





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


First Sunday of Advent ~Year B ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

<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>	 <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <u>Wednesdays</u> 12.45pm to 2pm <u>Saturdays</u> 10.30am to 12pm <u>First Fridays</u> 10.45am to 3pm   <b>Our Lady</b> Fatima Devotion – First Saturdays Perpetual Succour All other Saturdays @ 12 noon	<p>Rev. Fr. Michael Scanlon (Parish Priest) Fr. Celestine Ekwueme (Assistant Priest) Fr. Mark Binang (Assistant Priest) Rev. Vincent Morrison (Permanent Deacon)</p>
<p><b>Confession times</b>  <u>Saturdays</u> 10.30am-11.30am &amp; 6pm -7pm  <u>Wednesdays</u> 12.40pm – 1pm  <u>First Friday</u> 10.30am ~2pm (and at call)</p>		<p>✠ <b>Sunday Mass times</b> ✠ 7pm (Saturday) 8am., 9.15am., 10.45am., 12.15pm., 3pm., &amp; 6pm</p>  <b>Daily Mass times</b> Monday to Friday • 10am & 12.10pm Saturdays • 10am
<p><b>Prayer times</b>                  Rosary • 9.40am • Monday to Friday                  Morning Prayer • 9.40am • Saturdays</p>		


Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent		Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December St. Nicholas, Bishop		Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December St. Juan Diego (Guadalupe)	
7.00pm	Ralph & Sarah DeSouza, RiP	10.00am	Deidra McGuire, RiP	10.00am	Tim Leahy, RiP 8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December Day of Prayer for Migrants		12.10pm	James (Jack) McVicker, RiP	7.00pm	For prisoners on death row
8.00am	Maureen Power	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church		10 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent	
9.15am	People of the Parish	10.00am	✠ Funeral Mass ✠ Elizabeth Bernadette Ward, RiP	8.00am	People of the Parish
10.45am	Charles Noel, RiP 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	12.10pm	Anne Gissing, RiP	9.15am	Dulcidonia Noronha, RiP
12.15pm	Angeles Pajaribo & Maximino Gazmen, RiP	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		10.45am	Phyllis Hicks, RiP
3.00pm	Thomas Murphy	10.00am	Mr & Mrs Thomas and Bridget, RiP	12.15pm	Neslin Hicks, RiP
6.00pm	Betty Grogan, RiP	12.10pm	Bridget Mangan, Wellbeing	3.00pm	Celestine Seemanpillai, in thanksgiving and for wellbeing
6.00pm		6.00pm		6.00pm	Mr Vaghese, RiP

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church	
10.00am	Normita Barretto, RiP
12.10pm	Barbara Bailey, RiP
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December St. John Almond, Tyburn Martyr	
10.00am	✠ Funeral Mass ✠ James Patrick MacGuire, RiP
12.10pm	Otilia L Fernandes, RiP
<p><b>Parish Shop Times:</b> Sat: 6pm to 8pm * Sun: 8am to 1pm * Wed: 10.30am to 12pm &amp; First Fridays-10.30am to 3pm <b>Closed: 24<sup>th</sup> Dec &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b></p>	

Pick up **Wednesday Word**

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There are special editions for children and also see Children's Corner for Faith activities: learning by reading and colouring

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**Next weekend Second Sunday of Advent 10 Dec**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Isaiah 40  
1 – 5 & 9 – 11

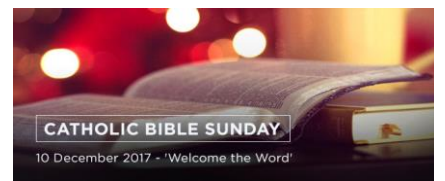
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
2 Peter 3  
8 – 14

Gospel   
**Mark 1**  
1 – 8

PARISH SURGERY  
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED



**Mondays @ 4.30pm to 7pm**  
**Thursdays @ 9.30am to 11.30am & 5pm to 6.30pm**



**CATHOLIC BIBLE SUNDAY**  
10 December 2017 - 'Welcome the Word'

**Welcome the Word**

## Eternal Rest

✠ James P MacGuire RiP  
Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10am

✠ Elizabeth B WARD RiP  
Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10am

We pray for the peaceful rest of our parishioners who have died. We remember too, their families and friends, so that their mourning is filled with the presence of Christ.

### November Deceased List

Many thanks for listing the names of the deceased and for praying for them steadfastly throughout November. A monthly Mass will continue to be said for all the deceased. May they all rest in peace.

### Parish Advent Mission 2017 Today, Sunday @ 4.30PM

#### The Beatitudes

Led by Fr. Malachy Keegan, come and find out more about the "be"-attitudes given by Our Lord in the Sermon of the Mount.

*"To be or Not to be...?"*

**Sundays @ 4.30pm**  
Parish Centre  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Ending with  
**Holy Mass @ 6pm**  
*Spread the word*  
*Bring your family*  
*and friends*  
*All are welcome*

### The Advent Season



Please collect your Parish Christmas Card which contains details of Masses & Services for Christmas and the New Year.

## Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) stmarysucm@gmail.com

The parish UCM are doing marvellous outreach work with St. Mildred's Church in Addiscombe. Pick up a flyer or see the posters in the porch area as to how a Christmas-paper wrapped shoe-box containing the items listed, can make all the difference. Kindly follow the request for specific items and hand your boxes in by 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Thank you.

Children's Bible study is **today Sunday** (3<sup>rd</sup> Dec) instantly following the end of the 9.15am Mass. The children will be looking at an animated version of "The Nativity" and have action songs with prayers.



Children's Bible Study

### Altar Servers



Well done to our new Altar Servers who have now completed 4 weeks of formation & training. Many thanks to their parents/families who have supported them. Please pray that they will serve the Lord for many years to come.

### ☑ Hold the date

Altar Servers Christmas Party  
Fri 22 Dec @ 6pm

### Parish Finance Council Mon 4 Dec @ 7pm

The newly formed Parish Finance Council will meet in the presbytery dining room this coming Monday at 7pm.

### Bible Studies & Charismatic Prayers Fridays @ 7pm All are invited & welcome – Fri 8 Dec

### Parish Pastoral Council Fri 15 Dec @ 7pm

They will next gather with the new Parish Finance Council on Fri 15 Dec @ 7pm in the Parish Centre for a joint meeting with refreshments.

### Toddlers & Children Christmas Party

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 4pm. Please could parents/helpers contact the clergy for planning and organisation.

## Parish Music 17/18

3 Dec (1st Sun of month)	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Cantor/organist Ugandan Choir Main choir & musicians
10 Dec (2nd Sun of month)	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Cantor/organist Latin Choir Main choir & musicians
17 Dec (3rd Sun of month)	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Children & Young People Latin Choir Young Adults
24 Dec (4th Sun of month)	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Children & Young People Filipino Choir Young Adults
31 Dec (5th Sun of month)	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Cantor/organist MVC (male voice) Main choir & musicians

### Christmas Music Practices

#### Children & Young People, Singers & Musicians

Parish Prayer Room  
Sat 16 Dec @ 10.30am-12pm  
Thu 21 Dec @ 11am-12.30pm  
Singing for 25 Dec

#### Latin Choir & Male Voice Choir (MVC)

Thu 21 Dec  
Parish Prayer Room  
**Times**  
7.30pm to 9pm  
MVC – singing 31 Dec  
2pm to 3.30pm  
Latin – singing 25 Dec

#### Main Choir

Sat 23 Dec  
8pm in the Church  
Singers & Musicians  
For 24 Dec into  
Midnight Mass

### Further Services & Masses with Music

**Sun 24 Dec**  
6pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass  
8pm Early Christmas Eve Mass  
11pm Parish Christmas Carol Service  
Followed by midnight Mass into Christmas Day (25 Dec)

**Mon 25 Dec Christmas Day**  
Music @ 9.15am, 10.45am & 12.15pm Masses

**Sun 31 Dec New Year's Eve**  
Adoration & Devotions @ 10pm  
Followed by midnight Mass into New Year's Day  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

## More news

### Tea & Social

A good number of our parishioners in their senior years, enjoyed a splendid tea & Christmas social, this weekend. Many thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council and team and others who rallied round to help.

### Hold the date!

The Parish Pastoral Council are pleased to present  
7-day Parish Mission  
Lent 2018  
17 Mar to 23 Mar  
Led by the Redemptorists

### Our Catholic Infant School

If you have a child starting Nursery (age 3) or Reception (age 4) in September 2018, please remember to return your completed application form (with accompanying documentation) to St Mary's Catholic Infant School office by Mon 15 Jan 2018/ Further details on 020 8688 2891.

### Catholic Education

Speak up! In 2016, the Government indicated that they would lift the 50% cap on faith admissions for new religious schools in England saying the cap was unfair to the Catholic community. The Conservative party even included a commitment to remove the cap in its manifesto. Our bishops would like as many Catholics as possible to contact the Secretary of State for Education urging her not to break the Government's promise. You can write to the Secretary of State (copying in your local MP) by clicking on this link: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/cap>



### Prayer for Migrants & Refugees

Lord Jesus

help us by your grace,  
To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;

To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;

To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

**Amen**