

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

16 DECEMBER 2007 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Come, Lord and save us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

PRAYER INTENTION: As part of God's family committed to daily prayer, we pray especially for the poor and those less fortunate than ourselves.

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

Anniversaries that occur at this time: William Stradwick, M Englebright, M I Gonee, Monica Mary Hughes, Jose Vieira, Eithne Keating.

Those who have died recently: Carmen Portelli, Mr Doyle, Anthony Walsh.

CSsR Anniversaries: Frs Peter Wilson, Augustine McCabe, Philip Wrangham, Henry Parker, Bernard Kavanagh, Theodore Helsen, Aloysius Walter, Richard Jones, Brs Nicholas Higgins, Chad Heywood.

Thank you to the singers from St Mary's School and all the helpers, drivers and dancers for making the Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch such a great success.

Last Sunday's Collection: envelopes £271.67
loose plate £887.94

Last Sunday's Xaverian Missionaries Appeal £961.74

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

- There will be a retiring collection for Christmas parcels, for those in need in the parish.
- **Ghanaian Group** meeting 1 pm — 2 pm in St Mary's Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER

- **Parish Surgery** with Father Ralph 4 pm — 6.30 pm.
- 7 pm **St Mary's School Concert** in St Mary's Church.

THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER

- 4 pm **Reception of the Body of Carmen Portelli RIP**

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER

- 12.30 pm **Requiem Mass** for Carmen Portelli RIP.

SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER

- 12.30 pm the final **Advent Saturday Mass** — we make our final preparations for Christmas with special prayers, reflections and music reflecting the Advent/preparing for Christmas theme.

SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

- There will be an opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during and after all the Masses.
- No Children's Liturgy until 6 January.

MONDAY 24 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

- There will be an opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** after the 7 am and 12.30 pm Mass and from 11.30 am—12.30 pm.