







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

Third Sunday of Advent ~Year B ~ 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

<p>70 Wellesley Road, Croydon CR0 2AR Tel: (020) 8688 1857 E-mail: parish@saint-mary.org.uk Website: www.saint-mary.org.uk Live internet Camera: 7am-10pm Church Opening Times: 7am-7pm</p>	 <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</p>	<p><b>Rev. Fr. Michael Scanlon</b> (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>Our Lady</b>  Fatima Devotion – First Saturdays Perpetual Succour All other Saturdays @ 12 noon</p>	<p>✠ <b>Sunday Mass times</b> ✠ 7pm (Saturday) 8am., 9.15am., 10.45am., 12.15pm., 3pm., &amp; 6pm</p> 
<p><b>Prayer times</b> Rosary • 9.40am • Monday to Friday Morning Prayer • 9.40am • Saturdays</p>		<p><b>Daily Mass times</b> Monday to Friday • 10am &amp; 12.10pm Saturdays • 10am</p>

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent		Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December		Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	
7.00pm	Deceased clergy of Croydon Deanery	10.00am	Dr. Geraldine Ng In thanksgiving and for Wellbeing	6.00pm	Children's Vigil Christmas Mass – <b>for the Children of the Parish</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December Gaudete Sunday</b>		12.10pm	Antonia Vettraino, RiP	8.00pm	Early midnight Christmas Mass – <b>Priests intentions</b>
8.00am	Peggy McGeever, RiP	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>		11.00pm	Carol Service (doors open: 10pm)
9.15am	People of the Parish	10.00am	Ignatius Fernandes, RiP	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day</b>	
10.45am	James Okoye, RiP	12.10pm	Hamilton Noronha, RiP	12.00am	People of the Parish <i>midnight</i>
12.15pm	Melba & Oscar Fernandes, private intentions	<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>		8.00am	For new born babies
3.00pm	Ivy Boutle-Martin, Anniversary	10.00am	Nancy & David Mendes, RiP	9.15am	For the sick and housebound
6.00pm	Angela Danaher, RiP	7.00pm	James Okoye, RiP	10.45am	Priests intentions
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>		12.15pm	Priests intentions
10.00am	✠Funeral Mass Pamela Albert, RiP	8.00am	Cecilia Edbuhuzor, RiP	 	
12.10pm	DaCosta Family, RiP	9.15am	James Maguire, RiP		
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>		10.45am	James Okoye, RiP		
10.00am	✠Funeral Mass Zacharia Varghese, RiP	12.15pm	For Christine Joyce	<p>PARISH SURGERY NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED</p>  <p><b>Closed: Mondays 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> Dec Thursday @ 9.30am to 11.30am &amp; 5pm to 6.30pm</b></p>	
12.10pm	In thanksgiving and for the wellbeing of Bernard & Anna Pereira, Wedding Anniversary	<p>✠ <b>Wednesday Word</b> </p> <p><b>Readings for 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><u>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</u> 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16</p> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</u> Romans 16: 25 - 27</p> <p><u>Gospel</u>  <b>Luke 1: 26 - 38</b></p>			
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>					
10.00am	Bill MacQuire, 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>			
12.10pm	Ikechukwu Okoh, in thanksgiving				

## Eternal Rest

✠ Pamela ALBERT, RiP  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10am  
Funeral Mass @ St. Mary's

✠ Zacharia VARGHESE, RiP  
Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 10am  
Funeral Mass @ St. Mary's

Your prayers are asked for those who have died and whose funerals take place this week. We offer our prayers and support to their family and friends. We also remember the anniversaries of all those who have passed away.

✠ Canon Tony Ford, RiP  
We were saddened to learn this Saturday of the death of Canon Tony, a longstanding priest of the Archdiocese. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Led by Fr. Malachy Keegan, the final gathering takes place this Sunday. We thank Fr. Malachy for the Mission and we encourage you to join us for the last gathering as we reflect on how we live the "beatitudes" from the Sermon on the Mount.

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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Parish Centre @ 4.30pm**  
**Ending with Holy Mass @ 6pm**  
*Spread the Word  
And come yourself!  
All are Welcome*

### 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

Children's Bible study follows the end of the 9.15am Mass today, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. All children and their parents are welcome. They will be joined today by other parish children & toddlers for their combined



**Christmas party.** They will sing seasonal hymns and grow in their knowledge of this Holy Season. **There will be Children's Christmas Raffle during this party.**

### Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm  
Parish Prayer Room

Many thanks to all who have donated to the Parish Advent shoe box Project to support the guests at St Mildred's Drop-In. **This weekend is the last date for handing in your boxes.** The next meeting of UCM will be at 7pm on Tuesday 19 December in the Parish Room. This will be a social event and we will be learning to fold natty, festive napkins. The group is open to all women and so this is a good opportunity to join us with a mince pie and a drink and find out a bit more about what we do. Join us and contact us via our e-mail

[stmarysucm@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysucm@gmail.com)

### Altar Servers



Christmas Party for new, and existing Altar servers, their families – including siblings. **Fri 22 Dec @ 6pm in the parish centre.** There will be a children's Christmas raffle at this party.

**Bible Studies & Charismatic Prayers Fridays @ 7pm in the Church**  
**All are invited & welcome – Fri 22 Dec**

### Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Council

Both Councils met together Friday just gone, and after the business of the evening, enjoyed a festive supper. The Councils work in tandem, but they meet separately. Both will meet up in the new year and continue to take "our Parish" into "our future". Many thanks to them all for their commitment and work which has started to make a difference.

### Parish Music 17/18

17 Dec (3rd Sun of month)	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Children & Young People Latin Choir Main Choir & musicians
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 Remaining Practices

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

Parish Prayer Room

#### Practice 2 of 2

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

### Services & Masses with Music for Christmas

#### Sun 24 Dec

6pm Children's

Vigil Christmas Mass

8pm Early Midnight

Christmas 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

#### 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. Our bishops would like as many Catholics as possible to contact the Secretary of State for Education urging that the promise be met. You can write to the Secretary of State (copying in your local MP) by clicking on this link: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/cap>

### The Holy Season



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

Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent and is known as Gaudete Sunday. The rose candle is lit to signify that we are drawing closer to Christmas.

### Note

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** is 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. The 7pm Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup> Dec) Vigil, the Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> Dec) 8am, 9.15am, 10.45am & 12.10pm Masses are all 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Masses

Also, it is a Day of Prayer for all expectant mothers. Those expecting, will be invited at the above Masses to approach the Altar for a Blessing following the end of the bidding prayers.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** is also Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses are: 6pm, 8pm, Carol Service at 11pm leading us into midnight Mass for Christmas day, Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

No Mass at 3pm

#### Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

No Mass at 3pm or 6pm

#### Your Christmas Newsletter

This will be available on 23/24 Dec and will cover 2 weeks.