

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

2nd Sunday of Lent ~Year A ~12th March 2017

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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

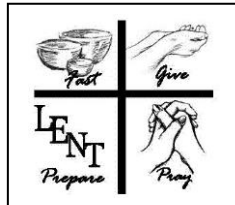
12.45pm to 2pm

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. Semplicio 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

Saturday 11 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent		Thursday 16 th March		Saturday 18 th March St. Cyril of Jerusalem Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Optional Feast)			
7.00pm	Peter Byrne, In thanksgiving	10.00am	✘Funeral Mass✘ Lesley Brevitt, RiP	10.00am	Xavier Valiplackal, RiP		
Sunday 12 th March		12.10pm	Nicholas Watters, RiP	7.00pm	The Uzoh Family, In thanksgiving		
8.00am	Teresa Cleary, RiP	Friday 17 th March Feast of St. Patrick		Sunday 19 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent - 1 st Scrutiny			
9.15am	Phyllis Blades, RiP	10.00am	Wimalaraj Gunaratnam, RiP	8.00am	Josefina DeSouza, RiP		
10.45am	Matthias Ozogolu (Senior) RiP	12.10pm	Fr. Andrew Fernandes, RiP	9.15am	Antonio Velardi, RiP		
12.15pm	Nicholas Watters, RiP	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross	10.45am	Marion Edwards, RiP		
3.00pm	People of the Parish	7.00pm	For your intentions	12.15pm	Osvaldas Pagirys RiP		
4.30pm	Stations of the Cross & Adoration	Wednesday Word for Sun 19th Mar 1 st Reading ● Exodus 17: 3 - 7 2 nd Reading ● Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 Gospel □ John 4:5-15, 19-26,39-42 Reflection upon the Word in readiness for next Sunday. It's a greater starter and the fullness of the Word on the Sunday will nourish and fill you.. It's suitable for all with special editions for children available from the tables at the back of the Church		3.00pm	People of the Parish		
5.40pm	Benediction			4.30pm	Stations of the Cross & Adoration		
6.00pm	Alice Henessy, Wellbeing			5.40pm	Benediction		
Monday 13th March				6.00pm	Socorin Fernandes, RiP		
10.00am	Tadhg Daly, intentions	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Parish Surgery NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED Mondays @ 4.30pm to 7pm Thursdays @ 9.30am to 11.30am & 5pm to 6.30pm </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> If you would like to hold Our Lady's Hand, Hold the Rosary </div>			
12.10pm	Ann Gorak, Wellbeing					Our Parish Shop Opening Times Sat: 6pm to 8pm & Sun: 8am to 1pm Wed: 10.30am to 12pm & First Fridays: 10.30am to 3pm	
Tuesday 14 th March							
10.00am	Mary Wilson, RiP						
12.10pm	William Manuel Fernandes, RiP						
Wednesday 15 th March							
10.00am	André Adom & Family Wellbeing						
12.10pm	Patricia Nzegum, In thanksgiving						

What our young people said about the FLAME Event, Wembley, Sat 11th Mar 2017 – East Croydon to Wembley and back to us !

Many thanks to our parish catechists who accompanied young people from the parish to this EXCELLENT day joining thousands of young people from the Dioceses and further. We received a steady flow of texts from them throughout the day and here is what they said, live and as it happened ... "such an amazing feeling to be here and part of this beautiful community...10,000 reasons...", "today's message focussed mostly on welcoming refugees and volunteering to welcome them. We had inspirational talks from young people who worked in Lebanon alongside CARITAS, inspirational talks from the Jesuits". "Refugees are people who should be welcomed and loved", "Asylum seekers should be given a "message of love and hope". Our parish young people are enthused! They want to re-start the Youth Group and do something collectively. They want to link up with CAFOD WHO ARE fully established in working with refugees and asylum seekers. We invite YOU to join them in the suggested 40 day challenge to give up an item everyday that you DON'T NEED, to charity.

*May the Angels
lead them to
✠Paradise✠*

Fr. Barry Angus, RiP
(died 11 Mar 2017)

Fr. David HUTTON, RiP
Funeral Mass, March 15th
in Farnborough

Fr. Michael CLIFTON, RiP
Funeral Mass, March 28th
Kingston-upon-Thames

Fr. Andrew FERNANDES, RiP

Paddy MAGUIRE, RiP
Croydon Crematorium
Tuesday 14th March @ 11.30am

Leslie Nathaniel BREVITT, RiP
Funeral Mass @ St. Mary's
Thursday 16th March @ 10am

Gerard (Gerry) de Souza, RiP
Funeral Mass @ 12 noon
St. Columba, Selsdon
Friday 17th March

William (Jack) McVicker RiP
Funeral Mass @ St. Mary's
Monday 20th March @ 10am

Jack passed away on 27th February, and his family send their thanks to everyone for messages of sympathy and support. They kindly request that ahead of the service, instead of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, a cause close to the family's heart, using the on-line donation page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/WJMcVicker>

Marina AHIMBISIBWE, RiP

Funeral details to be arranged

Catherine (Cathy) KEOHANE, RiP

Funeral Mass @ St. Marys
Friday 31st March @ 10am

May the souls of all who have died and those whose anniversaries take place at this time, enjoy peaceful rest.

Parish Meetings

Mon 20 Mar @ 7.15pm

PFCM (Parish Finance Committee Meeting) – members please see your e-mails.

Thu 23 Mar @ 6.30pm

Parish Youth Meeting
Half hour Lenten Reflection followed by Parish Youth Council discussion
Sat 25 Mar @ 10.30am to 4pm
Couples for Christ – hold the date <https://www.couplesforchristglobal.org/home.aspx>

Parish Music Ministry Meeting

Fri 12th May @ 7pm
Refreshments in the Parish Centre – bring family members. All parish music groups are invited.

Parish Council

Thank you to all who have agreed to join. Can you please contact Shirley in the Parish Office with your contact details (phone & e-mail). We hope to have our first meeting very soon.

The Sacraments



**Comfort
the
Sick**

P. Anointing of the sick is an important ministry and really makes a difference to those who live with sickness and those who care for them. **If you are available, why not make a special effort to go to the Monday 12 noon Masses at Croydon University Hospital throughout the Season of Lent.** Next Mass is this coming Monday 13th March and is a fine opportunity of Lenten Faith in Action.

Our Parish Children First Holy Communion



The children's preparation classes for receiving Holy Communion for the first time are well underway. Parents/carers are asked to please note:

- classes will continue next Sat, 19 Mar, gathering first at 10.30am in the Church

Faith Journey

RCIA 2016/2017

The journey continues Wed 15th Mar, 7.30pm in the Parish Prayer Room. The group are learning about the Sacraments.

rciacroydon@gmail.com

Ring parish (020) 8688 1857; talk to any of the Clergy; or attend Parish Surgery

Our Faithseekers are now the "Elect" and answering the call to "continuing conversion". They will now be more visibly in our midst, most notably at the Scrutiny Masses:

3rd Sunday of Lent
19th Mar @ 10.45am

4th Sunday of Lent
26th Mar @ 12.15pm

5th Sunday of Lent
2nd Apr @ 10.45am

The Group Retreat

Sat 1st Apr 2017 12pm to 6pm

The group will be making their retreat to prepare them for receiving the Sacraments at Easter. Please pray for them.

Lent at St. Mary's

Deanery & Diocesan

Lenten Reflection Evenings x 3

St. Mary's Parish Centre

7pm for 7.30pm

Weds: 15th & 22nd Mar

Let's prepare for Lent as a parish family. Meet others from the Deanery & Diocese. Everyone everyone is invited. **Come this Wednesday 15th March.** Last week, we were pleased to welcome Mark Nash who gave an excellent talk on **FASTING**. So, if you did not make it, check out the following key phrases/topics on-line on and get a renewed outlook on fasting.

St. Leo the Great

"...let our fasting be pleasing to God"

Pope Francis' Fasting Tips

[https://focusoncampus.org/content/what-should-i-](https://focusoncampus.org/content/what-should-i-do-for-lent-pope-francis-10-tips)

[do-for-lent-pope-francis-10-tips](https://focusoncampus.org/content/what-should-i-do-for-lent-pope-francis-10-tips)

Pope Benedict in Mar 2011

"Through fasting, almsgiving and prayer, he said,

"Lent teaches us how to live the love of Christ in an ever more radical way."

St. Francis de Sales

<http://www.catholicspiritualdirection.org/devoutlife.pdf>

Each Friday in Lent

Stations of the Cross @ 6pm

Holy Mass @ 7pm

CAFOD Family Fast Day

This was on the March 10th and envelopes are available for use now. Please put in the Sunday collection of 12 Mar. If you can gift-aid, this would be most welcome. Thank you.

Sundays in Lent

Stations of
the Cross @ 4.30pm
Benediction @ 5.40pm

Mothers Sunday

26th March @ 10.45am Mass

Blessing of babies and mums

Parish UCM & K of St. C
stmarysucm@gmail.com

The Union of Catholic Mothers and Knights of St Columba are inviting all parishioners to contribute to an Easter Spiritual Bouquet asking Our Lady to intercede for all those effected by domestic violence. To contribute to the bouquet see leaflet at the back of the Church and complete a label with your spiritual donation. The next meeting of UCM will be at 7pm on Tuesday 21 March in the Parish Room when we will doing crochet for beginners - all women are welcome to join us. **SAVE THE DATE:** Parish Quiz Night organised by Knights of St Columba and UCM on Friday 28 April.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

Take part in the re-enactment of the Crucifixion, Central Croydon. Needed singers, strong men & actors, narrator, 'weeping' women at the Cross, stewards and people to hand out leaflets. Make contact for details & rehearsal arrangements. (Tel: 0208 654 9035 or 07786 935 554 – Toni Suffok)

Gift Aid Donors

2017/18 Tax Year

Calling all signed up Gift Aid Donors - **YOU DON'T NEED TO SIGN UP AGAIN.** The 2017/2018 tax year gift aid boxes of envelopes for Sunday offertory collection, **ARE AVAILABLE TODAY**, after all Masses during and again 18th/19th Mar 2017. Please arrange to collect your new envelopes during these dates. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR NEW BOX EVEN IF YOU STILL HAVE ENVELOPES REMAINING IN YOUR PRESENT BOX. Anyone wanting to join the scheme please see us at the table where we will be distributing the new boxes. Could all Standing Order donors also come and collect envelopes for the Diocesan 2nd Collections throughout the coming year. Thank you.

SVP Raffle Tickets

On sale TODAY : Sunday 12th March and thanks to those who bought tickets last Sunday. Your support for the important work by our parish group, is very much appreciated. If you can, please buy some raffle tickets. **Alternatively, you can GIVE your TIME, SVP welcomes new members, just turn up this Sunday, 4pm in the parish prayer room.**

Men on Fire "Freedom" Sat 8 Apr 2017

We are very pleased to be hosting a **WHOLE DAY RETREAT FOR MEN – start 8.30am**

- Led by the Cor et Lumen Christi Community
- in St. Mary's Parish Centre - **8.30am start**
- Clergy Lead: Fr. Angelus Houle and the Community founder, Damian Stayne plus guest-speaker, John Pridmore

All men are welcome, but please book & register now (£10) as spaces are limited.

Faith Events

Wed 5 Apr 2pm to 8pm	Syro Malabar Catholic Community and its chaplain Rev. Fr. Hans
Lenten Retreat (in Malayalam) led by Fr. Jacob Koippally from Kerala	Puthiakulangara. Mass & Confession St. Andrew's RC Church Thornton Heath
Wed @ 7.30pm Mar: 21 (last date)	www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith (London)