

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

9 MARCH 2008 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord: whoever believes in me will never die.

PRAYER INTENTION: As part of God's family committed to daily prayer we pray for the children who are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time today.

Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Peggy Barter, Marie Chircop, Coco Parylo, Margaret Wheatley, Bernadette Hibbert, Ruddi Andersons, Larry Redmond.

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Lisa and Frank Motiram, Michael Derrig, Moritimer O'Sullivan.

Those who have died recently: Mary Wilson, Jack Cornyn, Maria Grima, Tom Brown, Jim McCoy.

CSsR Anniversaries: Frs Vincent Young, Peter Deery, Francis Brazier, Henry Bankhaert, Herbert Leach.

Begging in the Church: Please do not give money to those begging in the Church. All involved in working with the homeless say that this is the **least** helpful thing to do. There is no need to feel guilty — the money you place in the poor box goes directly to the Ace of Clubs to support its work.

Consultation on the Proposal for a New Catholic Secondary School in Wandsworth. The Diocese and the Salesians of Don Bosco are undertaking further consultations on the proposal to build a brand new Catholic secondary school in Wandsworth which will replace John Paul II School and Salesian College. This proposal is being supported by Wandsworth Council. Consultation documents are available at the back of the church.

Last Sunday's Collection: envelopes £270.50
loose plate £1202.32 Thank you.

SUNDAY 9 MARCH

- Catechumens and Candidates who are preparing to be received into full communion in the Catholic Church at Easter will participate in the Third Scrutiny Service at the 12 noon Mass.
- This afternoon the children who have prepared over the last few weeks will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at 3 pm today.

MONDAY 10 MARCH

- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** group meet at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Conference Room.
- **Parish Surgery** with Father Ralph 4 pm — 6 pm.

FRIDAY 14 MARCH

- 1 pm — 3 pm **Craft Group** (sewing, knitting and crafts) meet in St Mary's Conference Room. All are welcome.
- 7 pm in the church, **Way of the Cross**.

SATURDAY 15 MARCH FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

- 12.30 pm "**Saturday Mass for Lent**", with prayers, reflections and music based on the Lenten theme.

PALM SUNDAY 16 MARCH

- Palms will be blessing and distributed at all the Masses. Procession of palms at the 10 am Mass
- **Ghanaian group** meet from 1 pm — 2 pm in St Mary's Conference Room.

CONFIRMATION 2008: Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday **6 June** by Bishop Patrick Lynch. If you are in Year 8 or above and would like to celebrate the Sacrament this year, watch for details as to how you might join the preparation programme beginning after Easter.

WANTED: A **week-end cook** for our community at St Mary's Clapham

Hours: Saturday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm

Sunday 10.30 am — 2.30 pm

*If you are interested would you please write, phone, or leave a message at the monastery reception
020 7622 2793.*