

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent (c)- 20th December 2015

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 Live internet Camera: 7am-10pm
 Church Opening Times: 7am-7pm

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. Semplicio 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 19 th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>		Wednesday 23 rd December		Friday 25 th December <i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i>		
7.00pm	John Duffy, RiP	10.00am	Antonia Vettraino, RiP	8.00am	Michael Buckley, RiP	
Sunday 20 th December		12.10pm	Fr. Enoch Usifo In thanksgiving	9.15am	Sick & Housebound	
8.00am	William MacQuire, RiP	1.00pm	✠Funeral Mass ✠ Robert Micallef	10.45am	Parish Choirs & Musicians	
9.15am	People of the Parish	Parish Surgery		12.15pm	Celebrant's intentions	
10.45am	Ikechukwu Okoh, Wellbeing	OPEN Mon 21 st Dec 4.30pm to 7pm		CLOSED Thu 24 th Dec, Christmas Eve & Mon 28 th Dec Bank holiday	Saturday 26 th December <i>Feast of St. Stephen</i>	
12.15pm	Josephine Olonye (Birthday)				10.00am	Dulcidon Noronha, RiP 
3.00pm	Ivy Boulte-Martin, RiP	Thursday 24 th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>		7.00pm	Ralph & Pamela Micetich 	
6.00pm	Celeste Rossie, RiP 	10.00am	Sarah Nihill		Sunday 27 th December <i>Holy Family</i> <i>Jesus</i> <i>Mary & Joseph</i>	
		6.00pm	 Children of the Parish			
Monday 21 st December		8.00pm	Celebrant's intentions		8.00am	Liam Kelly, RiP
10.00am	Geraldine NG, Anne & Sze Ng	11.00pm <u>Carol Service</u>	Christmas Carol Service (doors open 10pm)	9.15am	Sapiencia M Noronha, RiP	
12.10pm	Maria Lobo (Peggy) RiP	12.00am (MIDNIGHT MASS)	People of the Parish (Prop Populi)	10.45am	Deceased Parishioners 2015	
Tuesday 22 nd December		<i>Today, a Saviour has been born to us, He is Christ the Lord</i> 		12.15pm	People of the Parish (Prop Populi)	
10.00am	Irene Rose Chungath In thanksgiving, for Birth			3.00pm	Isolene Maple, RiP	
12.10pm	Peggy McCeever, RiP 			6.00pm	Mrs Ubaldina F X DeSouza, RiP	

✠ Peaceful Rest ✠

We remember those who have died recently:-

Catherine WHELAN, RiP

Croydon Crematorium
West Chapel
Tue 22 Dec @ 2.30pm

Robert Micallef, RiP

Funeral Mass in the Parish
Wed 23 Dec @ 1pm

Mr Sze HING, RiP

Parishioner Family Member

We offer our prayers, love and support to the families during this very tender time and commend to God the souls of their loved ones.

Christmas



at St. Mary's

Christmas Music 2015



Music Groups Music Liturgy

Christmas Eve Carol Service, 11pm
(Thu 24th Dec) & Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Masses (Fri 25th Dec)
9.15am, 10.45am & 12.15pm

Final Practices

Tue 22 Dec @ 7pm

Main choir: singers & musicians

Wed 23 Dec @ 7.30pm

Young adults: Chris & Eldon Leads

Fri 25 Dec

Children & Young People @ 8.30am

Latin @ 10.30am

Mass times with Music

Main choir

on 24 Dec @ 11pm start
Children & Young People
on 25 Dec @ 9.15am

Latin Choir

on 25 Dec @ 10.45am
Young Adults
on 25 Dec @ 12.15pm

Christmas Week Reminders

Mass times for Christmas week are detailed on the front of this newsletter.

Thu 24 Dec

No 12.10pm Mass

Fri 25 Dec

* Church closes 2pm

* No 3pm, 6pm Masses

* No other services

Sat 26 & Sun 27 Dec

All Masses as usual

Confessions

Sun 20 Dec
At all Masses

Thu 24 Dec
10.30am to 12pm
5pm to 6pm



Prayer Requests

VOCATIONS 2015

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



Are you being Called ?

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Southwark Diocese
Vocations Director
Fr. Stephen Langridge
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Christians

in the Holyland

Living the Faith in the Holyland is not without challenge. The Christians face daily struggles both spiritual and practical. Please keep them in your prayers and visit the web site to see how you can help.

www.

friendsoftheholylan.com

Expectant Mothers

Please remember mums to be, in your prayers, as they and their families await the arrival of new family members.

Faithseekers

Please keep praying for those on the Faith Journey as they prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church for Easter 2016.

Parish News

We are very pleased to welcome Fr. Celestine Onuorah for this Christmas Season and we look forward to his ministry with us.

Faith Journey



Rite of Entry

Today, at the 3pm Mass, we welcome those who are hoping to become Catholic at Easter. This will be the first visible witness of their Faith Journey. There will be Liturgy, in the Mass, which especially marks this stage of their journeys. They will then be dismissed from the Mass to continue their Faith Journey by sharing as a group, outside of the Mass. This is not an act of rejection, but rather one that amplifies the importance of the Faith Step they have taken. For us remaining, it's a reminder of how blessed we are to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which we can fully participate in – a joy awaiting the Faithseekers at Easter.

Parish Works

I am pleased to inform the Parish, that we have the full go ahead (and funding) for the parish hall and parish crypt development. The works will start in January 2016. Present indications are that the works will take approximately 4 to 6 months to complete. Many thanks for your patience and co-operation as the works get underway.

Year of Mercy

8 Dec '15 to 20 Nov '16



Be Merciful like the Father

This is a dedicated year reminding us of the Mercy of God. We can encounter Jesus and walk in His Ways. No one is excluded from God's Mercy. Visit the web site to find out more about this important Jubilee Year of Mercy and the themes which it follows.

www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html

Diary Dates

Parish Community Group (Nigerian)	Sun 20 Dec @ 1.30pm (today)
First Friday Anointing of the Sick at Mass	Fri 1 Jan @ 12 noon
Bible Study (The Lord's Epiphany)	Sun 3 Jan @ 10.30am
RCIA	Wed 6 Jan @ 7.30pm
First Holy Communion 2016	Sun 29 May @ 3pm Sun 4 Jun @ 2pm Sun 5 Jun @ 3pm
Confirmation 2016	Sun 2 Oct @ 3pm Sun 16 Oct @ 3pm

Parish Practicals

Safeguarding

Children & Vulnerable Adults

The Church grounds are quite spread out and the Masses/services have high attendance. Given this, children and anyone vulnerable, should always be accompanied when using Church facilities including the toilets and other areas.

Church car parking

As we approach Christmas & New Year, we thank you for your co-operation with parking and general arriving/leaving Mass. The Church and Church areas, will become busier. Please leave the allocated bays for blue badge holders. Keep access ways free at ALL times; no double-parking, because the Clergy & emergency vehicles need this space. Large vehicles should park down the ramp into the playground. Please park carefully keeping access ways in the playground free of obstruction. 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.