

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

Feast of the Holy Family (C)- 27th December 2015

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**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

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

Saturday 26 th December <i>Feast of St. Stephen</i>		Wednesday 30 th December		1 st January, First Friday <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	
7.00pm	Ralph & Pamela Micetich	10.00am	Josephine Stowes, RiP	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th December <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>		12.10pm	Clarence Bertille Lobo 25 th Wedding Anniversary	12.00pm	Sick and Housebound
8.00am	Liam Kelly, RiP	1.15pm	✘Funeral Mass ✘ Everard "Tony" Gomez, RiP	Saturday 2nd January	
9.15am	Sapiencia M Noronha, RiP	Parish Surgery		10.00am	Our Priests and vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
10.45am	Deceased Parishioners 2015	CLOSED Mon 28 th Dec Bank holiday & Thu 31 st Dec New Year's	OPEN Mon 4 th Jan 4.30pm to 7pm & Thu 7 th Jan 9.30am to 11.30am 5pm to 6.30pm	7.00pm	Celcus & Rebecca Ikeyi, RiP
12.15pm	People of the Parish	Thursday 31st December New Year's Eve		Sunday 3 rd January	<i>The Epiphany of Our Lord</i>
3.00pm	Isolene Maple, RiP			8.00am	Anna Casey Wellbeing
6.00pm	Mrs Ubaldina F X DeSouza, RiP	10.00am	Christopher O'Reilly, RiP	9.15am	People of the Parish
Monday 28th December <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>		10.00pm	Adoration and Devotions for New Year (Doors open @ 9.30pm)	10.45am	Frances MaCarthy, , Tony Coyle, children and family, Wellbeing
Bank Holiday – Church closed after the 10am Mass		12.00am (MIDNIGHT MASS)	Your intentions	12.15pm	Blehiri Gahuidi , RiP
10.00am	Rita Myrtle Kardus	2016 New Year		3.00pm	Unice Uzoho's Famiy: Amka, Ucheik, Darlington & Christopher, thanksgiving
Tuesday 29th December <i>St. Thomas of Canterbury</i>				6.00pm	Mary Sullivan, Wellbeing
10.00am	Celcus & Rebecca Ikeyi, RiP			Wednesday Word	
12.10pm	Mrs D'Souza, RiP			Please prepare by reading the Word in advance. for the Epiphany. There are also special editions for children – all at the back of the Church.	

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We remember those who have died recently, parishioners and parishioner family members.

To their families and friends, we offer our prayers and support.

Everard "Tony" Gomez, RiP
Funeral Mass in the Parish
Wed 30 Dec @ 1.15pm

Mr. Sze HING, RiP
Hugh Devion, RiP
Mr. Euclides De Menezes, RiP

We commend to God the souls of all those who were called to eternal life in 2015.

Christmas
Season
Greetings



We wish to extend to each and everyone of you, our prayer, blessing and spiritual support, for deep peace in your hearts and homes. We pray a blessing on the families of this Parish and especially on those who are far from home. We pray for those who have been bereaved, that they may know solace; we pray for the sick, that they may know healing, we pray for the poor that they may have in us, the compassion and gentleness of Christ.

We welcome home to our parish all who are home for the Sacred Season. We wish them and their families the happiness and holiness of the Season and a peaceful, healthy and grace-filled new year.

Pay homage at the Crib



*Let God love you in Jesus,
the Child of Bethlehem.*

Father, as we celebrate the birthday of Christ our Saviour, may we come to appreciate more deeply the meaning of what is being offered to us.

May we too, share in the joy of the angels who gave glory to God in the Highest and sang of peace to the people on earth.

New Year's Week Reminders

Mass times for New Year's week are detailed on the front of this newsletter. Note

- 10am Mass only on Bank holiday Mon 28 Dec
- New Year's Eve arrangements, 9.30pm doors open for Adoration at 10pm leading into midnight Mass (12am) on Fri 1st Jan
- First Friday (1st Jan) with Anointing of the Sick, Mass starts at 12 noon.
- Sun 3rd Jan – Feast of the Epiphany, all Masses as usual

Confessions

Thu 31st Dec 2015

10.30am to 12 noon
5pm to 6pm

Fri 1st Jan 2016

11.15am to 11.45am

Monthly First Friday 1st January 2016

Anointing of
the Sick Mass

Please do join us
and the sick



10.45am

Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

11.15am

Confessions

12 noon Mass

With Anointing after Communion

Children's
Bible Study



Sun 3 January 2016
end of 9.15am Mass

All parents and their children are invited to the class following the end of the 9.15am Mass (on Sun Dec 6th). The gathering includes, refreshments, singing video and sharing. Everyone is welcome.

Baptism
Classes Thu 7 Jan
@7pm

Parents who are seeking Baptism for their infants/young children, are asked to please attend the class, 7 Jan, 7pm in the parish prayer room/Church.



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 ?

PRIESTHOOD

RELIGIOUS LIFE &

PERMANENT

DIACONATE

Southwark Diocese

Vocations Director

Fr. Stephen Langridge

☎ 01227 272 824

Christians in the Holyland

We are blessed to live our Catholic Faith freely, but there are many instances of Christians/Catholics being persecuted for the Faith, even in the Holyland. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Our Parish Clergy

We continue to keep in our prayers, Fr. Antony, now Parish Priest in Rochester and our beloved Fr. Andrew, now retired. Thank you for all the support you have shown these two priests over the years.

This Season sees two new assistant priests join us: Fr. **Simplicio** and Fr. **Celestine Onuorah**. We welcome them and pray that the Good Lord will bless them and help them to an outstanding ministry in our Parish. Can I also add our sincere thanks to **Deacon Vincent**; he does great work behind the scenes. May his ministry go from strength to strength.

A big thank you to **YOU**, for your support. The year ahead, we hope will bring us all God's favour. Your Parish Clergy will work hard to help you grow spiritually and open the door to your soul to receive, Mercy, Love and Healing from the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Parish Works

The new year (2016) sees the beginning of extensive refurbishment to our parish halls. This much needed

work will take about 5 months. Rolland Velho and his friend Peter Searle, have helped us and saved us many thousands in fees. We owe them our gratitude and heartfelt thanks. Please say a prayer for them and all who will work on our parish project.

Year of Mercy

8 Dec '15 to 20 Nov '16



Be
Merciful
like the
Father

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

We have now entered the special Year of Mercy. May your blessings come flowing from the Throne of Mercy. A good new year resolution would be to promise to go to Confession on a regular basis.

Diary Dates

RCTA Re-starts	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

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 the New Year and the midnight Mass, 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 space/access. Large vehicles should park down the ramp into the playground. Please park carefully keeping access ways in the playground and forecourt free of obstruction. As people may need to leave early and should not be blocked in. Many thanks.