



# St Mary's Catholic Church Clapham

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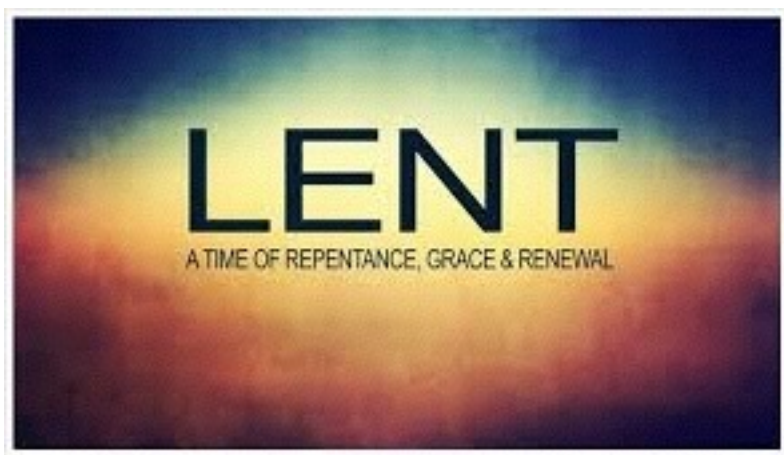
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Sunday Mass Times: 5.30pm (Sat Vigil), 8am, 10am, 12 noon  
Portuguese Mass: Sunday 5pm. Chaplain Fr Marcos Pinto 020 7587 0881  
Weekday Masses: 7am and 12.30pm Saturday Masses: 9.30am and 12.30pm  
Confessions on Saturday 10am-10.30am, 4.45-5.15pm, 6.30-7pm, 7.30pm  
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help every Saturday at 7pm

## First Sunday of Lent - 22nd February 2015



**Stations of the Cross, every  
Friday, at 7pm.**

**Lent is here - if you have slipped  
up on your resolutions already,  
don't be discouraged, just start  
again.**

*Sunday Evening Worship: this  
evening here in St Mary's - at 6.30  
with our visiting preacher: Fr  
Alexander Fostiropoulos from the  
Orthodox Church.*

*Let's have a great turnout!*

**CT1C Lent Study Groups:** This year the Lent Study Groups will be following a course called "The Long Way to Heaven".

**These groups** offer a wonderful opportunity for study, prayer and fellowship with our fellow Christians in Clapham. There are 5 different times each week.

**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, Edith, David Gillett, Frank Fitzpatrick.

**Those who have died recently:** Kathleen Devine, Marjorie Clancy, Len Hart, John McGuckin, Maria Angela Suelzu.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Mooney, Ramon Alvarez Muy, Thomas and Mary Crowe, Thomas Vincent Meade, Tony Kearney, Thomas Keating, Michael and Annie Lynch, Michael Derrig.

**Prayer Intention:** That we may always worship the Lord our God, and serve him alone, doing his will.

**The Stations of the Cross** celebrated every Friday evening in Lent at **7pm**. Walk with Jesus.

**Parish Surgeries** - with Fr Michael, no appointment needed  
Monday, 23 February, 4-6pm  
Wednesday, 4 March, 4-6pm  
Wednesday, 11 March, 4-6pm

**Parents please note the First Holy Communion Programme resumes next Sunday, 1 March.**

**Last week's collection:**

Gift Aid envelopes £343.20  
Loose plate £1006.18

**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 support.

**Redemptorist Youth Ministry (RYM)** The next meeting is Thursday, 5 March, at 7pm. James Trewby (Columban Justice and Peace) will be speaking about "Faith in Action". Many of our London Group will join those from our Liverpool and Birmingham groups for the "Flame" 2 Congress. 8,000 young people celebrating our faith. If you are 18-35 and would like to 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](https://twitter.com/RYM_GB)

**Women's World Day of Prayer (WWDP)** This is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March every year. In Clapham we too are part of this movement, and this year our service will be in St James, Park Hill on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. It will last one hour and will be followed by refreshments. Please make a special effort to attend this very moving service. (Men & children are most welcome too!)

**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 next weekend, 28 Feb & 1 March and we will also have a special Second Collection for the Zimbabwe Mission at all Masses that weekend. Fr Joseph will be sadly missed. There will be a chance to say goodbye and share a glass of wine with him in the Monastery after the 12noon Mass on 1 March.

**The "Flame" Congress at Wembley Arena** - All youths who have agreed to attend the FLAME congress on March 7th need to meet Patrice, Mervin or Margaret after the 10 or 12 o'clock mass to get information on the arrangements for travel and tickets.

**Many thanks to all who helped to make the Parish Pancake Party such an enjoyable success - it raised £201.25** - all in aid of our Church Spire Fund.

**Senior Citizens rejoice!** welcome back for a lenten get-together after 12.30pm Mass on the First Friday of March, i.e. 6th March. It will just be tea and coffee and biscuits but a chance to meet up again.

**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** Meeting this Sunday, 22 February, after 12noon Mass - in the Clement Room.

**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.

**The H.C.P.T.** will meet in The Monastery Garden Room, 10am to 4pm next Saturday, 28 February, and again on Saturday, 21 March.

**The Lent Fast Day** is on this Friday, 27 February. Do take a **CAFOD Envelope** and give what you can.

**Lenten Vocational Women's Retreat, Fri 27 Feb-Sun 1 March 2015:** Are you a single woman discerning her vocation? Would you like to deepen your faith and come closer to God? Are you wondering where God is calling you in life? Then why not come to a Lent Retreat in beautiful and peaceful surroundings for prayer, rest and meditation with opportunities for liturgical celebrations, silence and guided reflections with the FMDM sisters. For further information or to book a place, **please email:** [fmdm-womens-vocations@hotmail.com](mailto:fmdm-womens-vocations@hotmail.com) {Website: <http://fmdminternational.co.uk>}

**The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday, 25 February, at 7.30pm.