



# 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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26th 2015

### The Synod on the Family

Ahead of the forthcoming Ordinary Synod on the Family in October 2015, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to reflect with 'true spiritual discernment' on the themes relating to marriage and family life that emerged from the Extraordinary meeting of Bishops held in Rome in October 2014.

'The Call, the Journey and the Mission - An Invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales to Reflect on the Gift of Marriage and Family Life' offers background information, Scripture passages, quotes from Pope Francis and presents a series of questions to stimulate discussion and response on the key issues.

### Survey

- What are your joys and hopes of marriage and family life today?
- What are your struggles and fears of marriage and family life today?
- How can we better understand marriage as a vocation?
- How does your marriage enrich you?
- How does your family life enrich those around you?
- In what way, through the abiding presence of God, is your family "salt of the earth and light to the world," and a place of and for handing on our faith?

Our dioceses will give the Catholic community the opportunity to offer their views and feedback on these questions - either through the website

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/An-Invitation-to-Reflect-on-the-Gift-of-Marriage-and-Family-Life/Survey-We-want-to-hear-from-you>

or by writing your answers and sending them to: Office for Marriage & Family Life (South East)  
4 Brockley Park, LONDON SE4 1PS, or by email [marriage@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:marriage@tiscali.co.uk)

(We are running a bit late with replies to this questionnaire but the questions are important and will repay prayerful reflection.)

**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, Maura O'Connor, Clare Bow, Teresa Moreno, Michael Dooley.

**Those who have died recently:** Roselyn Carmen Pedge, Leila Hai, Margaret June Williams, Peter McNamara.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Michael Comerford, Kate Fitzgerald.

**Prayer Intention:** That we may all ask the Good Shepherd what he wants us to do to help proclaim the Gospel to a world in need.

**Welcome to Tea and Coffee after the 10am Mass - in the Monastery and the Garden - do take care of your children to avoid any accidents.**

**Tuesday, 28 April 2015:** 12.30pm Funeral Mass for Roselyn Carmen Pedge, RIP

**Wednesday, 29 April 2015:** 12.30pm Funeral Mass for Leila Hai, RIP

**Parish Surgery** - with Fr Michael  
Monday, 27 April, 4-6pm

**Last week's collections:**

Gift Aid envelopes £442.62

Loose plate £1070.10

**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 on Thursday, 30 April, in the Clement Room of the Monastery. For more information contact Paul - paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk or phone [0775 123 7473](tel:07751237473). You can also follow us on Twitter @RYM\_GB

**Great News for the Parish and our Spire:** We received word from Heritage Lottery Fund informing us that we can start the next stage of work on the Spire. PAYE, the contractor will begin work tomorrow, Monday, 27 April, and plan to complete the work by 6 November 2015.

**Retreat in French** for adults and families (we take care of the kids during your teaching and prayer time). Two dates : 8-9th May 2015: 4-5th July 2015 In Ascot, 1 hour from London  
More information: <http://retraitealondres.wix.com/retraite>

***A Very Warm Welcome to Fr Richard Reid who arrives on Tuesday as Rector and Parish Priest of St Mary's.***

***First Holy Communion for 2015: 12 noon Mass on 3rd and 10th May - Rehearsals on Fridays, May 1st and 8th.***

***Hope you enjoy St Mary's*** new website: [www.stmarys-clapham.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-clapham.org.uk). Take a look at those wonderful photographs. And keep in touch through Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Marys-Roman-Catholic-Church-Clapham/904082572977195?ref=hl> and to find us on Twitter, type: @stmarys\_clapham

***Good News for our Senior Citizens - the First Friday lunch returns on 1 May 2015... that's next Friday after the 12.30 Mass.***

**Are you Celebrating a Marriage Anniversary?**

There is a special Mass for you at St George's Cathedral on 20 June 2015. Put your name and address on the Form provided in the Sacristy **this weekend** and you will receive an Invitation from the Archbishop.

***Important Date for Your Diary: The Nine Days Prayer in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help - the annual Festival of Faith - begins on 19 June and concludes with the great Feast on 27 June, 2015.***

**DANGER - Beware!** Parents and Guardians in particular are warned to be **VERY** careful of their children near lighted candles.

**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.

**You are invited** to attend a Conference with challenging talks and presentations on **"The Family; God's Masterpiece"** on 2 May 2015 at St George's Cathedral Amigo Hall, starting 9.30am - 6.00pm. Register: email [conference@flionline.org](mailto:conference@flionline.org) or call 0208 857 9950.

**Our Ghanian Group** meet today, Sunday, 26 April, 2015, in the Monastery Clement Room after 12noon Mass, from 1pm - 2pm.

**Bernard Gentry** would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers and sympathy, on the death of his mother Helen Mary Gentry, RIP.