



St Mary's Catholic Church Clapham

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Served by the Redemptorists since 1848

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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 of Lent - March 22nd 2015

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrated this week on Wednesday, 25 March, recalls how the Archangel Gabriel revealed God's plan to Mary. Mary says "YES" to God's plan and the Word was made flesh.

The Church "is the home of Jesus," a house of mercy that welcomes all, and therefore not a place where Christians should close the doors to those seeking to enter.

And Pope Francis declares: "Be merciful, do not close the doors of the heart."



Don't forget we have the Stations of the Cross here in St Mary's, every Friday during Lent, at 7pm.

Lent Sunday Evening Worship this week is at St Peter's, just off the High Street, at 6.30pm.

Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Sr Chris Fealy FMDM, John Rossiter, Frank Griffith, Joanna Elliott, Christina Kraffit, Deirdre Wetheral, Edith, David Gillett, Frank Fitzpatrick, Coleen Hansberry, Mary Gentry, Maura O'Connor.

Those who have died recently: Neil Motiram, Nicholas Gale, Bridget Layton, Judy Kavanagh.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Wladyslaw, Patrick Kane, Barney Kavanagh, Mary Bonar.

Prayer Intention: That we may do our best to keep our Lenten Promises faithfully now in the last two weeks of Lent.

Cristina, Jaime, Chloe and Lea, are making their First Holy Communion on Palm Sunday at 10am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Surgeries - with Fr Michael, no appointment needed

Monday, 23 March, 4-6pm

Wednesday, 1 April, 4-6pm

Wednesday 8 April, 4-6pm

Funeral Mass for Neil Motiram, RIP, 12.30pm on Monday, 23 March, 2015.

Last week's collections:

Gift Aid envelopes £355.06

Loose plate £1018.82

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) wonderful "Healing in the Spirit" meeting with Fr Jim McManus, C.Ss.R. with adoration, prayer, input, and social. Next meeting 16 April, 7pm in the Clement Room, when Claz Gomes (Youth SVP coordinator) will speak about her faith. If you are 18-35 and you would like to be part of this thriving group, come along. For more information contact Paul Murphy paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk or phone [0775 123 7473](tel:07751237473) You can also follow us on Twitter @RYM_GB

CT1C Lent Study Groups:

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 Av.

Friday afternoon at 3.00, St James, Park Hill

Our Redemptorist Appointments have come:
Fr Richard Reid has been appointed as the Rector and Parish Priest of St Mary's. Many will remember Fr Richard from his time here working on the Parish some years ago but also from his more recent visits to the Parish promoting Vocations. I am sure he will receive a very warm welcome and his ministry will be much blessed. He will probably take up office soon after Easter. Assisting Fr Richard in the Parish Team will be Fr David Raju who has worked with us before.

Special Notice

DANGER - Beware! Parents and Guardians in particular are warned to be **VERY** careful of their children near lighted candles. There was a serious incident in church recently which highlighted the danger. All of us need to be careful all the time.

Another Concern: if your child wishes to go to the toilet please be sure to accompany your child.

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.

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.

CTiC Singers needed: at Clapham Methodist Church preparing for the Palm Sunday service, 29 March, 6.30pm. Please let Dorothy (02086733579) know if you would like to join the choir for this Service. Rehearsals Fridays 13, 20, 27 March, 8pm & 29 March at 4pm.

Holy Week begins next Sunday - Palm Sunday

Mon - Wed: Masses at 7.0am and 12.30pm

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm

Good Friday: Morning Prayer 10am; Children's Way of the Cross 12noon; The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm; Journeying with Jesus 7pm.

Holy Saturday, Morning Prayer 10am; Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 8pm.

The Parish Pastoral Council meet this week on Tuesday, at 7.30pm, in the Garden Room.

Make the sign of the Cross with faith, hope and love.

The Bishops' Letter: The General Election is approaching and some important questions need to be asked. There is a letter from the Bishops of England and Wales which highlights important and urgent issues that we need to think about before voting. If we value the freedoms we enjoy we will recognise we have an obligation to vote sharing in the democratic process in our country. Pick up a copy of the letter from the Bishops at the back of the Church and reflect on the questions they put forward.

“Lord, grant us the wisdom that we may walk with integrity, guarding the path of justice and knowing the protection of your loving care for all.”