



St Mary's Catholic Church Clapham

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Rector and Parish Priest: Fr Richard Reid CSsR **Curate:** Fr David Raju CSsR
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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

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

So far we have lit three candles, each one representing -
Hope, Faith and Joy.

Today we light the fourth candle, the angel's candle and it
represents **PEACE**, reminding us of the message of the
angels - *Peace on earth, goodwill towards all people.*
Very shortly we will celebrate the birth of a baby who
comes to us as **Prince of Peace.**
Not long now...!



A word of thanks needs to go to the children of our primary school, St Mary's, as they worked extremely hard in preparing their nativity plays and carol concerts. They did the school proud and they are a real credit to their parents. Well done Children!

Just so you know, your offering at the Christmas Masses will be your gift to the Redemptorists. They are at Christmas Eve, 6.30pm for the Children, 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass. Christmas Day at 8am, 10am, and 12 noon.

This is the last day of our preparation for Christ's birth. Enjoy the last few moments with a time of prayerful silence - waiting with quiet and hopeful expectancy!

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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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, Thomas Mannion, Fr George, Br Thomas, Fr Terry Creech CSsR, Norah Callaghan, Valerie Prantis, Tony Spargo and Patrick Kilkenny

Those who have died recently

Nicola Tootilliam

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary King, Michael Kearns Snr.

Your financial contribution last Sunday

Gift Aid: £431.56 Loose Plate: £1,004.78

Thanks for your generosity

Dates for your Diary

31st Dec – New Year's Eve Mass at **10 pm**

5th Jan. – St John Neumann

7th Jan – Br Royston speaking to the Young Catholic Adults

8th-12th Jan – Redemptorist Province Meeting in Perth (Scotland).

15th Jan – Young Catholic Adults Meeting

26th Jan – Volunteers Evening, Mass at 7pm

The Christmas Crib Collection

This year the money collected will be given to the Southwark Crisis Fund which is managed by the Catholic Children's Society.

Gift for Fr David

The collection towards the cost of the materials and posting of the Parish's gift of the icon for Fr David raised £545.

Thank you all for your generosity.

The office will be closed until 3rd January, 2018.

Parish Surgery – There will be no Surgery on Mon. 25th Dec. or Mon. 1st and 8th Jan. The next will be Mon. 15th Jan, 2018.

If you need to speak to a priest, call and make an appointment

7 am Mass

Please note there will be no Mass at 7 am on weekdays until Monday, 8th January.

Prayer cards for **ADOREMUS** 7th – 9th September. The Bishops of England and Wales have decided to hold a Eucharistic Congress in September. The focus will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for everyone in the Church. Take home a prayer card and please pray for our deeper understanding and love of the Eucharist. Delegates from our parish will be going to the Congress in September – pray for them also!

New Year's Eve Mass 10pm

Let us gather to give thanks to God for the Year that has passed and to ask God to bless the Year that is to come, in the form of 2018.

Mass at 10pm – ensuring that everyone will get home for the New Year's beginning!

Young People, the Faith & Vocational Discernment – Listening Church

The cut-off date for filling out the Vatican Synod Survey is 31st Dec. Young people and young adults are encouraged to complete the survey to ensure their voice is heard. The suggested format is available to download from the website

scy.org.uk/synod

Holy Masses at Christmas

4th Sunday of Advent

Sat 5.30pm Vigil,

Sun, 8am, 10am, 12noon.

Christmas Masses Sunday Night

6.30pm **Children's Vigil**

11.30pm **Carols and Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day, 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon