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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 Fr Gabriel 020 7587 0881

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) 2018

The liturgy starts off telling us to rejoice! The church recognises that we do take this time of Lent very seriously and as such is telling us to lighten up a bit this Sunday, more commonly called - **Laetare** Sunday. Make sure that we are **people of joy** today and not grumpy miseries that will put people off religion and Lent.

The Eucharistic adoration that we had in St Mary's at the invitation of our Holy Father was very beautiful indeed. So many people and so many of our **young** people came to **pray and adore** during the 24 hours of exposition. To see such mighty devotion was indeed humbly **impressive**.

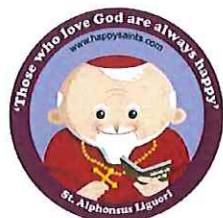
Let us not forget the today is **Mothering Sunday**. Mothers are very precious beings whether they are now dead or alive. If your mother is still here with us then be sure to reach out to her today and say, thank you. To those of you who are mothers, **we salute you!**

A special word of thanks goes to my Redemptorist brothers who facilitated and led the **Parish Day of Recollection**. It was a wonderful and spiritual success. Thanks to those of you who took part in the day.

The parish is going to buy a **Defibrillator** if we raise the money for this Lenten project. So far quite a bit of money has come in, and we know that there is a few more weeks of Lent to go. If you want to make a donation, put it in an envelope with the word "Defibr" written on it.

On Wednesday **Pope Francis** made some wonderful news concerning those who are to be **canonised**, they include Blessed Pope **Paul VI**, and Blessed **Oscar Romero**. However there is more news that concerns us! There is to be a new **Venerable Redemptorist** who is on the way to Canonisation and he is Venerable **Bernard Lubienski** CSsR. Many of you will not know his name, however he is a "**Clapham boy**" as he was a member of this community. He was also a member of this Redemptorist Province for 12 years, before he went back to his home land and re-founded the Redemptorists in Poland (St. Clement founded there originally in Poland). Needless to say the Redemptorists all over the world are delighted by this, but even more so are the **Redemptorists here and in Poland**. There is a good film about the Venerable **Bernard Lubienski** and it will be shown in the parish soon.

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:

Theresa Hunt, Sr Chris Fealey FMDM, Mary Donellan DHS, John Jackson, Breeda Bell, Christopher Kanu, Sharon Davies, Pat Howard, Betty Walsh, Norah Callaghan, Valerie Prantis, Tony Spargo, Nolabelle Mary Petty, Kevin Kelly, Baby Michael Harney, Louise Cox-O'Keefe, Elma McGoldrick, Jean Bourg, Fr George, Br Thomas and Fr Terry Creech CSsR

Those who have died recently

Alice De-Jesus, Margaret Machiewicz, John Wirnsberger, Maureen O'Connor, Thomas Mannion, Francella Williams, Mary Kenny, Annie Conneely, Rosemary Ziehl, William Leahy, Mary O'Kelly and Barbara Finety

Funeral Masses

12.30 Mon 12th Mar – Margaret Machiewicz
12.30 Tues 20th Mar – Maria Alice De Jesus
12.30 Wed 21st Mar – Francella Williams

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Tony Kearney, Daniel Michael Ely, Patrick Brennan and Fr Tom Heneghan

Lourdes Wirnsberger and family would like to express their thanks to all those who sent cards

Your financial contribution last Sunday
Gift Aid: £366.90 Loose Plate: £1,062.37
Thanks for your generosity.

Dates for your Diary

15th Mar – St Clement Hofbauer
Sat 17th Mar – St Patrick's Day
Mon 19th Mar – St Joseph

Ace of Clubs have a new Spring Wish List. Please see notice board for requested items.

Volunteers are also needed for the Ace of Clubs shops both in Clapham and Balham. If you can spare a couple of hours a week please look at the notice board for further details.

Children's Liturgy & First Holy Communion Class

For health & safety reasons please make sure that you, or another responsible adult, are in the vicinity of the church while your child is attending these sessions.

Parish Surgery – Mon 12th Mar 4-6 pm. Come along and see one of the priests. No appointment necessary. The next Parish Surgery will be 19th Mar

We are pleased to announce that Fr Caspar Mukabva CSsR from Zimbabwe will be joining us as soon as the paperwork is sorted!

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage
St George's Cathedral – 16th June 2018

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend this Celebration Mass, please give your names in to the office as soon as possible so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.

On 25th March, tea & coffee after 10am Mass will be transformed into the **Palm Sunday Pop Up Café**, serving cakes, savouries, hot chocolate, tea & coffee!

ALL proceeds will go towards the St Mary's Defibrillator Fund ... and so we are looking for some kind bakers to help Any modest cakes/savoury contributions will be very welcome. If you can help, please contact the office and they will put you in touch with the organisers.

Donations – If you'd like to make a donation please contact the Parish Office or use the details below. If you are a UK tax payer you can fill in a Gift Aid form (available at the entrance to the church, on the website of from the Parish Office), we can claim back 25p on every £1 you donate. THANKS in advance!

For St Mary's Parish Church (admin, heating, etc)
Name: St Mary's Church A/c No. 10826103;
Sort Code: 20-21-78 Bank: Barclays Ref: Your name

For our Redemptorists' living costs
Name: Congregation of Most Holy Redeemer,
Clapham A/c Reg Charity A/c No: 08554145
Sort Code: 60-00-01 Bank: NatWest
Ref: Your name and Redemptorists' living costs

We are delighted to have with us celebrating the Feast of St Clement, **Bishop-Elect** Raymond Mupandasekwa CSsR, the new Bishop of Chinoyi, Zimbabwe and Fr Provincial.

Finance Meeting this Tuesday the 13th March.

Lent 2018 St Mary's Parish SW4

Fri of Lent 16th, 23rd Mar **Way of the Cross** 7 pm

Wed of Lent 14th 21st **Evening Mass** 7 pm

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

5th Sunday – 18th Mar – CTiC Lenten Service
Wk 5 – Church of the Holy Spirit

Palm Sunday – 25th Mar
CTiC Palm Sunday Service – Methodist Church

Holy Week begins

Wed – Chrism Mass – 10.30 am –
St, George's Cathedral

Holy Thurs – 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 Sun – Masses 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon