

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

4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare ~ Year A ~ 26th 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
Wednesdays
 12.40pm - 1pm
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

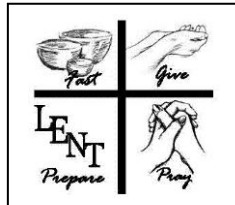
12.45pm to 2pm

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

Saturday 25 th March		Thursday 30 th March		Saturday 1 st April			
7.00pm Jennie Driscoll, RiP		10.00am Margaret's Family Wellbeing		10.00am Our Priests & vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life			
The Lord's Annunciation		12.10pm Raymond Nisloney, RiP		7.00pm Marcus Pleureuse All souls in Purgatory			
Laetare Sunday 26th March 4th Sunday of Lent - 2 nd Scrutiny		Friday 31st March		Sunday 2nd April 5th Sunday of Lent - 3rd Scrutiny			
8.00am Johnny Walsh, RiP People of the Parish		10.00am	☒Funeral Mass☒ Catherine Keohane, RiP	8.00am	Fr. Andrew Fernandes, RiP		
9.15am Canon Charles Walker, RiP		12.10pm	Vino Eliatamby, In thanksgiving	9.15am	Newton Fernandes, RiP		
10.45am Farrel McGowen, RiP		6.00pm	Stations of the Cross	10.45am	Marilyn Harrison & Family, Wellbeing		
12.15pm Keiran Murphy, RiP		7.00pm	For your intentions	12.15pm	Ann Xavier, RiP		
4.30pm Stations of the Cross & Adoration		Wednesday Word for Sun 2nd April 1 st Reading ● Ezekiel 37: 12-14 2 nd Reading ● Romans 8: 8 - 11 Gospel ☒ John 11: 1 - 45 "The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold" Psalm 119:72 <i>May the Word be Precious to You</i>		3.00pm	Baby Darren Nash, RiP		
5.40pm Benediction				4.30pm	Stations of the Cross & Adoration		
6.00pm The Family of George Pakium				5.40pm	Benediction		
Monday 27th March				6.00pm	People of the Parish		
10.00am Josephine Mitchell, RiP		Fri 31st Mar & Sat 1st Apr 24 Hours for the Lord ●Friday ● 5pm Confessions 6pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Holy Mass ●Saturday ● 10am Holy Mass 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 12.30pm Confessions & Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, 1pm Benediction 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.30pm Confessions 7pm Holy Mass This time of prayer is part of our on-going commitment to the celebrate the Mercy of God which comes to us in the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pope Francis has asked the Church across the world to once again celebrate 24 Hours for the Lord. Try to take part in this special time of Prayer and Reconciliation.					
12.10pm Sapiencia Noronha, RiP							
Tuesday 28th March							
10.00am James & Ellen Collins, RiP							
12.10pm Kathleen & William Proudlock, RiP							
Wednesday 29th March							
10.00am Aliane, Private intention							
12.10pm Farrel McGowen, RiP							
 Parish Shop Opening Times Sat: 6pm to 8pm & Sun: 8am to 1pm Wed: 10.30am to 12pm & First Fridays: 10.30am to 3pm						 Parish Surgery NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED Mondays @ 4.30pm to 7pm Thursdays @ 9.30am to 11.30am & 5pm to 6.30pm Mass Intentions We apologise to those who recently may not have been able to have the date of their choice. This is due to high demand for Mass intentions being said here at St. Mary's. We would ask that 3 months notice, or more, be given to help achieve the date preference, but kindly note that we are unable to guarantee every date.	

✠ *Peaceful Rest* ✠

Deceased parishioners

Catherine (Cathy) KEOHANE, RiP

Funeral Mass @ St. Marys
Friday 31st March @ 10am
Her body will be brought in to
the Church 4.30pm on Thu 30 Mar

Helena VINCENT, RiP

Funeral Mass @ St. Marys
Wed 5th Apr @ 10am

Kathleen DRUMMEY, RiP

Maria Conceicã AFONSO, RiP

Deceased diocesan clergy

Fr. Michael CLIFTON, RiP

Funeral Mass, Mar 28th @ 11am
St. Raphael's, KT1 2NA

Deacon Michael GOULD, RiP

Funeral Mass, Mar 30th @ 12.45pm
Sacred Heart Camberwell, SE5 9QS

Fr. Cyril ELKINGTON, RiP

Funeral Mass, Apr 3rd @ 11am
St. Joseph's Church, Bromley BR1 2PR

Fr. Barry Angus, RiP

Funeral Mass, Apr 10th @ 12pm
St. Thomas of Canterbury CT1 2HJ

✠ Lost Lives: we keep in prayer the souls of all those whose lives were ended on Wednesday following the attack at Westminster. May they all rest in peace.

✠ Thank you for your prayers for repose of the soul of Marina Ahimbisibwe, RiP. The mourning arrangements enabled the parish to receive her body last Thursday and Mass was celebrated in thanksgiving for her life and to support her young family who survive her. Further funeral arrangements will now take place overseas.

May the Perpetual Light shine upon all who have died

The Sacraments



Pray for the Sick

Comforting the sick is one of the truest forms of showing love for neighbour. The most vulnerable, most in need amongst family, friends and even strangers. Whilst it is challenging, it is deeply rewarding spiritually and practically-speaking, something we can all do. **If you are free, try to take that extra step by going to the Monday 12 noon Masses at Croydon University Hospital throughout the Season of Lent.** Next Mass is this coming Monday 26th March.

Our Parish Children First Holy Communion



Classes are well underway and continue Sat 1st Apr. Please pray for our children as they prepare for this great day.

Come Holy Spirit

*Confirmation 2017
Sun 8th Oct @ 3pm*

We are pleased to announce that we are starting the preparations and organisation for our Parish Confirmation Programme for Young People. Application forms will be available from the tables at the back of the Church next Sunday 2nd Apr. Applicants, usually in school year 9 and above, are asked to collect a form. Parents and candidates need to read and complete the form fully and carefully before returning by the closing date of Sun 14 May. Thank you.

Confirmation Planning Meeting

All catechists and those wishing to be considered for the roles, please meet **Thu 30th Mar @ 7pm** in the presbytery dining room., Refreshments will be provided.

RCIA



2016/2017

The Faith Journey continues Wed 29 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

Those on the Faith Journey are now be more visibly in our midst, most notably at Scrutiny Masses:-

The 2nd Scrutiny

4th Sunday of Lent
26th Mar @ 12.15pm

The 3rd Scrutiny

5th Sunday of Lent
2nd Apr @ 10.45am

Again, the group are dismissed part way through the Mass. This is not a sign of rejection but rather a joyful signal of their continuing Faith Journey as they go into the parish prayer room to share further. It also highlights for us, our joy at remaining in Mass.

Key dates for the Group

Group retreat: Sat 1 Apr
Easter Vigil Mass: Sat 15 Apr
Mystagogia: Wed 19 Apr+
New Catholics Mass
St. George's Cathedral 11 Jun

Lent at St. Mary's

✠ **Pray** ☉ **Fast**

☺ **Give**

Fridays in Lent

Stations of
the Cross @ 6pm
Holy Mass @ 7pm

Sundays in Lent

Stations of
the Cross @ 4.30pm
Benediction @ 5.40pm

Deanery & Diocesan Lenten Reflection Evening

Many thanks to all who were able to attend, we hope you found it beneficial. Our parish hosting has now completed, but you are encouraged to join those final dates around the Diocese, eg.

St. Andrew's RC Church
Brook Road, Thornton Heath, CR7
7.30pm – 9pm
Thu 30 Mar: "Led by the Spirit"
Thu 6 Apr: "Hosanna, Hosanna"
Speakers are Dr. Mark Nash
& Mr Pierpaolo Finaldi



Sun 26th Mar @ 10.45am

Blessing of babies and mums

Today, we remember all Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers in a special way. We wish them all every grace and blessing on this special day. We thank them for reflecting the unconditional love of God for each one of us. **Prayer:** *Dear Lord, we thank you for the great gift of motherhood. May all mothers find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love – the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. Amen.*

Parish News

Men on Fire "Freedom" Sat 8 Apr 2017

We are very pleased that St. Mary's is hosting a **WHOLE DAY RETREAT FOR MEN – start 8.30am** Led by the Cor et Lumen Christi Community

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/men-on-fire-freedom-registration-32534041193>

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

Parish Music Ministry Meeting

Hold the date: Fri 12th May @ 7pm

Parish Council

Those who have agreed to join, please contact the parish office.

Our Parish Young People

It was good to welcome and pray with our young people last Thursday, before we started the meeting

around their presence on the Parish Council and the start up of our Parish Youth Council. More meetings will follow. In the meantime, those who went to the Flame event in Wembley are putting into action the fruit of the event. They are leading on collection boxes for refugees. **These will be in the porch area next Sunday 2nd Apr.** Donations required are: **Baby clothes 0-3mths, in-date tins, especially fruit tins and in-date toiletries.** This is the initial item request. Please support our young people in this excellent response to mission.

APF Mission Boxes (Missio)

Red money boxes (APF) are in the porch area for use and collection. To find out more about being a collector, please use the link:

<http://www.workingtoncatholicchurch.co.uk/missio---apf-mill-hills-red-boxes.html>

London Marathon 23 Apr

Our parishioner and choir member is training & running to raise funds for a project, "men on bikes" to help men avoid suicide. To support, please use the link

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ThomasGillespie>

Our Lady's Easter Spiritual Bouquet



Union of Catholic Mothers
& Knights of St. Columba

Many thanks for the wonderful response to the Bouquet for Our Lady. Our Mother Mary, is close to all of us and understands well our needs and difficulties. To reflect this, members of UCM, the Knights, and parish groups have been invited to be **Prayer Partners** who will pray from now until Pentecost for all the needs detailed on the prayer cards. No names are mentioned, but please be assured that everyone is being prayed for and the Bouquet for Our Lady will be in full bloom which in turn will bless us all. Please continue to add your donations and intentions to the Parish Spiritual Bouquet. If you would like to be a prayer partner to support, through your prayers, an intention donated to the Spiritual Bouquet please let us know stmarysucm@gmail.com.

RC Faith Events

Thu 30 Mar @ 7.30pm – Celebrant, Bishop Paul Hendricks	Neuman Circle Lenten Mass ALL WELCOME St. Dominic's RC Church, Violet Lane, Waddon
Wed 5 Apr 2pm to 8pm Lenten Retreat (in Malayalam) led by Fr. Jacob Koippally from Kerala	Syro Malabar Catholic Community and its chaplain Rev. Fr. Hans Puthiakulangara. Mass & Confession St. Andrew's RC Church Thornton Heath

