



St Mary's Catholic Church Clapham

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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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

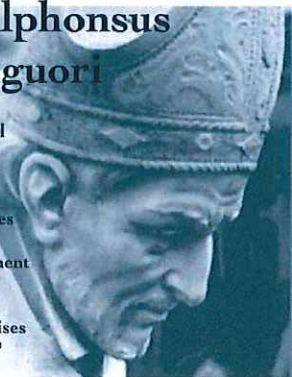
This weekend there are over a million young people in Cracow celebrating World Youth Day. From the bits I've seen on television and the internet it certainly looks like they are having a splendid time. I offer a quote from Pope Francis, it is something he asked the young people and I think it might be good for us think about, whatever our age!

"Dear friends, I ask you: Are you looking for empty thrills in life? Or do you want to feel a power that can give you a lasting sense of life and fulfilment? Empty thrills or the power of grace? What do you want: Empty thrills or the power of fulfilment? What do you want?... Define fulfilment: to gain new strength, there is a way. It is a response that cannot be bought or sold. It is not a thing or an object. It is a person and He is alive and His name is Jesus Christ."



St. Alphonsus Liguori

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day."



The Redemptorist family around the world are celebrating the Solemnity of St Alphonsus Liguori on Monday. He is:

- a Doctor of the Church (there are only 35 Doctors) and he is known as Most Zealous Doctor,
- Founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists),
- Patron Saint of Moralists and Confessors and
- Patron for those who suffer from Arthritis.

Please pray for the Redemptorists this coming week, as we pray for you.

Have a grace filled week,
Peace, Fr Richard Reid CSsR PP

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

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**Please pray for
all those who are sick:**

Sr Chris Fealey, Teresa Hunt, Stephanie Cryan,
Kevin Kelly, Marion Meacock, Barbara Bohanna and
Mary Donellan

those who have died recently

Rosaleen Lewis, Catherine O'Brien,
Emanuwella Attard, Maria Scozzari, George
Shannon, Mary Moore, Mary Doyle,
Dougie Pouch and Vincent Brennan

and

those whose anniversaries occur at this time,

Ita Roche, Andrew McGoldrick, Michael Miron,
Hugh Bonner, Kevin Kileen, Elaine Cutajar, Henry
Harte, Michael Mullen, Sheamus Mullaney and
Gerald Cogans.

Your financial contribution last Sunday

Gift Aid £ 358.73

Loose Plate £ 1,023.39

Thanks for your continued generosity.

Be sure and keep your diary up to date!

Feasts of the week.

Monday: Feast of St Alphonsus, Doctor of the
Church, Founder of the Redemptorists

Thursday: Feast of St John Vianney Patron Saint
of Parish Priests

Friday : Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Saturday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dates for your diary

1st August - St. Alphonsus Liguori -
Founder of the Redemptorists

14th August - The Assumption

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will recommence on 11th
September.

Coffee after 10.00 Mass

Coffee after 10.00 Mass will recommence on
11th September.

Parish Surgery -

Next Parish Surgery will be on

Wednesday, 7th September 4.00-6.00 pm but if you
need to see a priest before then please ring or email
to make an appointment.

Please don't forget – Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament after 12.30 Friday Mass will be resumed
on 9th September

Please note: There will be no First Friday Lunch
this week.

"Guests" in the hall.

During this week we had more visitors
staying in our hall. They smashed a
boarded up window on the roof and made
their illegal entrance there.

Fortunately they went quietly when asked so
there was no need of calling the police.
When there is any definite information on
what is happening to the hall, you will be
told. Hopefully we shall have some
information soon.

Silence.

Please respect those who wish to pray
before or after mass. "Acquire the
habit of speaking to God as if you were
alone with Him, familiarly and with
confidence and love, as to the dearest and
most loving of friends."

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.
Thank you.

RCIA

Do you know anyone who is interested in our
Catholic faith? The RCIA programme is an
opportunity to ask questions and learn about
our wonderful religion. It will start in October
so please give the names to the Parish
Office.

If you are interested yourself in
accompanying the people doing the course
then please speak to one of the priests.

The shop and everything in it will be
moving to the reception area of the
Monastery. This means that the shop will be
open during office hours and during the
weekend so always feel free and welcome to
come and look and buy!.

Readers!

Would you be willing to be read at the 12.30
Mass. We are looking for volunteers
This is an important ministry.

For those of you going off on **holiday** have a
wonderful and peace filled time.
Keep safe!

Have a good and peaceful week!