






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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ Year A ~ 18<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: 7am-7pm</p>	<p><b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b></p>  <p><b>Wednesdays</b> 12.45pm to 2pm <b>Saturdays</b> 10.30am to 12pm <b>First Fridays</b> 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 17<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b> St. Peter Canisius, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</p>	<p><b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> St. John of Kanty, Priest</p>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></p>	<p>10.00am Antonia Vetraino, RiP</p>	<p>10.00am ☒ Funeral Mass ☒ Martha Pereira, RiP</p>
<p>7.00pm Mr Anore Phokeerdoss In thanksgiving</p>	<p>12.10pm Geraldine Ng Anne &amp; Sze Ng</p>	<p>12.10pm Nancy &amp; David Mendes, RiP</p>
<p><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b></p>
<p>8.00am Carmen &amp; Apolonio Pinto, RiP</p>	<p>10.00am Iganatius Fernandes, RiP 12.10pm Hamilton Noronha, RiP</p>	<p>10.00am Thomas &amp; Kathleen Grier, RiP 6.00pm Children's Christmas Mass Children of the Parish</p>
<p>9.15am Peggy McGeever, RiP</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>	<p>8.00pm Early midnight Mass Celebrant's intention</p>
<p>10.45am Charles Noel, RiP</p>	<p><b>D</b></p>	<p>11.00pm Carol Service (doors open 10pm)</p>
<p>12.15pm People of the Parish</p>	<p><b>V</b></p>	<p>12.00am Midnight Mass (Music: Main Group) People of the Parish</p>
<p>3.00pm Uzoho Family In thanksgiving 6.00pm Jose L Silveira, RiP</p>	<p><b>E</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Day</b></p>
 <p>Today we pray for Expectant Mothers</p>	<p><b>N</b></p>	
<p><b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>T</b></p>	<p>8.00am Early morning Mass Celebrant's intention</p>
<p>10.00am Joaquim Milagre DeMilo, RiP</p>	<p><b>Parish Surgery</b></p>	<p>9.15am Mass (Music: Children &amp; Young People) For the Sick &amp; Housebound</p>
<p>12.10pm Norman &amp; Ashley Pinto Wellbeing</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>10.45am Mass (Music: Filipino Choir) For Parish Choirs &amp; Musicians</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>HOLIDAY CLOSURE DATES</b> Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Dec &amp; Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</p>	<p>12.15pm Mass (Music: Young Adults) Celebrant's intention</p>
<p>10.00am Ivy &amp; Boutle-Martin, RiP</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Word</b></p>	<p>Last Mass of Christmas Day after which the Church is closed</p>
<p>12.10pm Mr Ikechukwu Okoh In thanksgiving</p>	<p>✠ for Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> ✠ AVAILABLE FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH</p>	

## ✠ Eternal Rest ✠

Teresa **CLEARY** RIP  
Funeral Mass  
Our Lady of Annunciation, Addiscombe  
Tue 20 Dec @ 10am

Mary **ANSCOMBE** RIP  
Bandon Hill Cemetery Chapel  
Tue 20 Dec @ 10.30am

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

Joseph John **HOULIHAN** RIP  
Croydon Crematorium  
Tue 3 Jan @ 10.30am

Mary Ellen **KIRBY** RIP  
Funeral Mass @ St. Mary's  
Wed 4 Jan @ 10am

### ALSO DECEASED

Newton **FERNANDES**, RIP  
Tania **TEIXEIRA**, RIP

Your prayers are asked for above parishioners who have passed away together with all whose anniversaries are occurring at this time.

**Newton Fernandes, RIP** was a longstanding and long-serving parishioner who lived locally in Croydon. He spent many years caring for his Aunt Carmelita before her own passing some years back. Newton was well known in the parish community for his prayer life, frequent to daily Mass attendance and his steady service. He helped with the collection and in later years reading ministry. He also attended a number of Faith courses and Faith events and always championed mission and evangelisation. Newton will be very much missed by all who knew him and leaves a good footprint. May he rest in peace.

### May all who who have died enjoy the Rest of Paradise

The Holy Season is never without people losing loved ones and for those who have suffered a loss, we offer our deepest sympathy and assurance of our prayers.



### Pray for the Sick

Please keep the sick in constant prayer. Many parishioners and their family members are facing difficult illnesses. They live with long-term conditions or are facing cancer or heart disease or other life-changing sickness. Some are critically ill and some, even in hospices. We pray that those who are affected by sickness, physical and mental, will know the presence of Christ at all times.

### Children's Sunday



### Bible Class

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
after the 9.15am Mass  
Parish Centre

All parents and their children are invited to the Bible Study class which follows the end of the 9.15am Mass, today. There will be Carol singing and bring & share festive snacks, so please do bring along a contribution.

### Parish helping hands



Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 12.45pm

"Helping Hands" are kindly asked to come forward for tomorrow Monday, 19th December AFTER THE 12.10PM Mass to help bring the statues up from the crypt area for the Parish Nativity Scene. Help is also needed to actually assemble the crib and to tidy up. Please meet in the Church. All are needed and welcome. Thank you.

### Parish Advent Project Union of Catholic Mothers [stmarysucm@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysucm@gmail.com) Tue 20 Dec @ 7pm

Many thanks to all who have donated to the Parish Advent Project to support the St Mildred's Drop-In. The next meeting of UCM will be at 7pm this coming Tuesday in the Parish Room. This will be a social event and all are welcome.



### Music @ Masses @ St. Marys

18 Dec	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Cantor/organist Male voice choir Main choir & musicians
24 Dec	6pm 8pm Midnight	Cantor/young adult Cantor & organist Main choir & musicians
25 Dec	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Children & Young People Filipino Choir Young adults
31 Dec	Midnight	Singers & Musicians
1 Jan	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Cantor/organist Ugandan Choir Main choir & musicians

### New Altar Servers



"So you want to be an Altar Server at St. Mary's?"

Well done to all the Altar Servers who attended training with their families. We look forward to their continuing ministry.

The guide is available on our Parish web site for downloading.

## Parish Practicals

The Church is very busy over the Holy Season and very open. Just a gentle reminder to please observe the car **Parking requirements**: no blocking in or parking in ACCESS areas either on the forecourt or in the lower playground car park. Please leave family parking bays and disabled bays for the intended users. Park responsibly and carefully giving access at all times – remember **emergency vehicles** and clergy vehicles need access. **Safeguarding**: children and vulnerable adults should be accompanied around the Church grounds at all times when using all facilities including the WCs and must be looked after by parents/carers. **Stewarding**: where there are large numbers at Masses, please follow the guidance of the parish stewards who will assist especially when we line up to receive Holy Communion. **Security**: please always keep your belongings with you. If you see anything suspicious or of concern, please let the clergy know. Thank you.

### Christmas at St. Mary's



### Parish Christmas Card

Please pick up one card per family. This contains **FULL** details of Masses and Services for Christmas 2016 & New Year 2017. It is available from the tables at the back of the Church.

### Quick reminders

Sun 25 Dec: **no** 3pm or 6pm Mass  
Church closes 1.45pm  
Mon 26 Dec: Church closed after 10am Mass  
**no** parish surgery  
Tue 27 Dec: Church closed after 10am Mass  
Mon 2 Jan: Church closed after 10am Mass  
**no** parish surgery

### Confessions

18 Dec @ all Sunday masses  
24 Dec @ 10.30am to 12 noon  
5pm to 6pm  
31 Dec @ 10.30am to 12 noon  
6pm to 7pm

## News & Events

### First Holy Communion



### 1<sup>st</sup> date after Christmas

**2017**  
7<sup>th</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> Session  
**UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED**  
**MEETINGS START 10.30AM**  
**GATHER IN THE CHURCH**

## Faith Journey

RCIA 2016/2017

[rciacroydon@gmail.com](mailto:rciacroydon@gmail.com)  
Ring parish (020) 8688 1857  
Talk to any of the Clergy  
Wed 11 Jan @ 7.30pm  
Parish Prayer Room

**St Mary's Catholic Schools HIGH SCHOOL** ● Congratulations and very well done to the students and teaching staff of St. Mary's High for being declared in the **TOP 10** most improving schools, following excellent summer exam results. The whole School community have worked exceptionally hard and fully deserve our applause, and always, our prayers and support.

**NURSERY & INFANTS** ● 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

**Give Blood**: Croydon Park Hotel, Centennial Suite, Altyre Rd (opposite East Croydon train station), Mon 19 Dec, 1.30pm to 4.30pm & 5.20pm to 8pm. Please ring 0300 123 23 23 to make an appointment.

### 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.

**London SW Catholic Young Adults** is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next social evening is on Saturday, 7th January from 7.30pm at The Alexandra, Wimbledon SW19 7NE. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242.

### 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 starts in January 2017.