



# St Mary's Catholic Church Clapham

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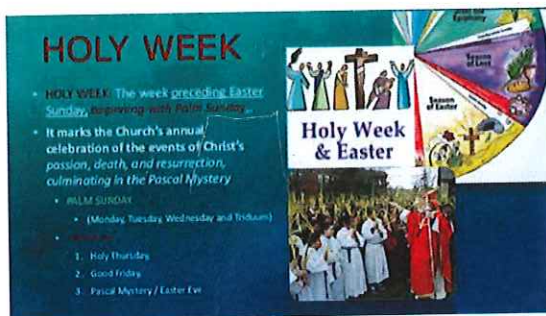
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Sunday Mass Times: 5.30pm (Sat Vigil), 8am, 10am, 12 noon  
Portuguese Mass: Sunday 5.30pm. Chaplain Fr Marcos Pinto 020 7587 0881  
Weekday Masses: 7am and 12.30pm Saturday Masses: 9.30am and 12.30pm  
Confessions on Saturday 10am-10.30am, 4.45-5.15pm, 6.30-7pm, 7.30pm  
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Succour (Help) every Saturday at 7pm

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

With Palm Sunday we now enter more deeply into the paschal mystery of the Lord's passion. At no other time does the church take us on a journey that is both traumatic and exhilarating. With the reading of Matthew's Passion today we are preparing ourselves for the week that lies ahead.



The liturgy is quite distinctive this weekend, as we have a liturgy that begins on Thursday evening and doesn't finish until Saturday night. **One liturgy that last three days!** Mass begins on Thursday evening in the normal way however it does not end like a normal mass, no blessing is given, nor is there a dismissal. On Thursday we are invited to "watch and pray" just like the disciples in the garden. Then on Friday the celebrant just appears, there are no bells to announce his arrival, in silence he just appears.

The Passion of the Lord is then celebrated with solemn dignity and then again in silence all those on the sanctuary leave, and here notice, no blessing is given nor is there a dismissal. When we get to Saturday night there is an air of expectancy. The priest appears and so the the liturgy continues but now with a joyous aspect obviously present. Once we get to the end of this liturgy then priest dismisses us with great aplomb - it would seem inappropriate to spell it out here! **One liturgy - three days!** This is the high point of Lent, this is what the past few weeks have been leading to; make sure you don't miss any of it!

Peace! Fr Richard Reid CSsR PP

**Office Hours** for the Parish Office are **10am - 1.30pm** and **2.30pm - 6pm**. To make contact directly with **the parish secretary**, phone **0207 501 3961**

**No Parish Surgery** during Easter Week

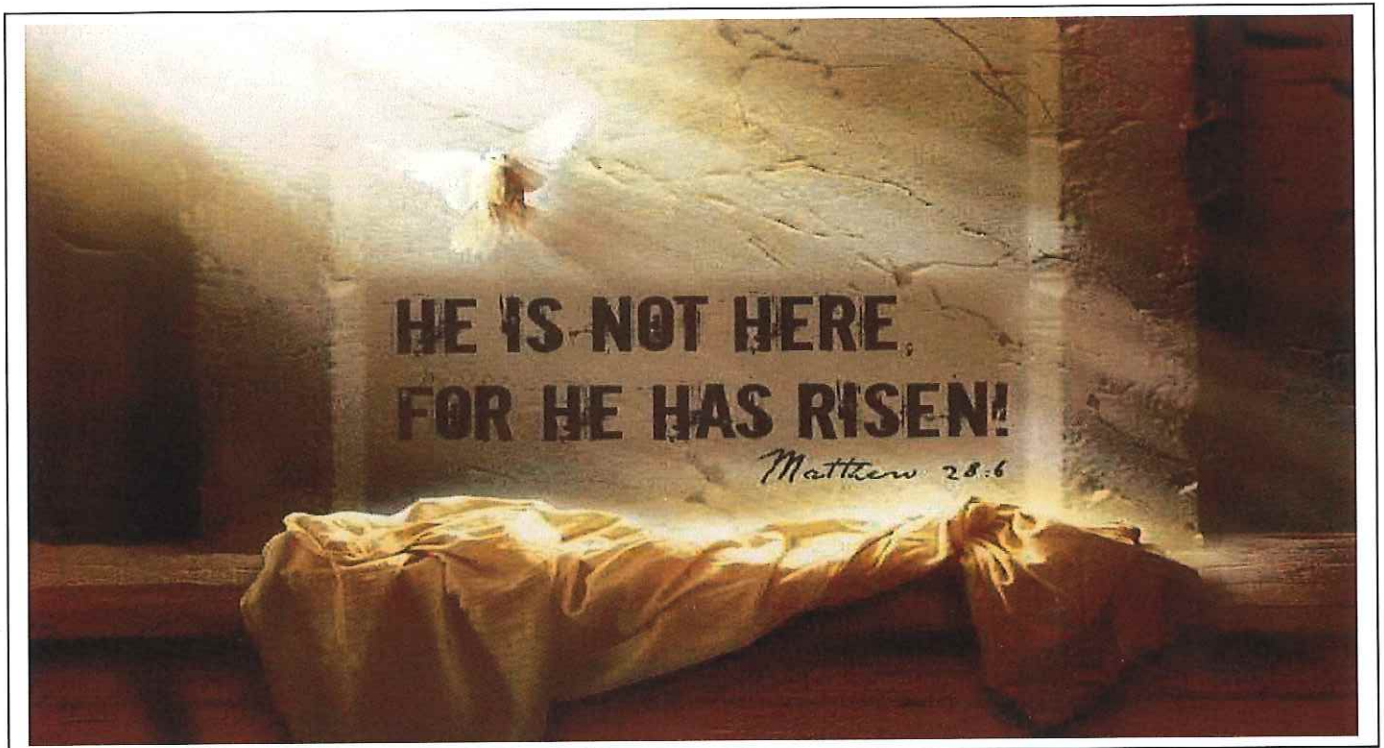
**Your financial contribution** last Sunday  
Gift Aid £635.63   Loose Plate £1,481.39

Please pray for all those who are sick.  
Please pray for those who have died recently  
– Donna Meade *Heade*  
Please pray for those whose anniversary  
occur at this time – Martine and Albert Ford

**No 7am mass this Easter week**

**Easter Celebration of Mass Mon –  
Fri 12.30pm**

**Normal mass timetable resumes  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**



**SURREXIT DOMINUS VERE, ALLELUIA!**

**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΛΗΘΩΣ !**

**THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN!**