







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

## Bible Sunday ~ Year A ~ 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016

<p>70 Wellesley Road, Croydon CR0 2AR Tel: (020) 8688 1857 E-mail: parish@saint-mary.org.uk Web site: www.saint-mary.org.uk Live internet Camera: 7am-10pm Church Opening Times: <b>7am-7pm</b></p>	<p><b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b></p>  <p><u>Wednesdays</u> 12.45pm to 2pm <u>Saturdays</u> 10.30am to 12pm <u>First Fridays</u> 10.45am to 3pm</p>  <p><b>Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Saturdays @ 12 noon</p>	<p><b>Rev. Fr. Michael Scanlon</b> (Parish Priest) Fr. Simplicio D'Souza (Assistant Priest) Fr. Celestine Ekwueme (Assistant Priest) Rev. Vincent Morrison (Permanent Deacon)</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>✠ Sunday Mass times ✠</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm (Saturday) 8am., 9.15am., 10.45am., 12.15pm., 3pm., &amp; 6pm</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Daily Mass times</b> Monday to Friday • 10am &amp; 12.10pm Saturdays • 10am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confession times</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturdays</u> 10.30am ~ 11.30am 6pm ~ 7pm <u>First Friday</u> 10.30am ~ 2pm (and at call)</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer times</b></p> <p>Rosary • 9.40am • Monday to Friday Morning Prayer • 9.40am • Saturdays</p>		

<p><b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p><b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</b></p>
<p>7.00pm Maria Rebello, RiP</p>	<p>10.00am Annie Milagris &amp; Jeanette Casmiro, In thanksgiving</p>	<p>10.00am Cipriano Antonio, RiP</p>
<p><b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></p>	<p>12.10pm Tim Leahy, RiP <small>7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</small></p>
<p>8.00am Madhu, Jeanette &amp; Joshua, In thanksgiving</p>	<p>10.00am November deceased list 12.10pm Pdraig O'Driscoll, RiP</p>	<p><b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>
<p>9.15am People of the Parish</p>	<p>5.45pm Adoration 6.00pm Anointing of the Sick 7.00pm Sick &amp; Housebound</p>	<p>10.00am Dulcidonio Noronha, RiP</p>
<p>10.45am Samuel Nicolas Ochintang, RiP</p>	<p>12.10pm Kathleen Williams, RiP</p>	<p>7.00pm Clarence Gomez's deceased family members, RiP</p>
<p>3.00pm Valerie Somerset In thanksgiving</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADVENT</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b></p>
<p>6.00pm William Hearne, RiP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Mary's</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">All Sundays in Advent 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Adoration, prayers &amp; devotions with Spiritual Reflection All are welcome, 4.30pm to 5.45pm <b>Please join us in the Church</b></p>	<p>8.00am Dona Anna Barry</p>
<p><b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish Surgery</b></p>	<p>9.15am Margaret Fitzgerald</p>
<p>10.00am Megan Vas Wellbeing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED</b></p>	<p>10.45am Angla Hamilton, RiP</p>
<p>12.10pm Otilia Louisa Fernandes, RiP</p>	<p><b>Mondays @ 4.30pm to 7pm</b> <b>Thursdays @ 9.30am to 11.30am &amp; 5pm to 6.30pm</b></p>	<p>12.15pm People of the Parish 3.00pm Joe Lobo, RiP 6.00pm Philip Johnson, RiP</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St. Nicholas, Bishop</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY WORD</b></p>	<p>for Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p style="text-align: center;">COLLECT FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH</p> 
<p>10.00am Baby James McCarthy Wellbeing</p>	<p><b>NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED</b></p>	<p>Please pick up a copy of your Wednesday Word so that you can prepare for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent which is also known as <b>REJOICE SUNDAY</b> This is a great way to share The Word with children - special editions available and which are enhanced by suitable activity sheets from the Children's Corner.</p>
<p>12.10pm Beatrice Michael &amp; Family</p>		

## ✠ Eternal Rest ✠

Martha PEREIRA RiP  
Funeral Mass @ St. Mary's  
Fri 23 Dec @ 10am

We remember our parishioners who have died and those whose funerals will take place shortly.

We commend to God the souls of all those killed in the Brazilian aircraft tragedy last Tuesday.

May the Angels lead them all into Paradise.

For those whose anniversaries take place at this time, we keep them in heartfelt prayer.

Many family members, friends and communities are affected by death, both sudden and expected, and to them we offer our prayers and support.

## Faith Journey

RCIA 2016/2017

**Rite of Entry**  
**10.45am Mass**  
**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Please pray for our Faithseekers (those wanting to become full Catholics at Easter 2017). They will join us for their first public witness of their Faith journey. This "entry" is also known as a Rite of Welcome, because we support and welcome them as they reply to their calling. This calling is an on-going journey which they started back in September by committing to the RCIA course.

rciacroydon@gmail.com  
Ring parish (020) 8688 1857  
Talk to any of the Clergy

All enquirers welcomed  
**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm**  
**Parish Prayer Room**

	Next Meeting Sat 10 Dec Nov @ 2.15pm • <b>New</b> Altar Servers training/meeting in the Church
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Many thanks to the parents (and children) who accompanied their children to the New Altar Servers training. This continues next week. In the meantime, we are planning to have an Altar Servers page on our parish web site. You can click on the logo and it will open up a page with useful Altar Servers guidance & information. Please keep a watchful eye on the parish web site. Thank you.

## First Holy Communion



### Diary Dates

<b>2016</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session
17 <sup>th</sup> December	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session
<b>2017</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> January	4 <sup>th</sup> Session
14 <sup>th</sup> January	5 <sup>th</sup> Session
21 <sup>st</sup> January	6 <sup>th</sup> Session
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Revision
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Confessions

**UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED**  
**MEETINGS START 10.30AM**  
**GATHER IN THE CHURCH**

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



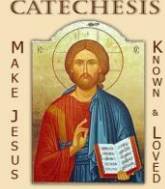
*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December*

To celebrate this Feast, there will be an extra Mass this Thursday at 7pm preceded by Adoration and an opportunity for the Anointing of the Sick. Our usual Masses, at 10am and 12.10pm, still take place.

**Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament  
@ 5.45pm**

**Anointing of  
the Sick @ 6pm**

**Holy Mass @ 7pm**  
*All are welcome*

	<b>Southwark</b> Diocese & School of Annunciation (Buckfast Abbey)
Diocesan Catechetical Certificate 2017/2018	

This course comes highly recommended by Archbishop Peter Smith. Any parish catechists who might have capacity for this course, **please speak to Fr. Michael** about funding, the parish would be willing to pay 50% of the principal cost.

It is mostly supported distant studying, but with 6 full Saturday study days at Tooting Bec, London (starting Jan 2017 and ending Jun 2018), equipping you to "go and make disciples of all nation..." Thanks to all who can respond to this calling.

## St. Mary's Advent 2016



Today is also known as "Bible Sunday" and we focus on the importance of Sacred Scripture in Christian living, in our every day lives. Do we live the Gospel, do we reflect it in what we think, do and say? Advent is as good a time as any to re-evaluate the role of Scripture in your life. To help you, please pick up a copy of the Wednesday Word which enables you to prepare for next Sunday's readings.

### PARISH ADVENT PROJECT

**Union of Catholic Mothers**  
**stmarysucm@gmail.com**

Our parish group, UCM have launched this Project. They will be collecting clothes and toiletries for the homeless and vulnerable who visit the drop-in venue at St. Mildred's Church, Addiscombe. Please use the special collection boxes in the porch area. This is vital outreach work, stewardship and witness. Many thanks for your help and kindness.

Children's  
Sunday



Bible Class

Today  
after the  
9.15am  
Mass  
in the Parish  
Centre

All parents and their children are invited to the Bible Study class which follows the end of the 9.15am Mass, today Bible Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. It is the perfect day for helping children to know their Bible and to enjoy meeting Jesus in His Word. Children are also encouraged to use the Children's Corner and the children editions of the Wednesday Word. For full details please talk to Deacon Vincent.

### Parish Christmas Card

Please pick up one card per family. This contains details of Masses and Services for Christmas 2016 & New Year 2017.

## PARISH ADVENT CAROLS



**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – 5pm to 6.30pm**

This year our Advent Carol Service, in the Church, will be brought to you by our Parish Young Adults Music Ministry group. This group is led by Matt & Eldon and with other musicians and singers, they regularly serve at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday monthly 12.15pm Mass. This is a whole parish event suitable for all and all are invited. If you would like to help or are a young adult who would like to link up, please talk to Matt or Eldon after the Sunday 12.15pm Mass.

## Community Advent News

Many thanks to the parishioners and choir members who supported the Carol singing at Saffron Sq. last Thursday. It was festive, neighbourly and a good witness of our Catholic Faith Community. A collection was raised by the Saffron residents & friends and this will be donated to the parish SVP group.

**Croydon University Hospital**  
**Carol ward singing**

**Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm in the Chapel**

Please join the Senior Chaplain, Revd. Hilary Fife and the team at the hospital to help make up several choirs that can be dispersed around the hospital wards for Carol Singing. The hospital is very much part of our community and we hope that there will be a good representation from our parish to help the Hospital Chaplaincy team. This is a good witness (evangelisation) and a good way of reaching out (service) and contributing to hospital life. Thank you.

## News & Events

### St Mary's Catholic School (Nursery & Infants)

**NURSERY**●The nursery has part-time and full-time places for children aged 3+ for an immediate start. **APPLICATIONS**● for parents of children who are applicable to start nursery (age 3) and reception (age 4) in Sep 2017. Please ring the school office on (020) 8688 2891. Closing date is 11 Jan 2017. To facilitate this the school will be having a second Open Day. It is well worth a visit and we encourage all prospective parents and their children to go along to the school tomorrow morning at 10am

**Peace:** Pax Christi, Tue 6 Dec @ 7pm, St. Aloysius Catholic Church, NW1.

**Carols:** Charity Concert in aid of the homeless charity, "The Passage", Fri 16 Dec @ 6pm St Margaret's Church, Westminster, the parish church of the House of Commons. Ticketed/charity ticket prices, please ring: 020 7592 1856.