

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 MARCH 2008 – PALM SUNDAY (A)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

PRAYER INTENTION: As part of God's family committed to daily prayer we pray for the generosity as a parish and individuals to make this Holy Week journey with Christ and so share in the joy of the Resurrection at Easter.

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: James Fahy, John and Hannah O'Connor, Ita Ceogh, Mary and Frank Kelly, Mary Bonar, Hilda Higney.

CSsR Anniversaries: Frs Bernard Keaton, John Cheesman, Laurence Doyle, William Brereton, Edward John Brookes, Anthony Freeman, Brs Gabriel Moran, Malacy O'Boyle, Clement Marshall, Raymond McKeown.

If you are celebrating your 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversary and would like to attend this special Mass at Aylesford where you can **renew your vows**, please write your names and address on the form (located on the church notice board) so that you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. The Mass in celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage will be held this year in **Aylesford Priory on 26 May** (Bank Holiday Monday).

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, prayers in the church at 2pm, Holy Saturday at 10.30 am, Easter Sunday at 11.30 am and Monday – Saturday at 12 noon.

You are invited to a Service of Music, Prayer and Readings for Palm Sunday at the Clapham Methodist Church on Sunday 16 March at 6.30 pm.

PALM SUNDAY 16 MARCH

- Palms will be blessed 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.

MONDAY 17 MARCH

- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** group meet at 7.30 pm in the Monastery Reception.

Wednesday 19 March

- **Parish Surgery** with Fr Ralph 4 pm – 7 pm.

Maundy Thursday 20 March

- 11.15 am Chrism Mass at **St George's Cathedral**.
- 8 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- **Watching after Mass** until 11 pm

Good Friday 21 March

- 10 am Morning Prayer
- 12 noon **Children's Way of the Cross**
- 3 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 7 pm Evening Service

Holy Saturday 22 March

- 10 am Morning Prayer
- Sacrament of Reconciliation after morning prayer only.
- 8 pm **The Easter Vigil**, with the reception of the RCIA catechumens and the Candidates.
- After the Easter Vigil you are invited to St Mary's Hall for Refreshments.
- **Sponsored Slim weigh out** in St Mary's Hall after the Easter Vigil Mass.

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.

Last Sunday's Collection: envelopes £252.30
loose plate £1209.20 Thank you.