISH CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

FIRST COMMUNION: Every Saturday from 1015 -1145am.

CONFIRMATION: Every Friday from 6 to 8pm.

RCIA: Pray for our Catechumens and Candidates as they continue their faith-seeking journey to the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. This Sunday will be the Third Scrutiny Mass @12:15pm. Follow on pages 170-175 of our Mass book.

INFANT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS: First Thursday of the month at 7:30pm.

PRAYER MEETINGS

LEGION OF MARY: Senior Presidium meeting takes place

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Kindly mark in your diaries Wednesday the 5th of April at 6pm as our parish day of Reconciliation. It will be the last opportunity for confession before Easter.

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 18th-25th August. Message from Bishop Paul Hendricks: After the restrictions of the past few years, I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us. For details, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca>

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023 PROGRAMME

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Sunday 2nd April: Masses at the usual times

Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week: Usual weekday masses
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: 5th April

Holy Mass 9:15am
Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral 11:30am
Penitential Service 6:00pm (Avail yourself the opportunity of Easter confessions as there will be a number of priests present to support us)

HOLY THURSDAY: 6th April

Office of Reading and Morning Prayer 10.00am
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 5:30pm & 7:30pm
Watching until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY: 7th April

Office of Reading/Morning Prayer 9:00am
Children's Stations of the Cross 10:15am
Solemn Liturgy 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross in Malayalam 5:30pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Vigil of the Cross with Taize Music 8:30pm till 10:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY: 8th April

Office of Reading/Morning Prayer 10:00am
Easter Vigil Mass 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY: 9th April Holy Mass at the usual times

EASTER MONDAY: 10th April Holy Mass 10:00am Church is closed after Mass.

EASTER TUESDAY TO SATURDAY: Regular Weekday programme of activities.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 16th April

Holy Masses as on a regular Sunday with the following: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Devotions starting at 1:30pm and ending with Benediction before 3pm

COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL is currently recruiting teaching and support staff. Contact the school on <https://www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk>

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL has a number of vacancies available with details on the school's website. These include a Director of Business Operations, a Facilities Manager, and a Cleaning Manager. In particular, the school is advertising for **Cleaners** for 15 hours a week, at £11.95 per

MASS INTENTIONS/CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday 26th March: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

8:00am Jose Victor De Souza, RIP
9:15am Domenico Velardi's Family Intentions
10:45am In thanksgiving: Serena Wynter
12:15pm Charmaine Meli, RIP
3:00pm In thanksgiving: Neil Abraham
6:00pm Pro Populo

Monday 27th March: Feria

10:00am Josephine Mitchell
12:10pm Jonathan Nazareth's 21st Birthday
6:45pm In thanksgiving: George Abraham

Tuesday 28th March: Feria

10:00am Wimalaras Gunaratnam, RIP
12:10pm Helen Liguori: Health & Wellbeing
6:45pm Intentions of Bikira Maria

Wednesday 29th March: Feria

10:00am Mary D'Cruz, RIP
12:10pm Mary Reddick: Birthday thanksgiving
6:45pm Vincent Paul, RIP

Thursday 30th March: Feria

10:00am Vivian Sayers & Vivienne Aviet, RIP
12:10pm Ugochukwu Okonkwo, RIP
6:45pm Vino Eliath: Birthday thanksgiving

Friday 31st March: Feria

10:00am Maria Pauline Sequeira, RIP
12:10pm For the Sick & Housebound
6:45pm Holy Souls

Saturday 01 April: Feria

10:00am In thanksgiving: George Abraham
7:00pm Felix Isichei, RIP

hour (The London Living Wage).

MASS FOR NEWLY BAPTISED BABIES & THEIR FAMILIES:

There will be a Mass for all the newly baptised within the last year at 1pm on Saturday 15th April 2023. This is a thanksgiving Mass for the gift of Baptism, and a pastoral follow-up on the life of faith of the infants, their parents and godparents. Please indicate your willingness to participate in this programme by emailing the following details to Fr Michael Etuka (michaeletuka@rcaos.org.uk): Child's name; Parents Name; Godparents Name and Date of Baptism. This should reach Fr Michael by Wednesday 5th April 2023.

FOODBANK ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED: Jars of fish paste, meat paste and peanut butter; 500g packets of breakfast cereals and jars of honey and jam. Packets of dried potato and savoury biscuits; Children's desserts (jellies, puddings & Angel Delight), packets of dried custard needing only water and tins of rice pudding. The non-food items especially needed are unisex deodorant and toilet rolls.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS SHALL BE LED BY OUR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES.