

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 5.30pm. 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 Succour (Help) every Saturday at 7pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Easter is almost upon us! Where has the time gone I hear us ask one another - where indeed! We still have plenty of time at our disposal for making sure this Lent has not been a waste of time. Let us buckle down and continue with our Lenten penances - for those of us who have been fortunate not to give up, but shhh.. don't tell anyone - and for those of us who have given up almost completely, we have two more weeks to see what we can do for God, let's get going!

As a Parish we have been "invited" to a special Mass being celebrated here in St Mary's on **July 2nd at 2pm**. Write this in your diary now!

Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR, Bishop of Hallam will be the main celebrant, while Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop Mennini, the Apostolic Nuncio will also be here. Followed by a Garden Party in the monastery garden!



For those of you who are celebrating St Patrick's, (17th March) enjoy and those of us celebrating St Joseph (19th March), let us offer a prayer for one another.

Peace, Fr Richard CSsR PP



Office Hours for the Parish Office are 10am - 1.30pm and 2.30pm - 6pm. To make contact directly with the parish secretary, Miss Jackie Patrickson, phone 0207 501 3961

LENT SCHEDULE 2016 in this Jubilee Year of Mercy

Mon to Fri - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.20am until 7pm

Please let us ensure that as a Parish we cover all the times the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.

Mon to Fri - Confessions every day after 12.30 Mass

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy the Redemptorists want to encourage everyone to come closer to the Lord

Fridays of Lent - Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

A different version of the Stations will be available each week

Saturday 19th March - Retreat Day for all the Readers 10am - 3pm

All the Readers are encouraged to come and reflect on their important ministry.

The St Clement's Room in the Monastery

Churches Together in Clapham CTiC are running a Bible Study Programme called *Count your Blessings* in partnership with Christian Aid. Have a look at the Notice Board to see more detail. This Sunday it will take place at 6.30pm with the Orthodox in St Peter's. All welcome

Please pray for all those who are sick:

Sr Chris Fealey, Paula Malone, Theresa Hunt, Joan Guillaumier, Rosalind Hunt, Rosalind Lewis Suelza Maria Angela Geraldine Christy, Mick Doherty, Joan Waldon Eileen Kearns and Jim Malone.

For those who have died recently

Daniel Michael Eely, Paddy McCormack and Anthony Hughes

Let us also pray for those whose anniversaries are around this time Tom Coyne, Judy Kavanagh and Michael Derrig.

Your financial contribution Sun 6th March £307.75 Gift Aid £1049.33 Loose plate Thank you for your generosity.

Join us for **Tea/Coffee** after the **10am Mass** in the monastery corridor. **All most welcome**

Dates for your diary

3rd April - Gift Aid Sunday
13th April - PPC Meeting
24th April - Good Shepherd Sunday
25th - 30th April
Parish Pilgrimage to Rome
8th May - First Holy Communions
11th May - PPC Meeting
15th May - First Holy Communions
15th May - Pentecost
8th June - PPC Meeting

11th June - Br Charles makes his Perpetual Profession
12th June - Br Charles Ordination the Diaconate
17th June - 25th June - Nine Days Prayers OLPS
25th June - Parish Garden Fete
2nd July - Redemptorist Celebration of
150yrs of Perpetual Succour
6th July - PPC Meeting
9th July - Ace of Clubs 21st Birthday!
17th July - Holy Redeemer Feast Day

Have a good week!

Easter Times and Dates for your diary...

Chrism Mass - 11am Wed 23rd March 2016 Southwark Cathedral

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet, **8pm**

GoodFriday

Morning Prayer **10am**Children's Way of the Cross, **12noon**Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion **3pm**The Way of the Cross **7pm**

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer **10am**The Easter Vigil **8pm**

The next **surgery** will be on Monday the 14th March when Fr Richard CSsR will be available between 4pm - 6pm. Everyone is most welcome!

Going to Holy Communion is supposed to be like walking in a procession so please come from the back rows first. Let us be dignified coming for Communion.

RCIA will not meet this Tuesday.

Job Vacancies are available at The Laurels School and St Michael's Catholic College - see Notice Board Examination Invigilators needed at BTG - as above.

CAFOD envelopes available

Prayers please - Fr Charlie and Fr Peter are away this week giving a Mission. Pray also for our students who are making their retreat during this week.

Fr David Raju CSsR has come from India to join our Community in the monastery and also to work among us here in the parish.

You are most welcome Fr David CSsR