







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

## First Sunday in Advent ~ Year A ~ 27<sup>th</sup> November 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/> <p><b>☒ Sunday Mass times ☒</b></p> <p>7pm (Saturday) 8am., 9.15am., 10.45am., 12.15pm., 3pm., &amp; 6pm</p>  <p><b>Daily Mass times</b> Monday to Friday • 10am &amp; 12.10pm Saturdays • 10am</p>
<p><b>Confession times</b></p> <p><u>Saturdays</u> 10.30am ~ 11.30am 6pm ~ 7pm <u>First Friday</u> 10.30am ~ 2pm (and at call)</p>		
<p><b>Prayer times</b></p> <p>Rosary • 9.40am • Monday to Friday Morning Prayer • 9.40am • Saturdays</p>		

<p><b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Andrew, Apostle</p>	<p><b>First Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b></p>			
<p>7.00pm</p>	<p>Peter You Than Lim RiP</p>	<p>10.00am</p>	<p>Andrea Fernandes Health &amp; Wellbeing</p>	<p>10.00am</p>	<p>Charles Noel, RiP 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</p>
<p><b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p>		<p>12.10pm 1.00pm</p>	<p>Maria Okoh, In thanksgiving ☒Funeral Mass☒ Dominic Sartori, RiP</p>	<p>12.10pm</p>	<p>Sick &amp; Housebound Anointing of the Sick</p>
<p>8.00am</p>	<p>Holy Souls</p>	<p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b></p>		<p><b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> St. Francis Xavier</p>	
<p>9.15am</p>	<p>Jerry John, RiP</p>	<p>10.00am</p>	<p>☒Funeral Mass☒ Gassen Seevathian, RiP</p>	<p>10.00am</p>	<p>For our Priests &amp; Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life</p>
<p>10.45am</p>	<p>Sapiencia Noronha, RiP</p>	<p>12.10pm</p>	<p>Joseph Xavier, RiP</p>	<p>7.00pm</p>	<p>Maria Rebello, RiP</p>
<p>12.15pm</p>	<p>People of the Parish</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A D V E N T</b></p> <div data-bbox="606 1276 949 1724" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent 2016</b> <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> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>S E A S O N</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b></p>	
<p>3.00pm</p>	<p>Lawrence Pereira, RiP</p>			<p>8.00am</p>	<p>Madhu, Jeanette &amp; Joshua In thanksgiving</p>
<p>6.00pm</p>	<p>Jeanette D'Souza Wellbeing</p>			<p>9.15am</p>	<p>People of the Parish</p>
<p><b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>				<p>10.45am</p>	<p>Samuel Nicolas Ochintang, RiP</p>
<p>10.00am</p>	<p>☒Funeral Mass☒ Jim Hughes, RiP</p>	<p>12.15pm</p>	<p>Valerie Somerset In thanksgiving</p>		
<p>12.15pm</p>	<p>Holy Souls</p>	<p>6.00pm</p>	<p>William Hearne, RiP</p>		
<p><b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>		<p><b>Parish Surgery</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday  Word</b> ✠ for Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> ✠ COLLECT FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH</p>	
<p>10.00am 12.10pm</p> 	<p>Nancy Mendes, RiP Holy Souls</p>		<p><b>Mondays @ 4.30pm to 7pm</b> <b>Thursdays @ 9.30am to 11.30am</b> &amp; 5pm to 6.30pm NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED</p>	<p>Please pick up a copy of your Wednesday Word so that you prepare for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent which is also <b>BIBLE SUNDAY</b>. This is great way to share The Word with children - special editions for children and Children's Corner have suitable activity sheets.</p>	

## ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

ON THE TABLES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

You can provide lists of names of all the deceased that you would like us to pray for. Their names will be kept together and placed on the Altar for Masses throughout the remainder of November 2016.

## ✠ Peaceful Rest ✠

Jim HUGHES, RiP  
Funeral Mass @ St. Mary's  
Mon 28 Nov @ 10am

Dominic SARTORI, RiP  
Funeral Mass @ St. Mary's  
Wed 30 Nov @ 1pm

Gassen SEEVATHIAN, RiP  
Funeral Mass @ St. Mary's  
Thu 1 Dec @ 10am

Please also pray for deceased family members of our parish choir, and others who have died very recently: Steven Chang-Leng, Augusto Neves and David Boyde

We keep in prayer all those who have been called from earthly life. We commend their souls to God, our Merciful Father together with all whose anniversaries take place at this time and the names of all those that remain here on our Altar.

To their family and friends, we offer our sincere condolences as they mourn during a time when they might usually have expected family togetherness.

## Fr. Andrew Fernandes

Please keep Fr. Andrew in your prayers as he has gone back into hospital. We will keep you informed.

## Faith Journey

RCIA 2016/2017

## Rite of Entry

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, next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the 10.45am Mass. Also known as a Rite of Welcome, because we support them as they respond to Christ's calling of them, to conversion following their learning and enquiry so far.

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

All enquirers welcomed  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm  
Parish Prayer Room

## First Holy Communion



<b>2016</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> Session
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**

Many thanks to all the parents who attended this weekend. Please note the above dates of the sessions. We look forward to seeing you and your children.

## Parish Meetings

We are pleased that we were able to hold over 22 meetings with the parish community since October 2016 to date, in order to pray and build our parish together. **A very BIG THANK YOU**, to all who were able to take part – there were many well attended meetings with great ideas and ways forward. We were very well supported by our **Parish Helping Hands who set up, tidied up and prepared food, catering and service**. Those hands were **your own** and included parents, existing helpers and new helpers. **VERY WELL DONE** to all. Please listen for further announcements and check your newsletter and parish web site for updates. As a direct result of these meetings, we are now working very firmly towards having our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Very importantly, **Parish Youth Council members** have now been approached following the successful meeting with our young people last Sunday. We thank all our young people for their talents and the service that they give. We look forward to their contribution on the PPC.

## Monthly First (1<sup>st</sup>) Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Mass with  
Anointing of the Sick  
Please do join us and the sick

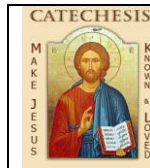


10.45am  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
11.00am  
Confessions  
12.10pm  
Holy Mass with  
Anointing after Communion



New Altar Servers

Next Meeting  
Sat 3 Dec Nov @  
2.15pm • **New**  
Altar Servers  
training/meeting in  
the Church



Diocesan Catechetical Certificate  
2017/2018

Southwark  
Diocese &  
School of  
Annunciation  
(Buckfast  
Abbey)

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..." Please see the leaflet at the back of the Church and see your parish web site. Thanks to all who can do this.

## St. Mary's Advent 2016



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

There are usually less flowers adorning the Altars and we sing Advent hymns. The Gloria is omitted during Advent. These absences, highlight our waiting in expectant joy for the coming of the Saviour. But as we WAIT, we PREPARE. How are you preparing? To help you, we are delighted to offer a reflection by **Canon John Weatherill** who is based here in Southwark Diocese; who writes on the subject of Stewardship.

**"Stewardship is a spirituality that is accessible to everyone, as the concept of gratitude to God for his personal gifts to us in our lives acts as a focus and provides the right language for our people's lived faith. It can resonate with their own lives, their responsibilities, character and experiences. It provides the vocabulary and spiritual imagery to describe, affirm, sustain and promote much of what we already do in our parishes and thus provides a cohesion that may still be lacking in our lived discipleship"**

## PARISH ADVENT PROJECT

Union of Catholic Mothers  
stmarysucm@gmail.com

Our parish group, UCM are launching the Parish Advent 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 listen for announcements or see the leaflets at the back of the Church. Many thanks for your help in this important out-reach work by our Parish.

## 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 & Dates

Carols @ Saffron Sq.  
Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Dec @ 5pm

Singers & musicians from the parish will be joining the residents of the neighbouring flats for traditional Carols this week. If you would like to help with the singing, please contact Penny by e-mail, soonest: Penny28HB@aol.com

**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. Thank you.

## News & Events

St Mary's Catholic School  
(Nursery & Infants)

Open Day @ 10am  
Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016

**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

St. Francis Xavier Feast: Celebration, Mass & Party, Sat 3 Dec @ 6pm, St. Andrew's RC Church, Thornton Health, CR7 7RD, contact organisers for cost details – tickets £10 adults and £5 for children (under 11 years). J Da Silvia: 020 8771 8749 or mobile 07712 273 024.

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