

# 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

## 4 MAY 2008 – FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (A)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia.

**PRAYER INTENTION:** We pray for those who work in the media; that they become more aware of the dignity of the human person, more responsible and more open to others especially the neediest and the weakest members of society.

**Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Peggy Barter, Marie Chircop, Coco Parylo, Larry Redmond, Stephen Bolton, Nancy Rockson.

**Those who have died recently:** Jeremiah McCarty, Evelyn Sweeney, Victor Naudi, Denis Gallagher.

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** John James McGuinness, John Sullivan, Maureen Coben, Gaetano Cordina, Onorata Cordina, Emmanuel Monsigneur.

**CSsR Anniversaries:** Frs George Yeats, Oliver Vassall-Phillips.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill will be debated by Members of Parliament imminently. It is designed to increase experiments on vulnerable human embryos. It will also extend experiments such as making cloned embryos and animal-human hybrids. In addition, a child's need for a father will not be recognised for test-tube babies under this bill. Within the same bill, pro-abortion MPs want to widen the law on abortion. Please phone your MP at the House of Commons on 020 7219 3000 to ask him/her to vote against this bill. Would you be interested in Lobbying your MP on behalf of the parish? Place your name at the parish office.

A Pentecost 2008 event near you! Youth Alive! Swedish **Gospel Choir in Concert** on the steps of Clapham Methodist Church, Clapham High Street on **Saturday 10 May from 7 pm.**

## SUNDAY 4 MAY

- Today, there will be a Diocesan Retiring Collection for **World Communications**. The Catholic Communications Network works for and on behalf of the bishops. Its role is to engage with the professional media, in the UK and abroad, to explain the beliefs and teachings of the Church within society.
- **Gift Aid Sunday Collection envelopes:** Please collect your envelopes from the monastery reception if you have not done so already.
- The **Traidcraft** stall will be open after the 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday 3 May and the 10 am and 12 noon Mass on Sunday 4 May.
- After the 10 am Mass, the second session for **the children celebrating First Holy Communion this year**, will begin in St Mary's Hall.

## Bank Holiday Monday 5 May

- Mass at 12.30 pm, no 7 am Mass. The prayer room will be closed today.

## Tuesday 6 May

- Come and experience God's healing love through the ministry of Fr Lawrence Mascarenhas, a Catholic Priest of the Archdiocese of Goa. The Service is in St Mary's Church from 4 pm until 8 pm.
- **Lectio Divina**, praying with the Word of God with the forthcoming Sunday Gospel, in the Monastery Prayer Room 7.30 pm — 8.30 pm.

## Wednesday 7 May

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

## Thursday 8 May

- **8 pm Baptism Preparation** in St Mary's Conference Room for those who made prior arrangements with Father Ralph.

## Friday 9 May

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

**Last Sunday's Collection:** envelopes: £283.80  
loose plate £1027.99 Thank you.