

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

## The Nativity of Our Lord ~ Year A ~ 25<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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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 @ 12 noon

Rev. Fr. Michael Scanlon (Parish Priest)  
 Fr. Simplicio D'Souza (Assistant Priest)  
 Fr. Celestine Ekwueme (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



<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve</b>		<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December The Holy Innocents</b>		<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December The Holy Family</b> <small>Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</small>	
10.00am	Thomas & Kathleen Grier, RiP	10.00am	Myrtle Kardus, RiP	10.00am	Manoj Tandon, Wellbeing
6.00pm	Children's Christmas Mass <i>Intention: Children of the Parish</i>	12.10pm	Baby David Nolan & Family Wellbeing	12.10pm	Lilly Bevis 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday
8.00pm	Early midnight Mass <i>Celebrant's intention</i>	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December St. Thomas of Canterbury</b>		<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December New Year's Eve</b>	
11.00pm	Carol Service <i>(doors open 10pm)</i>	10.00am	Ubalina DeSouza, RiP	10.00am	Kathleen Lopez, RiP
12.00am	Midnight Mass <i>Intention: People of the Parish</i>	12.10pm	Brian Meleady, RiP	7.00pm	Deceased of 2016
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day</b>		<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Confession</p> <p>24 Dec: 10.30am to 12 noon                      5pm to 6pm                      &amp;                      31 Dec: 10.30am to 12 noon                      6pm to 7pm</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                       Parish Surgery                 </div> <p>Mondays @ 4.30pm to 7pm                      Thursdays @ 9.30am to 11.30am                      &amp; 5pm to 6.30pm                      NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED</p> <p><b>HOLIDAY CLOSURE DATES</b>                      Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 &amp; Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2017</p> </div>		10.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(doors open 9.30pm)</i>
8.00am	Early morning Mass <i>Celebrant's intention</i>			12.00am	Midnight Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
9.15am	Mass For the Sick & Housebound			<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>	
10.45am	Mass for Parish Choirs & Musicians			8.00am	Diogo & Feleciano RiP
12.15pm	Mass <i>Celebrant's intention</i>			9.15am	Rula Nesnas, RiP
Last Mass of Christmas Day after which the Church is closed		10.45am	Mr & Mrs David and Violet Simpson, in thanksgiving for 56 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December St. Stephen, First Martyr</b>		12.15pm	Jonathan Kebe, RiP		
10.00am	Dolcidon Noronha, RiP	3.00pm	People of the Parish		
11.00am	Church closed for the rest of the bank holiday	6.00pm	Thomas Xavier Pinto, RiP		
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December St. John the Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Wednesday Word</p> <p>for Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Jan collect your copy from the back of the Church &amp; prepare</p> </div>			
10.00am	Sapiencia Noronha, RiP	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Holy Mary, Mother of God, and our Mother, please pray for us!</p>  </div>			
11.00am	Church closed for the rest of the bank holiday				

## ✦ Peaceful Rest ✦

Joseph John HOULIHAN RiP  
Croydon Crematorium  
Tue 3 Jan @ 10.30am

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

Newton FERNANDES, RiP  
Arrangements to be confirmed

Your prayers are asked all our parishioners who have died. We also keep in prayer all the deceased whose anniversaries take place at this time.

### May the Angels lead them in to 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

The sick and housebound are with us all the time in a very real way. They are amongst our families, friends, work colleagues here within our very own parish community. We have parishioners who need our prayers as they live daily the battle of serious illness; cancer, dementia, and other life-threatening and debilitating conditions. Please pray earnestly for them at all times so in some way we support and journey with them.

### 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 go and return 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, noting that any emergencies you should ring 999. Thank you.

	Music @ Masses @ St. Mary's	
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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

### Christmas at St. Mary's



Come and pray with us at our Christmas Crib. Let God love you in Jesus, the child of Bethlehem. There are no conditions. There are no interviews to get through, no exams to pass, no points to notch up. Come as you are, without masks, without pretence. There is no need for that when approaching baby Jesus. There is room for everyone around the Crib; friends, enemies, rich, poor, sinners, saints, no one who approaches with sincerity is turned away. There we begin to understand that He is the Gift and the Giver.

**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; that He is the Gift and the Giver.**

### See in the New Year with Our Lord Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016



### Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30pm: doors open  
10pm: Exposition  
10.30pm: Silent adoration  
11pm: Reflection & Devotions  
with music  
11.40pm: Reposing Our Lord  
12am: Midnight Mass

### 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 and the detail is also available for download from the parish web site.

**Reminder**  
Bank holiday Mon 2 Jan 2017  
Church closed after 10am Mass  
no parish surgery

### 2017 Diary dates

First Holy Communion Classes re-start (Session 4)	Sat 7 Jan, 10.30am in Church
Epiphany	Sun 8 Jan
RCIA re-starts	Wed 11 Jan, 7.30pm in parish prayer room
3rd Sunday weekend Mass Music	Sun 15 Jan
Male Voice Choir	Sun 29 Jan 10.45am Mass

## Fr. Michael's Holy Season Message

Since 1857

We are St. Mary's, a Roman Catholic Church in the heart of Croydon. Our community is a mosaic of cultures and spiritualities. We are called to grow as disciples of Christ by actively embracing our Baptismal commitment. We gather around the table of the Word and Eucharist to be nourished and strengthened as a family of Faith and then, we are sent forth to put our Faith into action. We strive to live out a missionary spirit that focusses our ministry on the poor and marginalised in our midst. We share Faith through hospitality and fellowship, actively embracing the call to compassion by loving others as Christ loves us. More than 2,000 attend our Masses each week. We are growing week by week; new faces and new families are introducing themselves. We continue to offer a warm welcome.

2017 will see the establishing of a Parish Pastoral Council and a Parish Youth Council. Thank you to those who have said 'yes' so far to joining. Our Parish Centre will host a year of special events: Catechesis, spiritual courses, Days of Faith & formation, Evangelisation, days with Saints, retreats for all ages, Deanery events and courses and welcoming Diocesan Commissions. Please watch out for those special days and evenings. Let us remember that Jesus, at the end of His earthly journey said to his followers, "go and make disciples". As a parish we welcome the great commission of Christ and strive to grow as His disciples as we reach out to those who are searching for a spiritual home. In the New Year, let us commit to remaining faithful to the true teaching of the Catholic Church. Let us embrace the vision of the Church proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council. As a parish, we believe in continuous formation in Faith as a way of understanding our personal communal relationship with Christ and His Church. The Eucharistic celebration (the Holy Mass), is the source and summit of our lives.

Hundreds of children and young people attend Holy Mass at St. Mary's. They are a great blessing to the Parish and their families. Many are keen to serve the Lord on the Sanctuary. Our children and Youth have an important part to play in the life of our Parish family. We value Catholic Education. Therefore, we commit to good and faithful co-operation with the Catholic Schools of our parish. We strive to offer our young people a life-giving experience of the living Church, forming them as disciples of Jesus Christ. So friends, we look forward as a parish to 2017. We ask and pray for God's blessing and Our Blessed Lady's help along with all the Saints and Angels we will honour in the new year.

Thank you to all who have helped us clergy in the parish this year. We shall remember you all in our Masses over Christmas and the New Year. You are the backbone of the Parish. Thank you to all for your generous hearts and for your financial support for the parish. Thank you to all for your patience in waiting for the new toilets and our new look parish centre. There is more to be done. The crypt will be our next renovation project. A special word of thanks to Rolland Velho and others and particularly our parish finance committee for helping to steer forward the Parish Centre Project.

With my brother priests and our wonderful Deacon, we again wish you a happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year. We look forward to serving you in the new year ahead. Please pray for us.

With thanks.....Fr. Michael

### Sincere Thank You

Our parish thanks to all who have cleaned and decorated the Church. You have done a great job. Well done to all involved!