



# 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

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th February 2015

**Wednesday, 18 February, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. There will be Mass in St Mary's at 7.00am, 9.30am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm with the Blessing and distribution of Ashes at each Mass.**



**Lent Study Groups:** This year the Lent Study Groups will be following a course called "The Long Way to Heaven", based on the movie "The Way" (see on the right details of an advance screening.) The groups will meet for 5 weekly sessions, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb (i.e. not in Holy Week).

**These groups** offer a wonderful opportunity for study, prayer and fellowship with our fellow Christians in Clapham. There are 5 different times each week (and if you can't make "your" group you can always catch up at another at a different day/time). There are signup sheets on the notice boards, and it would be great if you could add your name. But if you are not yet sure of your commitments, never mind; just turn up.

**The Groups will be held as follows:**

**Tuesday evening** at 7.30, St Paul's, Rectory Grove. **Wednesday afternoon** at 1.30, Holy Trinity, Clapham Common. **Wednesday evening** at 7.30, Clapham Methodist Church. **Thursday afternoon** at 1.45, Church of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Avenue. **Friday afternoon** at 3.00, St James, Park Hill

**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:** Kathleen Devine, Marjorie Clancy, Len Hart.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maria Vieira, Harry Brady.

**Prayer Intention:** That we may start the season of Lent positively with new resolution and confidence in our faith.

**Ash Wednesday 18 February Masses** with blessing and distribution of Ashes: 7.00am, 9.30am, 12.30pm, & 7.00pm.

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

**Parish Surgeries** - with Fr Michael, no appointment needed

Wednesday 18 February, 4-6pm

Monday, 23 February, 4-6pm

**Last week's collection:**

Gift Aid envelopes £498.50

Loose plate £998.94

**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.

**Redemptorist Youth Ministry (RYM)** The next meeting is Thursday, 5 March, at 7pm. James Trewby (Columbian Justice and Peace) will be speaking about "Faith in Action". If you are 18-35 and would like to be part of this new thriving group find out more from Paul Murphy [paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk](mailto:paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk) or phone [0775 123 7473](tel:07751237473) You can also follow us on Twitter @RYM\_GB

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**Parish Pancake Party after 10am Mass - today.** Many thanks to all who have helped to make this a very enjoyable get together just before Lent - all in aid of our Church Spire Fund.

**Churches together in Clapham** - See the page opposite for details of the Lent Study Groups.

**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. And please be careful with prams and buggies not to block the aisles in case of an accident. Many thanks.

**The Ghanaian Association** being re-established here in Clapham. Thanks to all who came to our last meeting. Next Meeting is next Sunday, 22 February, after 12noon Mass.

**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. And if you would like to know more about the Redemptorist Vocation then visit [Vocations@redemptorists.co.uk](mailto:Vocations@redemptorists.co.uk)

**Sunday Evening Worship:** As is our custom in Clapham, Ecumenical services will be held at 6.30 every Sunday evening in Lent. Please watch the Bulletin for details of each week's venue. The first, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be here in St Mary's. **Let's have a great turnout - our honour is at stake!**

**We are sorry to say that Fr Joseph Musendami, C.Ss.R.,** completing his course in England, will be returning to Zimbabwe early in March. It is good for Zimbabwe but sad for St Mary's. Fr Joseph will preach at all the Masses on the weekend of 28 Feb & 1 March and we will have a special Second Collection for the Zimbabwe Mission at all Masses that weekend. Fr Joseph will be sadly missed.

**Enjoy a Night at the Pictures!** Although it is not necessary to have seen "The Way" before the Lent Study Groups start, it is a great movie and certainly worth seeing. It will be shown in its entirety this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, at the Contact Centre in Hambalt Road, starting at 6.30. (There is talk of popcorn!)

**The Lent Fast Day** is on Friday, 27 February. Be sure to take a Cafod Envelope and give what you can.