



# St Mary's Catholic Church, Clapham

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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

## First Sunday of Lent (B) 2018

There are many wonderful things happening at the moment - especially last Friday evening when we remembered our **War Dead**. A special word of **thanks** to **Br Christopher** for the effort and work he put into the event. Thanks also to everyone who took part in the ceremony and those who attended; it really was terrific.

*We will remember them.*

There is also an opportunity to **bid** in our **private auction...** do you fancy sailing on a tall ship for two people for a day worth £400? A Navy or Army Rugby shirt? A tour of the English Whisky Distillery? Lots and lots more!

There are lots of good, holy and spiritual things going on here in the Church. As a parish it dawned on me that we ought to be a **tad more practical**. Do you think we could raise enough money during Lent to buy a **defibrillator**? A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. Over the next few weeks - if you can - put money in an envelope with the word "DEFIB" written on it.

Just a thought.

Spent this week wisely.  
Fr Richard Reid CSsR  
Rector & Parish Priest

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

**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:**

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, Nolabelle Mary Petty, Kevin Kelly, Baby Michael Harney, Louise Cox-O'Keefe, Fr George, Br Thomas and Fr Terry Creech CSsR

**Those who have died recently**

Billy Connaughton, Alice De-Jesus, Catalyn Flanagan, Patricia Donnelly, Eileen Scanlon, Margaret Machiewicz, Caroline Coleman, Barney Connelly, Bernard Harte, Jerry Hourigan, Michael McDonagh and John Wirnsberger

**Sad to say**, John, son of our Sacristan, Lourdes Wirnsberger, died at the age of 49 on Ash Wednesday. Requiem Mass held at 12.30 pm on Sat, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Mary Sheehy, Patrick Sheehy, Alexander McQueen and Marie Pereira

**Your financial contribution** last Sunday

Gift Aid: £452.65 Loose Plate: £1,003.60

Thanks for your generosity.

**Dates for your Diary**

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – CAFOD Fast Day

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Mar – St David's Day

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – CTiC Service – here!

**Pancake Sunday** – Thanks to all who helped cook and serve pancakes last Sunday. They were thoroughly enjoyed by all!

**Parish Surgery** – Mon., 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4-6 pm. Come along and see one of the priests. No appointment necessary. The next Parish Surgery will be 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**CAFOD**

There will be a talk at all Masses this weekend about CAFOD and the work they do.

CAFOD Fast Day is 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Please see the poster on the notice boards.

**Remembrance Service for War Dead**

This service was held on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February and was a great success. Congratulations and thanks go to Brother Chris whose idea it was and who organised the whole thing.

**New – Lent Extra**

The Lent Extra booklet is now on sale - £2.50.

It's full of interesting articles, with daily reflections for the Lent period.

**RCIA** – Congratulations to our RCIA candidates who took the next step along their path to reception into the Catholic Church on Saturday at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

**Young Catholic Adults Group** – The next meeting will be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm. If you are under 35 and interested in meeting other young Catholics in the area please come along to the meeting.

**St Mary's Almanac & Book of Facts, 2018**

If you haven't yet received a copy of this interesting booklet, please do pick up one from the table at the back of the church.

**Lent 2018 St Mary's Parish SW4**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar Women's World Day of Prayer**  
(Clapham Baptist Church)

**Fridays of Lent** 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16, 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar –  
**Stations of the Cross** 7 pm

**Wednesdays of Lent** 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>  
– **Evening Mass for Lent** 7 pm

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Parish Day of Recollection – 9.30  
am-3.30 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – CAFOD Speaker  
at all Masses

CTiC Lenten Service Wk 1 – St James Church,  
Park Hill

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** - 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – CTiC Lenten Service  
Wk 2 – Christ Church

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** – 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – CTiC Lenten Service  
Wk 3 – St Mary's

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Laetare  
CTiC Lenten Service Wk 4 – Orthodox 6.30 pm  
(St Peter's. Clapham Manor Street)

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – 18 Mar – CTiC Lenten Service  
Wk 5 – Church of the Holy Spirit

**Palm Sunday** – 25<sup>th</sup> Mar

CTiC Palm Sunday Service – Methodist Church  
(Clapham High Street)

**Holy Week begins ....**

**Wednesday** – Chrism Mass – 10.30 am –  
St, George's Cathedral

**Holy Thursday** – Mass of Lord's Supper – 7 pm

**Good Friday** – Morning Prayer 10 am,  
3 pm Service, Stations of the Cross - 7pm

**Holy Saturday** - Morning Prayer 10 am and  
**Easter Vigil** 8 pm

**Easter Sunday** – Masses 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon