

# 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

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 8 February 2015

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of February



#### Pope Francis' message for 2015 World Day of the Sick

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this, the twenty-third World Day of the Sick, begun by Saint John Paul II, I turn to all of you who are burdened by illness and are united in various ways to the flesh of the suffering Christ, as well as to you, professionals and volunteers in the field of health care.

This year's theme invites us to reflect on a phrase from the Book of Job: **"I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame"** (Job 29:15). I would like to consider this phrase from the perspective of *"sapientia cordis"* – the wisdom of the heart.



Wisdom of the heart means going forth from ourselves towards our brothers and sisters. Occasionally our world forgets the special value of time spent at the bedside of the sick, since we are in such a rush; caught up as we are in a frenzy of doing, of producing, we forget about giving ourselves freely, taking care of others, being responsible for others. Behind this attitude there is often a lukewarm faith which has forgotten the Lord's words: **"You did it unto me"** (Mt 25:40).

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[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysspire](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysspire). Then click on the retailers you want and they will give us a percentage of your shop value. Do try it out. Thanks to everyone who is already using this.

**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, Madge Glancy, Neil Cannon.

**Those who have died recently:** Kathleen Devine, John Redmond, Mick Brosnan, Julie Hockham.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Michael Galvin, Tom, Margaret and Dano Kavanagh, Jason Short, Maureen Coyne, Gerry Conlon, Felix Godowski.

**Prayer Intention:** That each one of us will show love and care to those who are sick.

**Funeral Mass** for Kathleen Devine RIP on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February at 12.30 pm.

**Parish Surgeries** no appointment needed: Monday, 9 February, 4-6pm (with Fr Michael) Wednesday, 18 February, 4-6pm (with Fr. Michael)

**Last week's collection:**

Gift Aid envelopes: £429.10

Loose plate: £ 1422.21

Diocesan Collection, Catholic Education Service: £177.13

Donations for Spire Fund, from Concert 29 January 2015: £453.03

**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) had a moving evening of "Prayer by Candlelight" last Thursday. The night was led by Fr. George Webster who spoke powerfully on Healing. We had many new faces from across London.**

There will NOT be a meeting in 2 weeks time as Paul would be leading a Lent Retreat in Perth. The next meeting is THURSDAY, the 5<sup>th</sup> of MARCH at 7pm. James Trewby (Columbian Justice & Peace) will be speaking about "Faith in Action". If you are interested in finding out more about the RYM Young Adult Group (18-35) - please contact Paul Murphy on [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

**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. For any queries, please contact Steve Daly 07840 701613 or Clare Turner 020 7622 7857.

**The Ghanaian Association:** The next meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February after the 12noon Mass, in St. Clement Room at the Monastery. The meetings are held every last Sunday of the month.

**The Red Mission Boxes,** For those who haven't, please bring yours in and leave it in the Sacristy to be emptied. Many thanks for your on-going support for the Missions.

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

**Marriage:** Please note that the 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.

**Holy Communion Etiquette - A Reminder** when coming forward for Holy Communion: allow those in the back rows to come forward first; then please come down the centre aisle and return by the side aisles to avoid confusion and chaos.

**FILIPINO NOVENA MASS @ 6pm,** on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. The celebrant will be **Fr. Claro Conde.**

**PANCAKE SUNDAY, the 15<sup>th</sup> of February after 10am Mass.** A last chance to indulge before Lent and for the more intrepid a chance to show off their pancake-flipping and racing skills. Three different fillings all for **a pound a pancake.** Proceeds towards the restoration of the Church Spire.

