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 Epiphany of the Lord 4th January 2015

"Where is the infant King of the Jews?" they asked. "we saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage."

The wise men sought the Lord and they found him in the arms of his mother. Father Vassall Phillips, a celebrated Redemptorist, wrote "they found him in the arms of his mother and countless generations of Christians have found Jesus there too". Be sure to visit our Lady's shrine in this church and thank Mary for her faithful care for her child Jesus. Stay



close to Mary and you will be close to Jesus.

May the Lord bless us all here at St Mary's, every one, and give us all joy and peace through the year of God's grace, 2015.

Let us pray for each other.

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.

Those who have died recently: Philip Smyth, Concetta Borg, Ugo Gardin.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sarah Walsh, John Connor, Bridie Bolton, Aemon Atkinson, Shirley Mungal, James McGuire.

Prayer Intention: May the Lord bless all our Children, and all our Schools, that each may show God's love wherever they are.

Masses this week: normal service is resumed this Monday, 5 January, 2015, with Mass each day at 7.00am and 12.30pm.

Exposition of the **Blessed Sacrament** in the Transept generally from 1pm to 7pm

Parish Surgeries with Fr Michael - no appointment needed on the following days:
Monday, 5 January, 2015, 4-6pm.
Wednesday, 14 January, 2025, 4-6pm

Last week's collection:

Gift Aid envelopes £232.50 Loose plate £789.12

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**) For more information contact Paul Murphy on <u>0775 123</u> <u>7473</u> or email paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk

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.

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The Redemptorist London Provincial Chapter is meeting this week and will elect our Provincial Superior for the coming four years. New appointments will follow in the next month or two. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance on the members of the Chapter.

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.

N.B.: <u>AN ORGAN RECITAL</u> 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.

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

Pope Francis prayer intention for January 2015 *is*: "That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace".

And his prayer intention for evangelisation is: "That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal".

Congratulations to Fr Charles Corrigan, C.Ss.R., our Rector here at St Mary's, who celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, 10 January, 2015. Fr Charles will be celebrating that day in Glasgow with his family but will be back in Clapham for our celebration in the Parish on Saturday, 17 January. There will be a Jubilee Mass at 12.30pm followed by a glass of wine reception in the Monastery. All welcome.