

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Clapham

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Sunday Masses: 5.30pm (Sat Vigil), 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Weekday Masses: 7am and 12.30pm; Saturday Masses: 9.30 am and 12.30 pm

Novena - 7pm Wednesday

Confessions on Saturday 10 am-10.30 am, 4.45 pm-5.15 pm

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Dear brothers and sisters,

As we gather to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded of the profound revelation of Jesus Christ to the world. The magi, guided by a divine star, sought the newborn King, teaching us the importance of seeking God in our own journeys. Like the wise men, let us be attentive to the signs of God's presence in our lives, allowing His light to guide us through the uncertainties of our

own paths. The gifts presented by the magi, gold, frankincense, and myrrh, hold deeper significance. Gold, a precious metal fit for a king, represents Jesus as the King of kings. Frankincense, an incense used in worship, signifies His divinity and the reverence due to Him. Myrrh, a spice used for embalming, points to the sacrifice and suffering that Jesus would undertake for our salvation. As we reflect on these gifts, let us consider what offerings we bring to the Lord. Are we presenting Him with the gold of our time, talents, and treasures? Are we offering the incense of our heartfelt prayers and worship? Are we willing to embrace the myrrh of sacrifice and service for the sake of others? May this Epiphany inspire us to deepen our commitment to Christ, to recognise Him not only as a historical figure but as the living Lord present in our lives today. May we, like the magi, bow before Him in awe and gratitude, acknowledging His sovereignty over our hearts. Let this celebration be a catalyst for a renewed journey of faith, guided by the light of Christ, leading us to an ever-deepening encounter with our Saviour.

Fr Casper S Mukabva CSsR  
Parish Priest

The office is usually open from 10.00am-2.00pm during the week but closed at weekends.  
PLEASE NOTE THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS [clapham@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:clapham@rcaos.org.uk) for all church related queries.

Please pray for those who have gone home to God including Ronald Ahearne and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including Maria Schipani and Breda Harte  
May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Maryann Riordan, Olive King, Lucy Scarlatti, Eileen Kearns and Robert Bowles.

Please make sure you have the sick person's consent before you ask for prayers for them and please let us know if they have recovered and no longer need our prayers.

### Financial contributions last Sunday

Plate: £747.04 Gift Aid Envelopes: £161.00

Card: £599.73

Thank you for your generosity.

### Dates for Your Diary

7 January - The Epiphany of The Lord

8 January - The Baptism of the Lord

14 January - Bl Peter Donders

### MASS ETIQUETTE

**Bow before receiving Holy Communion.**  
Show your respect with a bow of the head.

**Communion** - This is supposed to be a procession - not a free-for-all! So, when coming forward to take Communion please allow the back rows to come forward first, the next pews following and so on until the front pews come up.

Remember - "The last will be first and the first will be last".

Please also return to your seat down the side aisles, round the back and down the centre aisle. This avoids people going "against the tide" and causing chaos in the centre aisle. To remind you - to receive Communion from an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister is just as valid as receiving it from a priest.

**Do not receive from the chalice if you are sick.** This is an act of charity so that you do not pass germs on to others.

**Do not leave early.** Please stay to the end of the recession. While there are exceptions to this, most who leave early do not need to and ought not to.

**Leave quietly.**

It's great to chat to friends but please wait until you are outside the church so you won't disturb those who want to stay and pray.

THERE WILL BE NO NOVENA ON  
10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2024

THERE WILL BE NO 7.00 AM MASS UNTIL  
MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

PARISH SURGERY WILL RESUME MONDAY,  
15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

Parish Surgery is held on Mondays from 4 to 6 pm. If you need to speak to a priest, please come along - no appointment necessary. If you need a school form signed, the child to whom the form applies must be in attendance.

### YOUNG CATHOLICS GROUP

There will be a Young Catholics Group meeting on Monday, 15 January for Adoration at 7 pm followed by a talk on "Blessings in Catholic Life".

### MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Calling all wonderful volunteers! We are having a thanksgiving Mass for volunteers on Sunday,

11th February 12 noon. After Mass we will have a discussion regarding volunteers' roles and responsibilities. You will get to meet other volunteers and share ideas for the parish. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you give your time to the parish in any capacity, please do come along. Please RSVP to the parish office via email or telephone. Contact information can be found at the top of the bulletin.

### ACE OF CLUBS

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