

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CLAPHAM

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Sunday Masses:	5.30 pm (Sat Vigil), 8 am, 10 am & 12 noon
Weekday Masses:	7 am, 12.30 pm
Saturday Masses:	9.30 am, 12.30 pm
Confessions on Saturday:	10 am - 10.30 am , 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm, 6.30 -7 pm, 7.30 pm - 8 pm
Novena Devotions:	7 pm every Saturday

## 2 DECEMBER 2007 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**PRAYER INTENTION:** As part of God's family we pray that we may open our hearts to the coming of Jesus during this Advent Season.

**Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Peggy Barter, Bob Buss, Marie Chircop, Coco Parylo, Fr Donald Fraser, CSsR, Phil Smyth, Elizabeth Burke, Mary Ryan, James Bolton, Sean Redmond, Kerry Lynch.

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Gaetano Cordina, Onorata Cordina, Emmanuel Monsignuer, Carmelo Monsignuer, Jack Bolton.

**Those who have died recently:** Robel Tewelde, Stephen Sampene, Mary Kelleher, Michael Kearns.

**CSsR Anniversaries:** Frs Francis X Barry, Edward Rowan, Joseph Lavin, Jerome Curtin, Francis Goodall, Brs Wilfrid Hallett, Joseph Smith.

## SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- Mass at 9.30 am and 12.30 pm
- **For those who booked on the Parish Trip to France** (coach/ferry) on Saturday 8 December, (you must bring your passport) 7 am departure from outside St Mary's Church, due to arrive back at 10 pm.
- **Saturdays in Advent.** Once again, this year we invite you to come along to the 12.30 pm Mass on the Saturdays during Advent to help prepare for Christmas. There are only 3 Saturdays in Advent this year — on the 8th, 15th and 22 December. At the 12.30 pm Mass on those days we will have special prayers, reflections and music reflecting the Advent/preparing for Christmas theme.

## SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- There will be a diocesan retiring collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral.
- 10 am **Family Mass**
- The 12 noon Mass will be a special Mass which will include the Blessing and Re-dedication of St Mary's recently renovated organ. As well as our regular parish Organist John Rafferty, we are delighted that Dr Harry Brama will also play before, during and after the Mass. Dr Brama is formerly Director of the Royal School of Church Music and Master of the Music at Southwark Anglican Cathedral.

## MONDAY 3 DECEMBER

- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** group meet at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Conference Room, (small hall) on St Alphonsus Road.

## TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER

- 7.30 pm — 8.30 pm in the monastery prayer room, **Lectio Divina**, an Advent opportunity to reflectively read the scriptures and discover the Word of God at work in our every day lives.

## WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

- **Parish Surgery** with Father Ralph 4 pm — 7 pm

## FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

- **Parent and toddler group** meet in St Mary's Hall 10 am — 11.45 am.
- 1 pm — 3 pm **Craft Group** (sewing, knitting and crafts) meet in St Mary's Conference Room. All are welcome.

Drivers are still needed to collect and return parishioners attending the **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch** on Sunday 9 December at 1.30 pm. If you can help, please leave your name and telephone number at the monastery reception. Thank you.