



St Mary's Catholic Church Clapham

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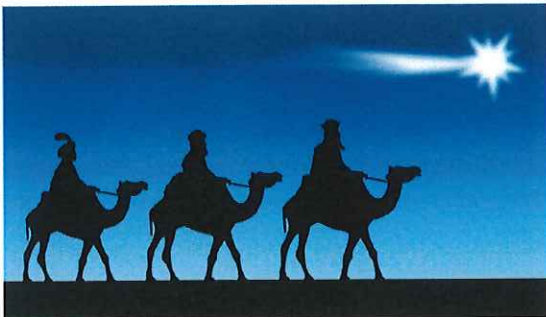
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Sunday Mass Times: 5.30pm (Sat Vigil), 8am, 10am, 12 noon
Weekday Masses: 7am and 12.30pm Saturday Masses: 9.30am and 12.30pm
Confessions on Saturday 10am-10.30am, 4.45-5.15pm, 6.30-7pm, 7.30pm
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Succour (Help) every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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 2018



The first thing I want to say in this New Year is **Thank you.** Simply I want to express my gratitude for the many good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts you gave to the monastery. However I also want to say thank you for the way in which you participated in such huge crowds to the last mass of 2017 and then the first Mass of 2018 in honour of Mary the Holy Mother of God. **Your faith and your participation is an inspiration!** Please remember this especially when sometimes you may be wondering why you bother!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the **Epiphany of the Lord.** We can see the three "magi" or wise ones looking very elegant on their luxurious camels! However let us think about it, if they were that satisfied with their riches and fine possessions what on earth are they doing following a star? Their belief lets them see - and indeed us - that there is more to this earth than meets the eye. There is more to the here and now that we can appreciate. Following the star is their sure way to bow down and worship the king. **Let us make sure that we know which star we follow and why.**

Monday is also the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord.** With this feast we end the season of Christmas and return to Ordinary time. Try and come along to celebrate this wonderful feast.

Have a joy filled week. Peace, Fr Richard Reid CSsR, Rector and 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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7am Mass back to normal and will be celebrated from Monday 8th of Jan 2018.

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

Those who have died recently

Nicola Tootiliam

Your financial contribution last Sunday
Gift Aid: £426.22 Loose Plate: £1,151.16
Thanks for your generosity.

Soul Food

Catholic charismatic prayer group for young adults presents:

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Every Thursday 7-9 pm from 18th January – 22 February, 2018.

All welcome – please see notice boards for further information.

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL HAMMERSMITH – The Governing Body is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for entry in September 2019 (Year 7 and Sixth Form). The admission arrangements are available to view on the School's website:
www.sacredhearhigh.org.uk.

The consultation period is from **Tuesday, 19th December 2017 to Tuesday, 30th January 2018**. Please address any comments in writing to Mrs A. Dijkhuis, Clerk to the Governors, Sacred Heart High School, 212 Hammersmith Road, London W6 7DG or by e-mail to adijkhuis@sacredh.lbhf.sch.uk

Parish Surgery will be Mon, 15 January. - 4-6 pm. Come along and see one of the Priests – no appointment necessary. There will be no Surgery on 8th Jan.

Br Royston CSsR will speak at all the masses today to advertise a new group that is starting in the parish for **Your Catholic Adults** who will have the opportunity to network, socialise, pray and discuss all things, but specifically within the guidelines of their Catholic Faith. The meeting will begin **next Monday the 15th** at 7pm in the St Clement's Room in the Monastery.

There will be a meeting for the **Redemptorists of the London Province** this week in Kinnoull, Perth, Scotland. This means that Frs. Richard, Charlie and Michael will be away from Mon to Fri. Fear not though as the Parish will be served by the very capable Fr Brendan Keane CSsR from our Irish Province. Please give him a mighty St Mary's welcome!

People have been asking me about how to **pray for Vocations**, so here is a lovely prayer
O God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe. I join him in praying for labourers for your harvest. May your Holy Spirit inspire men and women to continue his mission through your priesthood, diaconate, religious life and lay ministry. May this same Spirit make known your will for my life.

Please pray especially for Vocations to the Redemptorists and for the Archdiocese of Southwark

