

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

3 FEBRUARY 2008 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

PRAYER INTENTION: As part of God's family committed to daily prayer, we pray for the gifts we need to make the best use of "this joyful season of Lent".

Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Peggy Barter, Bob Buss, Marie Chircop, Coco Parylo, Alf West, Margaret Wheatley.

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Chris Monaghan, John McLaughlin, Moiraide Dooley, Brendan Hale.

Those who have died recently: Patricia O'Connell, Maria Grima, Anyela Maria Ordonez-Astudillo, Maureen Borg.

CSSR Anniversaries: Frs Patrick Taggart, Matthew Bonner, Frederick Campbell.

House Mass During Lent: Are you interested in a House Mass where Father Ralph will come to your home and celebrate Mass for you, your family or friends. If you would like to host a Mass then please would you sign the form on the church notice board which has the available dates.

"Saturday Mass for Lent": Attached to the bulletin this week is an invitation to all parishioners to come along to Mass on the Saturdays of Lent. The 12.30 pm Mass on the Saturdays during Lent will have prayers, reflections and music based on the Lenten themes.

5 February **National Blood Service** will be in St Mary's Hall on St Alphonsus Road from 2 pm to 4.30 pm and from 5.30 pm to 7.45 pm.

Join Ann Widdecombe MP and other leading pro-life speakers at Central Hall Westminster on Wednesday 6 February at 7 pm, to hear about the Human Fertilisation Bill. Speakers also include Lord Alton, Jim Dobbin MP and other guests.

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY

- There will be a retiring diocesan collection for the **Catholic Children's Society**.
- 10 am Mass with a Caribbean theme.
- **Lenten Sponsored Slim** weigh-in at the monastery reception today, after the 10 am and 12 noon Mass. Forms are available if you would like to sponsor Fr Ralph.

MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY

- The **blessing of St Blaise** will take place during the 7 am and 12.30 pm Mass.
- 4 pm – 7 pm **parish surgery** with Fr Ralph.
- **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 5 FEBRUARY

- 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm in the monastery prayer room, **Lectio Divina**. An opportunity to reflectively read the scriptures and discover the Word of God at work in our every day lives. All are welcome. Entrance via the monastery reception.

ASH WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY

- *First day of Lent, a day of fasting and abstinence.* Ashes will be blessed and distributed during the 7 am, 9.30 am, 12.30 pm and 7 pm Mass.

FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY

- 10 am Requiem Mass for **Anyela Maria Ordonez-Astudillo RIP**.
- 7 pm in the church, **Way of the Cross**. Please make a special effort this year to attend.

SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY

- 12.30 pm **"Saturday Mass for Lent"**, with prayers, reflections and music based on the Lenten theme.
- 12.30 pm at **St George's Cathedral**, Southwark, the **Rite of Election** for those preparing to be baptised or received into the church at Easter.

The **traidcraft stall** will be open after the 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday evening and after the 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon Mass on Sunday. Tea, coffee and snacks are available for purchase.

Last Sunday's Collection: envelopes £358.51 loose plate £1062.86