



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

First Sunday of Advent (A)



Happy New Year!

Seriously I wish you a happy new year as we start a new liturgical cycle this weekend. We begin the new year with our Season of Advent and we start afresh the (A) Cycle of Readings. As we start anew, let us look back at the year that has past and see what blessings we have got to thank the good Lord for, and also what mishaps or disasters we can learn from and so not repeat them in this new year.

This is also a good time to make spiritual new year's resolutions! Think of things in the spiritual realm that you might resolve to give a try this new liturgical year.

Advent Extra - can I draw your attention to this year's Advent Magazine called *Advent Extra*. There are many interesting articles focused on Advent; there is a double page spread for children to draw and paint; there are short meditations and prayers for each day of this season of Advent. All for £2. Not bad when you consider the cost of a newspaper...and you will have this for the whole of the Season!

Mission in Hendon - Myself and Fr Peter are crossing the river and going to Hendon NW4 where we will be preaching a Parish Mission. Please pray that this will be a grace filled time for Our Lady of Dolours Parish. Back next week!

Have a wonderful 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**

Please pray for all those who are sick:

Sr Chris Fealey, Teresa Hunt, Stephanie Cryan, Kevin Kelly, Marion Meacock, Barbara Bohanna, Mary Donellan, Rosa Maria Santos, Constance O'Brien, Patrick Kavanagh, Molly Carol, Ligia Cardosa, Wayne Campbell, Eleanor Mulcahy, Maureen Ellwood, Catherine Evans, Rose Eaton, Theresa Hunt, Yukiko Ferreira and Michael

Those who have died recently:

Pat O'Brian, Patricia Lahiff, Nell Grace, Brendan Keenan, Frederick Theodore and Danny Grannell

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time,

Nicholas Cutajar, Mrs Vanjee Carpanen, Dorothy Ferreira and Michelle Ennis
May they all rest in peace.

Your financial contribution last Sunday

Gift Aid £ 415.00

Loose Plate £ 1,147.68

Thanks for your continued generosity.

If you pay tax and are willing to **Gift Aid** please contact the parish office.

Dates for the diary

27th November – 1st Sunday in Advent

30th November – St Andrew

3rd December – St Francis Xavier

4th December – 2nd Sunday in Advent

7th December – Br Charles' Ordination

8th December – Fr Charles' First Mass

10th December – Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch

18th December – Parish Christmas Lunch

CHRISTMAS MISSION NIGHT FOR HOMELESS

Redemptorist Youth Ministry (RYM) have their special Christmas Mission Night on Thurs 1st Dec. Donations of a few pounds each (possibly £3-£5) on the night and then walk around the streets in groups and buy hot drinks and sandwiches etc for those in need! All unwanted hats, scarves or gloves would be welcome. Meet at 7pm (sharp) at the entrance of Green Park Tube Station next to Ritz Hotel. Leaving at 7.10 pm latest to start the mission! See you there!

STILL URGENT!

There are still some gift aid forms that need to be picked up. **PLEASE** check the lists on the notice boards and the envelopes at the back of the church to see if you need to fill in a new form (if you haven't already done so) and please make sure you tick the box gift aiding donations in the past 4 years and in the future.
Thank you.

Parish Surgery – 4-6 pm Mon. 28th Nov.

Next Parish Surgery Mon. 5th Dec. 4-6 pm
Come along and see one of the priests -
no appointment necessary.

Christmas Lunch in the monastery on Sunday, 18th December at 2.00 pm. **The tickets, priced £22 for adults and £10 for children, are available after Mass or from the office during the week.**

See notice boards for menu. There is a vegetarian option available – please inform the office if this is your choice.

Celebrating St Nicholas!

Bring your children to meet Santa Claus (price £2.50 including a gift) after 10am Mass on Sunday, 4th December.

Also there will be a clothes sale (for adults & children) – come along and see if you can pick up a bargain!

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics in the Diocese that meets every month. The next social evening is on Sat., 3rd Dec from 7.30 pm at The Plough, Clapham, SW11 1SY. Contact Miles on 07790441242 for further details.

Wondering what to give those lucky people who "have everything" for Christmas? Why not give them a tree or some chickens or even some worms? Pick up a World Gift catalogue from the back of the church & surprise them!

Next Sunday – 2nd in Advent – Sarah Miles from the Ace of Clubs will be coming to speak about their work at all Masses.

Sunday, 11th December – 3rd in Advent

There will be a display (with opportunity to buy) of beautiful carvings of olive wood from the Holy Land (Bethlehem). These carvings have been made by Palestinian Christians to generate an income so that they can stay in their own homes and country rather than have to leave to make a living elsewhere.

Confirmation Photographs

Prints are available for order through the Parish Office. Just drop us an email to let us know your requirements. The prices are: £6.50, £8.50, £10.50 and £12.50.