



# St Mary's Catholic Church Clapham

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Sunday Mass Times: 5.30pm (Sat Vigil), 8am, 10am, 12 noon  
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  
Portuguese Mass: Sunday 5.30pm. Chaplain 020 7587 0881

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people of his own,  
so that you may announce the praises  
of Him who called you out of darkness  
into his wonderful light.*



1 Peter 2:9

With our London background we have no difficulty identifying with **royalty!** Today is the day when we remember and acknowledge that Jesus is the highest quality and the fairest example of what it means to be royal and what it is to reign over us all.

As King of the Universe, we all bow before him and we all recognise that we are united in the one, barrier free Kingdom of God. On this feast day let us ask ourselves what more might we do to **build up** the Kingdom of God.

During the week there was a small fire in the hall, with four fire engines to bring it under control! No one was hurt, thanks be to God, and we are grateful to the **Fire Services** for their brave work. However this further leaves the hall in a bad state. Offer a prayer for the hall! Many of you already know the **Little Sisters of the Poor** down by the Oval. This order of nuns do a fantastic and dedicated work for the Lord by looking after our elderly loved ones. The Sisters will speak at the end of the masses this weekend. Let us make sure that we give them a warm and generous welcome. You might be further interested to know that one of our parishioners has joined the Sisters at the beginning of this year!

Peace, Fr Richard Reid CSsR, Rector & Parish Priest

**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**

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**Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them?  
Then we need you to make your voice heard.**

**The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.**

**Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.**

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**Please pray for all those who are sick:**

Patrick Jarrett, Elaine Jarrett, Theresa Hunt,  
Sr Chris Fealey FMDM, Mary Donellan DHS,  
John Jackson, Breeda Bell, Christopher Kanu,  
Sharon Davies, Pat Howard, Betty Walsh,  
Fr George, Br Thomas and  
Fr Terry Creech CSsR

**Those who have died recently**

Sue Murray, Joe Teethy, Patrick Turner and  
Margaret Taheny

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Dame Grace Mensa Bonsu, Racheal Teyinaro  
Olley (nee Ofuya), Nick Foley, Michelle Innis and  
Vanjee Carpanen

**Your financial contribution** last Sunday

Gift Aid: £325.55 Loose Plate: £900.55

Thanks for your generosity

**During Advent there will be no flowers on any  
of the altars.**

**Parish Christmas Meal**

After last year's huge success the Parish  
Christmas Meal will be held in the Monastery at  
1.30 pm on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are  
available from the Parish Office. Price - £25  
including wine and £12.50 for children under  
12 yrs old. Menus are now on the notice boards.  
There is a vegetarian option – please inform us if  
this is your choice.

**26<sup>th</sup> November – 3.00 pm**

Join us in praying the Rosary, to save the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Amendment in Ireland which protects unborn  
babies. Led by Peter Sullivan

**Advent Extra!** This publication is available help  
you through the holy Season of Advent. It is  
priced at £2.50 – an utter steal!

**New Liturgical Year** begins next week  
with the Season of Advent.

**Parish Surgery** will be Mon, 27<sup>th</sup> November  
- 4-6 pm. The next Parish Surgery will be  
Mon, 4<sup>th</sup> December. Come along and see one  
of the Priests – no appointment necessary.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor**, where Brother  
Thomas is living, will be coming this weekend  
to talk to us and, hopefully, raise some money!

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

If you are curious or do indeed want to  
become a Catholic, email the parish office.  
The first of our RCIA meetings will take place  
on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November in the Monastery  
at 7.00 pm and will finish at 8.00 pm.

All are most welcome, whether you be an  
enquirer starting from scratch (!) or a  
parishioner who wants to learn more or wants  
to share their knowledge and experience.

**Zimbabwe**

Thank you for your prayers last week for  
Zimbabwe. I am sure the country will continue  
to appreciate our prayerful support.

**Brother Benjamin Feeding Project**

Wondering what to buy for Christmas for that  
person who has everything?

Support **Brother Benjamin Feeding Project**.

This is how it works -you buy a card, which  
can be used as a Christmas card and also as  
a gift at Christmas. The suggested offering  
for this gift is £10 (but please feel free to give  
more!) which is enough to buy maize for a  
family for a month. The money can be used,  
however, for other projects such as the long-  
term feeding scheme or adult literacy.

The Redemptorists are enormously grateful for  
your care and concern for those less fortunate  
than ourselves

**First Reconciliation**

Please note the date of the First  
**Reconciliation** has been changed to **3<sup>rd</sup>  
December**. The children will be given the  
details in the First Holy Communion Class.