



Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



SAINT MARY'S
OUR LADY OF REPARATION
WEST CROYDON

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Christmas 2017 Special Edition Newsletter

4th Sunday of Advent 24th December,

The Nativity of the Lord Monday 25th December

and The Holy Family Sunday 31st December



Sunday Mass Times

7pm (Saturday)
8am, 9.15am, 12.15pm,
3pm and 6pm

Daily Mass Times

Mon – Fri
10am & 12.10pm
Sat 10 am

Confession Times

Saturdays
10.30am -11.30am
& 6pm - 7 pm
Wednesdays
12.40pm - 1 pm
First Friday
10 am - 2 pm (and at call)

Our Lady

Rosary
Mon – Fri at 9.40am
Fatima Devotions
First Saturday
Perpetual Succour
All other Saturdays

Prayer Times

Saturdays
Morning Prayer at 9.40 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed: 12.45pm – 2pm
First Fri: 10.45am – 3pm
Sat: 10.30am – 12pm

✠ Wednesday Word ✠ for 31 Dec 2017

1st Reading

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6 & 12-14

2nd Reading

Colossians 3: 12-21

Gospel **Luke 2: 22-40**

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- **Parking:** The parish is very busy over the season with visitors and increased numbers. Please observe parking requirements keeping access ways free and only parking in the permitted areas. Please remember to leave disabled bays for blue badge holders and remember both people on foot, emergency vehicles and the clergy need unblocked access ways.
- **Safeguarding:** Parents and carers of children need to accompany their children and young people and vulnerable adults around the Church.
- **Security:** Please look after your belongings and let the clergy know of anything that might be a concern.

☺ Thankyou ☺

Mary, you have known the ineffable joy of a holy motherhood; give expectant mothers a heart that can transmit an ardent, living faith.



Sanctify their waiting, bless their joyful hope that is in them, grant that the fruit of their wombs may open out in virtue and in holiness through your working with that of your divine Son.

Amen



Christmas Masses

Sun 24th Dec

is 4th Sunday of Advent.

7pm Vigil Saturday

(Dec 23rd)

Sunday (Dec 24th)

8am, 9.15am, 10.45am & 12.15pm Masses

All the above are 4th Sunday of Advent Masses

Sun 24th Dec 2017

No Mass at 3pm

Sun 24th Dec

is also Christmas Eve Christmas Mass Times

6pm, 8pm, 11pm Carol

Service leading us

into midnight Mass

for Christmas Day,

Mon Dec 25th

Mon 25th Dec 2017

Mass times on Christmas Day

8am, 9.15am,

10.45am & 12.15pm

No Mass at 3pm or 6pm



Christmas Message from Fr. Michael



Peace be with you! May the Infant Jesus be born again in your hearts and in the hearts of all your loved ones.

This last year has seen many amazing events, practical and spiritual in the life of this our Parish which is consistently, 2,000 strong in parishioners and Mass-goers. We have seen the numbers increase in recent years and over recent blessed occasions such as the Padre Pio weekend, the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the additional Masses to seek the intercession of the Saints together with important Feast occasions such as Divine Mercy Sunday. These, and the many other occasions of prayer together with our regular devotions, like the Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, have brought countless spiritual benefits to the Parish community and we thank God unceasingly and Our Lady, the Mother of our Parish, to whose Immaculate Heart this Parish was earlier this year, along with our three parish schools, consecrated.

Days rich in blessings ! We have had many infant and toddler Baptisms. A wonderful number of children for First Holy Communion and First Confession. Many of our young people became soldiers for Christ when they received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have been delighted by the numbers for the Sacrament of Marriage and we have prepared them for marriages both here in the Parish and overseas. Our First Friday Anointing of the Sick, continues to be very special, welcoming people from across the Diocese which sees many joining with us in person with their carers and via the internet so that they come to know that the Lord is with them in all their suffering. There have been many healings bodily, in mind and most importantly spiritually. We thank Heaven for all these healings. Our Ministry to the sick is very important to us as priests and as a parish.

As we ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of the Jesus, on a sad note, we remember those who have died. Well over 40 parishioners together with clergy such as our dear friend, Fr. Andrew Fernandes, who lived out their lives of Faith, have passed away this year. Many more have died amongst our extended families and communities. I myself lost my brother Larry and many of you have lost grandparents, parents, siblings, cousins, in-laws and other family members, both here at home and abroad. We continue to pray for their peaceful rest and assure those who grieve, of our prayers and sympathetic support.

Our prayers were answered when the set-backs with our Parish Centre, were overcome with the policy paying out and the remedial works getting underway swiftly so that we could actually start to use it. I'm sure you'll agree, that it is a very pleasing venue giving us lots of activity and space for parish life and helping out with Deanery and Diocesan events. There is still some work to do, so please bear with us !

Our Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council and Youth Council are now starting to take shape with their contributions becoming evident as we all walk towards "Our Parish, Our Future". Part of this is our schools with whom we have a good relationship. Congratulations to the students and staff and all the school communities who have gone from strength to strength; we continue to pray for their ongoing success.

This is also a chance to thank each and everyone of you for the contributions you make to the running of the Parish, from the very practical to the Liturgical. I thank you for your prayers, kindness and support for me and my fellow clergy, Fr. Celestine, Fr. Mark and Deacon Vincent, whose help, wisdom and support, I am grateful for.

I want us to move into 2018 together. It will be another year of grace and blessing with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool – "Adoremus" and the Holy Father's visit to Dublin for the **World Meeting of Families**. These two very important events in the life of the Church in the UK, will be celebrated in the heart of our own Parish Mission. From 17th March, the Redemptorists will lead us in a week-long Mission as we celebrate in unity, the special events of the year.

May the Lord bless your life on earth. May it make a difference to many.
 May your witness to the one true Faith
 open the doors of the Heart of Divine Mercy to bless you, strengthen you, encourage you.
 He is The Lord with Our Lady of Bethlehem.
 May your family home become a house of prayer.

Merry Christmas and Thank you... Fr. Michael Scanlon

Announcements

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 Masses

With Music

Music @ 9.15am, 10.45am &
12.15pm

Sun 31 Dec

New Year's Eve

31 Dec (5th Sun of month)	9.15am 10.45am 12.15pm	Cantor /organist MVC (male voice) Main choir & musicians
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Adoration

& Devotions @ 10pm

Followed by Midnight Mass
into New Year's Day
Monday 1st January 2018

 *save
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

Peaceful Rest

✠ May BREEN, RiP
Rose NICHOLSON, RiP
(details to be confirmed)

and

Deceased Diocesan Clergy

Canon Tony Ford

Fr. Roy Dustan

Fr. Peter Madden

Fr. Kevin Pelham

Please remember our parishioners and Diocesan Clergy who have died. Fr. Peter and Fr. Kevin are both past priests of this parish. May the Angels lead them all into Paradise. To their families and friends and the communities who mourn them, we offer our heartfelt sympathies and all our support during these tender times.

As the year draws to a close, we will be bringing to prayer our many parishioners who have passed away in 2017. If you have a close family member who died this year, either here or abroad or whose funeral took place elsewhere, please let us have the name and surname in printed form by next weekend (am). We will aim to add their names to the list we intend to read out during our **Adoration & Devotions of Sun 31st Dec at 10pm which then takes us into midnight Mass for New Year's Day, 1st January 2018.**

PARISH SURGERY



**Closed: Mondays 25th & 1st Jan
Thursday @ 9.30am to 11.30am
& 5pm to 6.30pm**

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

stmarysucm@gmail.com

7pm Parish Prayer Room

Tue 19 Jan 2017

Many thanks to those who provided 'shoe box' presents for the homeless and vulnerable guests who will be visiting St Mildred's for lunch on Christmas Day. Over 60 colourful boxes were delivered to the church on Wednesday. St Mildred's have asked us to pass on their thanks to the parish for your support and generosity as each guest will receive a gift from us this Christmas. We hope you had as much fun as we did searching for things useful, fun and a bit special to include in your box. The UCM are looking forward to working together with St Mildred's again next year including supporting them at Easter. More details about that next year. We would really like to hear your ideas for future projects so please email us or come along to our next meeting.



for the holiday

**Bible Studies &
Charismatic Prayers**

Fridays @ 7pm

In the Church

Closed 29th Dec 2017

Re-starts 5th Jan 2018

RCIA 2017/18

(Journey in Faith)

**FOR THOSE SEEKING TO
BECOME CATHOLIC**

Wednesdays @ 7.30pm

Closed 27th Dec 2017

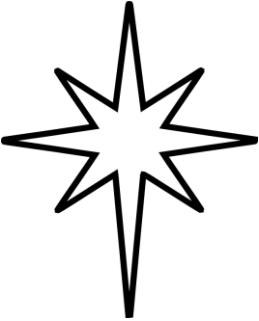


Re-starts 10th Jan 2018

Parish Shop Times: Sat: 6pm to 8pm & Sun: 8am to 1pm

Wed: 10.30am to 12pm & First Fridays-10.30am to 3pm

Closed: 24th Dec & 25th Dec

Mass Intentions

2017		Tuesday 26th December St. Stephen, First Martyr		Sunday 31st December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
Saturday 23rd December 4th Sunday of Advent		10.00am Dulciconia Noronha, RiP			
7.00pm	James Okoye, RiP	11.00am	Church closed	8.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday 24th December 4th Sunday of Advent		Wednesday 27th December St. John the Evangelist		9.15am	All victims of suicide
8.00am	Cecilia Edbuhuzor, RiP	10.00am	Sapiencia Noronha, RiP	10.45am	Jack & Dorothy Stokoe, RiP
9.15am	James Maguire, RiP	12.10pm	Mrs Ubaldina F X De Souza, RiP	12.15pm	Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, in thanksgiving Shereen ^(Sherry) Thompson, RiP
10.45am	James Okoye, RiP			3.00pm	
12.15pm	For Christine Joyce				
Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve		Thursday 28th December The Holy Innocents		6.00pm	Maria Rosiau, in thanksgiving Devotions & Adoration to welcome the New Year <i>(doors open: 9pm)</i> <i>Leading into midnight Mass to</i>
6.00pm	Children's Vigil Christmas Mass for the Children of the Parish	10.00am	Dan Joe Cullony, RiP	10.00pm	
		12.10pm	Mr & Mrs Reneaux, 25 th Wedding Anniversary in thanksgiving		
8.00pm	Early midnight Christmas Mass – Priests intentions	 <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><i>Today a Saviour</i> <i>has been</i> <i>born to us;</i> <i>He is Christ the Lord</i></p>		2018	
				Monday 1st January Holy Mary, Mother of God	
11.00pm	Carol Service <i>(doors open: 10pm)</i> <i>Leading into midnight Mass</i>			12.00am <i>midnight</i>	People of the Parish
Monday 25th December The Nativity of Our Lord				10.00am	Private intentions
				12.00pm	Priests intentions
				1.15pm	Church closed
12.00am <i>Midnight</i>	People of the Parish	Friday 29th December St. Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr			
8.00am	For new born babies	10.00am	Elfreda D'Souza, wellbeing		
		12.10pm	The De Oliveira Family, RiP		
9.15am	For the sick and housebound	Saturday 30th December			
10.45am	For Priests intentions	10.00am	Maureen Donoghue's intention		
12.15pm	For Priests intentions	7.00pm	Clarence Gomes and his family, RiP		

