

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st February 2015

Tomorrow, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple - Candlemas Day.

The Feast celebrates the light of Christ brought into the world. Joseph and Mary bring the child to the Temple and the holy man, Simeon, recognises the Saviour of the world.

Candles will be blessed at each Mass on this feast 7am and 12.30pm.



"Make me a channel of your peace!" - St Francis

Then on Tuesday, 3 February, we have the feast of St Blaise. The traditional blessing of the throat will be given after each Mass at 7am and 12.30pm.

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, Edith, David Gillett, Frank Fitzpatrick.

Those who have died recently: Ugo Gardin, Philip Smyth, Concetta Borg, Kathryn Devine, Emmanuel Farrugia, John Redmond, Maria Scozzari, Jack Green.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick and Dorothy Ferreira, Ina Cunningham, Teresa McMahon, Tom Mulhall.

Prayer Intention: That each one of us who have received the light of Christ in Baptism will keep that light alive and share it wherever we are.

Parish Surgeries - no appointment needed
Wednesday 4 February, 4-6pm (with Fr Joseph)
Monday, 9 February, 4-6pm (with Fr Michael)

Friday, 6 February, 2015. Funeral Mass for John Redmond, RIP, at 12.30pm

Last week's collection:

Gift Aid envelopes £557.80

Loose plate £1113.95

Diocesan **Retiring Collection** today for the Catholic Education Service.

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.

Redemptorist Youth Ministry (RYM) Young Adult Group welcomes 18-35 year olds to a special evening of 'PRAYER & PRAISE BY CANDLELIGHT' -this Thursday 5th February at 7pm in St Mary's Church. Come and join us for a night which will offer some sacred space for reflection, praise and worship. If you are 18-35 and would like to be part of this new thriving group - just come along next Thursday. Find out more contact Paul Murphy paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk or phone [0775 123 7473](tel:07751237473) You can also follow us on Twitter @RYM_GB

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

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Parish Pancake Party on Sunday, 15 February after 10am Mass. An enjoyable get together just before Lent - three different fillings & only a pound a pancake - all in aid of our Church Spire Fund.

Thanks to all who came to ***THE CONCERT*** in St Mary's Church on Thursday. We enjoyed a wonderful feast of music for Organ and Saxophone. St Mary's organist, Antony le Fleming, who will be leaving us at the end of March, presented, with saxophonist, David Stahl, a rich and varied programme. All in aid of the Church Spire Restoration Fund.

Multiculturalism - Interfaith - Dialogue - "Do You Care?" - a weekend for young people. After the recent news from France, the need for dialogue and understanding is greater than ever. "Regenerate" is an annual weekend for young adults (18-30) organised by the Focolare Movement. This year we want to engage in practical dialogue on the themes of Multiculturalism and Interfaith. Young people from IUS (Islamic Unity Society) will also play a part. "Regenerate" will take place on 14/15 February at the Focolare Centre for Unity in Welwyn Garden City. For further information, see www.focolare.org/gb or: <https://www.facebook.com/RegenerateGB>

Churches together in Clapham - Watch out for the next major events in the CTiC calendar - that is the Lenten Services every Sunday evening and the Lenten Groups during each week of Lent. Everyone welcome.

Robes in Clapham 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 Reminder on Holy Communion Etiquette - allow those in the back rows to come forward first and then please come down the centre aisle and return by the side aisles to avoid confusion and chaos.

The Ghanaian Association is being re-established here in Clapham. Thanks to all who came to our last meeting.

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

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.

Diocesan Vocations newsletter available at the back of the Church. Do take a copy.

