

# St. Mary's Catholic Church ~ Our Lady of Reparation

## Third of Advent (c)- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015

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### Confession times

Saturdays

10.30am ~11.30am

6pm ~ 7pm

First Friday

10.30am ~2pm

(and at call)

### Prayer times

Rosary • 9.40am • Monday to Friday  
 Morning Prayer • 9.40am • Saturdays



**Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament**

Wednesdays

12.45pm to 2pm

Saturdays

10.30am to 12pm

First Fridays

10.45am to 3pm



**Novena in Honour of  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
Saturdays @ 12noon

Rev. Fr. Michael Scanlon (Parish Priest)  
 Fr. Simplicio D'Souza (Assistant Priest)  
 Revd. Vincent Morrison (Permanent Deacon)

### ✠ Sunday Mass times ✠

7pm (Saturday)

8am., 9.15am., 10.45am.,

12.15pm., 3pm., & 6pm

### Daily Mass times

Monday to Friday • 10am & 12.10pm

Saturdays • 10am

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>		Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	
7.00pm	Norah Talbon, RiP	10.00am	William MacQuire, RiP	10.00am	Holy Souls
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December Gaudete Sunday</b>		12.10pm	Holy Souls	12.10pm	Steven & Sam MacQuire Wellbeing
8.00am	Joseph Alvarez, RiP			<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
9.15am	People of the Parish	<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>		10.00am	Mr Katrigesu Gunaratnam, RiP
10.45am	Hilda Earle & Wilfred Earle RiP	10.00am	Souls of departed Legionaries, RiP	7.00pm	John Duffy, RiP
12.15pm	Denis Carey, RiP	12.10pm	Louise Pereira Wellbeing	<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
3.00pm	Rita Corbet, RiP	<b>Parish Surgery</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
6.00pm	Celeste Rossie	 <b>Mondays</b> 4.30pm to 7pm <b>Thursdays</b> 9.30am to 11.30am & 5pm to 6.30pm <b>No appointment needed</b>		8.00am	William MacQuire, RiP
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December St. John of the Cross</b>				9.15am	People of the Parish
10.00am	November Deceased List			10.45am	Ikechukwu Okoh, Wellbeing
12.10pm	Victor Albert, RiP	12.15pm	Josephine Olonye (Birthday)	3.00pm	Ivy Boultle-Martin, RiP
<b>✠ Wednesday</b>		6.00pm	Celeste Rossie	6.00pm Celeste Rossie	
This is an easy way for families, children & individuals, to learn more about Scripture and to "pray" it. There are special colour editions for children to encourage their learning and to give them a lively experience of Faith. Be ready for Holy Mass next week, the fourth Sunday in Advent (Dec 20 <sup>th</sup> – Gaudete !)  		<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Watch, Prepare, Rejoice</b>	
		10.00am	✠Funeral Mass ✠ Laura Marron RiP		
		12.10pm	Barreto Family Wellbeing		

## ✠ Eternal Rest ✠

We commend to God our parishioners who have been called from earthly life:-

### Laura MARRON, RiP

Funeral Mass in the Parish  
Thu 17 Dec @ 10am

### Edna Mabert, RiP

Croydon Crematorium  
East Chapel  
Thur 17 Dec @ 3.45pm

### Robert Micallef, RiP

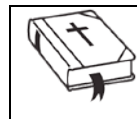
Funeral Mass in the Parish  
Wed 23 Dec @ 1pm

### Mr Euclides De Menezes, RiP **Parishioner Family Member**

This is very tender time for their families and friends and we offer our prayers, love and support as their loved ones journey to eternal rest.

## Clergy News Fr. Celestine Onuorah

Change of arrangements regarding our Assistant Clergy. Fr. John will not be joining us on this occasion, but instead, on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 Fr. Celestine will be on the parish clergy team. He will be with us for Christmas and will return to Wales, briefly in mid-Jan before coming back to us on 25<sup>th</sup> January and remaining with us substantially thereafter. More news to follow.



### Children's Bible Study 2015

Today Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec  
end of 9.15am Mass

All parents and their children are invited to the Bible Study. The class includes, , sing-a-long video and Scripture-sharing. As this is the last gathering before Christmas, there will be some light Christmas refreshments (sweets & treats) to conclude the class. Many thanks to all who have supported this community gathering and help over the year.

## UCM - meeting Tue 15 Dec @ 7pm

The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Our last meeting before Christmas is on Tuesday 15 December at 7pm, it will be a celebration of the last year. We will have refreshments and will be sharing our favourite poems. ALL women are invited to join us, so do please come along and bring along your favourite poem to share with the group. You can contact us at [stmarysucm@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysucm@gmail.com).

### Lord, are you calling me to join the Catholic Church?



### Faith Journey@7.30pm Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 Parish Prayer Room

All Faithseekers, those wanting to become Catholic are very welcome. Please talk to any of the clergy. Fr. Simplicio is leading the Faith Journey. This is the last meeting before Christmas. The group next meet on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016.

## VOCATIONS 2015



### PRIESTHOOD RELIGIOUS LIFE & PERMANENT DIACONATE

### Are you being Called ?



The Holy Father dedicated a year to Consecrated Life (Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 to Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016). Please pray for continued vocations. If anyone would like to talk about vocations, please talk to any of the clergy .

### Southwark Diocese Vocations Director

Fr. Stephen Langridge  
☎ 01227 272 824

## Advent & Christmas



### At St. Marys

Please take your Parish Christmas Card available on the tables at the back of the Church. It contains all the Mass, Service and confession times for Christmas & the New Year.

Today is Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). You will notice that the Rose candle is lit. This let's us know that we are drawing close to the joy of Christmas. Clergy vestments may also be rose-coloured and church music slightly more upbeat. You will also note the theme of "joy" present in the 1<sup>st</sup>, Psalm and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as we journey to Bethlehem.

### Parish Christmas Music Practices 2015



Practices are for:

Christmas Eve Carol Service  
(Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Dec) & Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day Masses (Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
9.15am, 10.45am & 12.15pm

Please hold the following  
music rehearsal dates:  
**Children & Young People,  
Singers & Musicians** (9.15am Mass)

Tue 15 Dec (pm)  
& Sat 19 Dec (am)

**Latin Choir & Organist** (10.45am Mass)  
Tue 15 Dec (am/pm)  
& Fri 18 Dec (pm)

Times to be confirmed. Further  
details from Penny

**Main Choir & Musicians**  
Carol Service & Midnight Mass

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec (pm)

**Young adults** (12.15pm Mass),  
Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec (pm)

Further details from Eldon/Matt  
**First Holy Communion 2016**

Dates and times for next year  
Corpus Christi  
Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May @ 3pm  
Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June @ 2pm  
Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June @ 3pm

### Confirmation 2016

Dates & times for next year  
Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October @ 3pm  
Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October @ 3pm

Please collect forms from the  
back of the Church and return  
them soonest. Please also  
continue to listen out for  
announcements.

## Year of Mercy

8 Dec '15 to 20 Nov '16



### Be Merciful like the Father

- ✠ Moment of Grace & Re-awakening for all Christians
- ✠ Invites us all to follow the example of the Merciful Father
- ✠ by not judging or condemning but offering love and forgiveness

## Parish Practicals

### Lost Property

The box has now been emptied and items gratefully received by two local charities. Apart from the usual range of hats and gloves, there was a cooking ladel & a bag of £1 goods plus a buggy! Just a gentle reminder that unwanted clothing and items should not be left in the lost property box but donated at the usual charity points/clothes banks in Croydon. Many thanks.

### Candles

Please can we kindly ask that only the provided candles are used in the real-flame candle holders/stands. No other candles must be used or placed anywhere else in or around the Church on Altars or shelves. This is for health and safety reasons and your co-operation is appreciated. Likewise, children should always be supervised by their parents/carers when lighting candles. Thank you.

### Crib installation

The Church decorations are appearing steadily and many thanks to those who have given their time for this. We need strong, volunteers (able to manage lifting & carrying) to put up the Nativity scene. Please come along, **Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 5.30pm in the Church.**



### Prayer Request

## Palestinian Christians

The people of the Holyland, are small in number, but their pains and struggles outnumber them. You can help with your prayers.