

St Mary's Catholic Church Clapham

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Sunday Mass Times: 5.30pm (Sat Vigil), 8am, 10am, 12 noon
Portuguese Mass: Sunday 5pm. 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 Help every Saturday at 7pm

The Baptism of the Lord 11th January 2015

Congratulations to Fr Charles Corrigan, C.Ss.R.



Rector and Parish Priest of St Mary's from 1981 to 1987 and now again our Rector here, Fr Charles celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, 10 January, 2015, in Glasgow. Fr Charles will be back in Clapham for our celebration in the Parish next Saturday, 17 January. There will be a Jubilee Mass at 12.30pm followed by a glass of wine reception in the Monastery. All welcome.

Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Sr Chris Fealy FMDM, John Rossiter, Frank Griffith, Joanna Elliott, Christina Kraffit, Deirdre Wetheral, John McGuckin, John Redmond, Edith, David Gillett, Frank Fitzpatrick.

Those who have died recently: Ugo Gardin, Maria Scozzari, Philip Smyth, Concetta Borg, Sean Shinnars.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Heneghan, Janina Gaczol.

Prayer Intention: That the Baptism of the Lord will be an opportunity for each one of us to renew our commitment to follow Christ faithfully - day by day.

Exposition of the **Blessed Sacrament** - opportunity for quiet prayer in the Transept from 2pm to 7pm

Funeral Mass for Ugo Gardin, RIP, Friday, 16 January, 11am.

Funeral Mass for Philip Smyth, RIP, Monday, 19 January, 12.30pm.

Parish Surgeries with Fr Michael - no appointment needed on the following days:
Wednesday, 14 January, 2015, 4-6pm
Wednesday, 21 January, 4-6pm

Last week's collection:

Gift Aid envelopes £494.31

Loose plate £1081.94

Gift Aid Scheme: if you are a tax-payer and you normally contribute via the loose plate you could join the Gift Aid Scheme and add an extra 25% to the collection. Many thanks for your continued support.

Marriage: Please note, Diocesan Policy is to require six months notice. If you are planning to get married in a Catholic Church here or abroad please contact St Mary's Office as soon as possible.

Redemptorist Youth Ministry (RYM)

Happy New Year from all at RYM! Let's make 2015 a special year as we continue to grow Redemptorist Youth Ministry at St Mary's. The RYM Young Adult Group (18-35 years) will have it's first meeting of 2015 on Thursday 22nd January at 7pm in the Clement Room at St Mary's. Why not make a New Year's Resolution to become part of RYM this year if you are a Young Adult. We are a new group who meet fortnightly to share our faith, learn about it, put our faith into action and socialise. Come along and be strengthened by others as you live out your faith journey. If you would like to find out more contact Paul Murphy on paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk or 07751237473

Pax Christi - the Peace of Christ based on the gospel and inspired by faith works with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Why not pick up an envelope in the church today and bring back your offering next week for Peace Sunday, 18 January, 2015.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins next Sunday, 18 January, and continues until Sunday, 25 January. Our united act of worship will be on Tuesday, 20 January at 7.30pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Avenue. The Speaker will be John Richardson of Churches together in South London. All most welcome.

Robes in Clapham will resume on Saturday 24th Jan and will run until 28th March. Volunteers should have received their forms by Email; please could you return them as soon as possible. Queries to Steve Daly 07840 701613 or Clare Turner 020 7622 7857.

A CONCERT in St Mary's Church, to celebrate recent improvements to the fine Hunter instrument, our resident organist, Antony le Fleming will present a programme of organ favourites and will be joined by saxophonist, David Stahl. 7.00pm Thursday, 29 January, 2015. Admission free - but there will be a collection for the Church Spire Fund.

The First Communion classes resume today and the **Journey in Faith** is already on its way. Pray for all who are engaged in these two major Courses.

The Ghanaian Association is being re-established here in Clapham. Thanks to all who came to our last meeting. The next meeting is after the 12noon Mass on Sunday, 25 January, again in the Clement Room at the Monastery.

The Red Mission Boxes are due in now - please bring yours in and leave it in the Sacristy to be emptied. Many thanks for your on-going support for the Missions.

News from the Provincial Chapter: Fr Ronald McAinsh has been re-elected as Provincial with Fr Richard Reid as his vicar Provincial. Fr Gerard Mulligan completes the ordinary Provincial Council. Please pray for them and for our Province Mission.

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Pope Francis has named 20 new Cardinals from countries as diverse as Ethiopia, Vietnam and Panama. Those chosen from 14 different countries include the first from Tonga, Burma and Cape Verde to become Cardinals. The list also includes five retired bishops and archbishops too old to take part in the conclave to choose the next Pope but who, he said, were "distinguished for their pastoral charity".