

St. Mary's Festival of Remembrance



ST MARY'S RC CHURCH

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- Williams Martini Racing
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- Royal Marines Band Service

With the help of these generous donations we will raise as much as we can to help the work of armed forces chaplains continue in the future.

There will also be collections for the Royal British Legion and for SSAFA the 'forces charity'.

Thank you so much for your generosity to these truly worthy causes!

Order of Service

Introduction

Welcome and Opening Prayer by Br. Christopher Reynolds.

Bugle Call by the Band of HM Royal Marines.

The First World War

- **The Outbreak of War – 1914.**
- **Hymn 97: Abide With Me.**
- **Poem: In Flanders Fields.**
- **The story of Rev. Fr. Bernard Kavanagh C.Ss.R. C.F.**
- **Organ Solo: Nearer My God To Thee.**
- **Hymn: I Vow To Thee My Country.**
- **The Story of Rev. Fr. Charles Watson C.Ss.R. C.F.**
- **Music: La Musica Notturna di Madrid by Boccherini.**
- **Hymn 243: Eternal Father Strong To Save.**
- **The Story of Rev. Fr. Thomas Bradley C.Ss.R. R. N.**
- **Poem: For The Fallen.**
- **Hymn 132: Jerusalem.**

Interval

- **Music: Gymnopedies by Eric Satie.**
- **The War At Home.**
- **The End of War – 1918.**
- **Music: Te Deum.**

Act of Remembrance

- **Hymn 310: Hail Redeemer King Divine.**
- **Hymn 307: Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer.**

Welcome to St. Mary's

Remembering the Fallen

This year we mark 100 years since the end of the first world war. We gather tonight to remember all who have been affected by war and all who have lost loved ones through conflict. We remember those of our parish who paid the ultimate price and we remember an often forgotten group, the chaplains to the armed forces. The Redemptorists of the London Province missioned over 40 priests to serve the armed forces and globally the Redemptorists offered over 500 to ensure that the light of Christ could enter into even the darkest of times.

"The past is no longer yours; the future is not yet in your power. You have only the present wherein to do good."

Alphonsus M. de Liguori

St. Mary's Church

Our church was built in the 1840s by Pugin in the Gothic style and is surrounded by our monastery where a community of 14 Redemptorist priests and brothers live and minister. In our church you will see our shrine to the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help where the windows remember the great women of the bible. There are chapels to some of our Redemptorist saints including St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard Majella and you will see in the stained glass and in statues some of our other saints such as St. Clement and St. John Neuman. Do please take some time to have a look around during the evening.

We are grateful to a number of people for their support this evening in helping to put the performance and the service together, I especially wish to thank my confreres and those who volunteered to take part. We are also grateful to all the businesses that supplied us with donations for our charity auction tonight. This will be a **silent auction** and if you wish to bid for an item simply fill in a slip with your details and your bid and we will announce the winners at the end of the evening. **Good luck!**

Silent Auction

The Items for Auction:



1. 2 tickets for Clapham Picture House & a meal for 2 at Honest Burger.
2. A signed print by remembrance artist Jaqueline Hurley entitled "A Kiss to last forever".
3. 2 tickets for the Clapham Underground Bunker Tour.
4. A day sailing on a tall ship for two people.
5. An Army RU Shirt.
6. Royal Navy RU Merchandise.
7. A Signed Williams Formula 1 poster.

And maybe more...

We are so grateful to all who donated these items!



*A Kiss to Last Forever by
Jaqueline Hurley.*

Hymns

Most of the Hymns are in our hymn books but the words for I Vow to Thee My Country are found here below:

I Vow to Thee My Country

I vow to thee, my country
All earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect
The service of my love
The love that asks no questions
The love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best
The love that never falters
The love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her
Most great to them I know
We may not count her armies
We may not see her King
Her fortress is a faithful heart
Her pride is suffering
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness
And all her paths are peace
(Calamus License no. 1315.)

Killed in Action

Rev. Fr. Bernard Kavanagh C.Ss.R. C.F.



Fr. Kavanagh was born in Limerick in Ireland and joined the Redemptorists, moved across to the London Province soon afterwards. He served in the 8th Army as a chaplain and was sadly killed on Mt. Sinai in 1917 while ministering to a dying man.

Rev. Fr. Charles Watson C.Ss.R. C.F.



Fr. Watson was born in Belgium, his father was from Scotland and his mother a Belgian. After joining the London Province of the Redemptorists he was missioned to the forces as a chaplain. He died in Mesopotamia in 1918.

Rev. Fr. Thomas Bradley C.Ss.R. R.N.



Fr. Bradley was born in London. He was a descendent of Captain Hardy of HMS Victory and it seems fitting that he served as a Redemptorist chaplain to the Royal Navy in the first and second world wars, His vessel was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean in 1943.

Who we are

The Redemptorists were founded in 1732 by St. Alphonsus M. de Liguori to bring the Good News of plentiful redemption to the poor and most abandoned. We are in over 80 countries and serve the church as priests and brothers running parishes and preaching parish missions, caring for the homeless and vulnerable, giving retreats and in chaplaincy to schools, prisons and hospitals. Our sister order the Redemptoristine Nuns are enclosed sisters who endeavor to be a living memorial to the life of Christ the Redeemer. In explaining our vocation, calling I can do no better than turn to our Constitutions:

Strong in faith, rejoicing in hope, burning with charity, on fire with zeal, in humility of heart and perseverance in prayer, Redemptorists as Apostolic men and genuine disciples of Saint Alphonsus follow Christ the Redeemer with hearts full of joy; denying themselves and always ready to undertake what is demanding, they share in the mystery of Christ and proclaim it in Gospel simplicity of life and language, that they may bring people to plentiful redemption." Constitution 20

If you feel you might be called to the Redemptorist way of life please then please get in touch with our **Vocations Director** Fr. Richard Reid C.Ss.R. who is based here in Clapham. Remember **Jesus said: "Come and see"** (Jn 1:39-40).

Visit our website or call the parish office on 020 7501 3961.



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