

# **St Francis of Assisi Church, Jebel Ali**

## **Programme for the Lent season 2010**

- ASH WEDNESDAY** : Mass at 6.15am, 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.30pm, 7.00pm & 8.00pm
- FRIDAYS** : Stations of the Cross at 6.00 p.m.
- CONFESSIONS DAILY** : During Mass and upon request
- HOUSE BLESSING** : If you wish to have your house blessed, please make an appointment with one of the Priests, and we shall be happy to come.
- HOME VISITATION** : If you know anyone who is unable to come to Church, but would like to be visited and receive the sacraments, please let us know.
- LENTEN COLLECTION** : Whatever we collect by Lenten Envelopes shall be sent to the poor in different countries.
- NOTE FROM MOC** : Here is a "Note" from the Sisters "Missionaries of Charity"  
*Dear Fr. Eugene & all the Parishioners,*  
*This brings you our prayers and deep gratitude for your generous sharing in our mission of love amongst the poorest of the poor. Today God is longing to pour His love into our hearts. Let us open our hearts trustingly to receive Him. He comes to us in those closest to us and in the poor that we may share God's love with them.' ...I think if we could only bring back into our homes the life that Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, I think that peace and joy will remain. Love begins at home, love lives at home. If we listen to Jesus, He will tell us what He said before: "Love one another, as I have loved you". Assuring our prayers for you and your families. God Bless you.*  
*Sr. M. Nirmala*
- Feb 26th to Feb 28th** : Mission in Konkani by Fr.Gabriel in St.Clare Hall 7.00 – 9.00pm.
- Mar 5th to Mar 11th** : Mission in English by Fr.Jack Soulsby in Church Mon-Thurs 8pm-9.30pm
- Mar 15th to Mar 19th** : Mission in Malayalam by Fr.Dany in Church 8.00pm – 9.30 pm  
: Mission in Malyalam on 19<sup>th</sup> in St.Clare Hall 4.00pm – 8.00 pm

(All parishioners are invited to participate in one of these Missions as the best preparation for Easter)

### **Prayer for the Parish Mission**

Loving Father, we thank and praise you for the grace you offer us in love through the Parish Mission. We pray that we may respond to your warm welcoming embrace and repent of our sins, so that Jesus may be alive in each one of us. May the Spirit of love with whom you have anointed us at our Baptism and Confirmation, lead, guide, convict and strengthen us so that we may be the hands, the mouths and the eyes of Jesus today, wherever we are. May Mary our Mother and all the Saints intercede for us. Amen.

PROGRAMME FOR THE HOLY WEEK – 2010

- PALM SUNDAY** : Palms will be blessed with simple blessing & distributed at all Masses on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March
- FRIDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> March** : 6.15 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10.15 a.m., 11.30 a.m.(German), 3.30 p.m ( Tamil), 5 p.m., 7 p.m. & 8 p.m. (Mal) (all in the Church), 6 p.m. (Korean) in Parish Hall
- SATURDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> March** : 6.15 a.m., 10.00 a. m. (French) , 11.15 a.m. (Arabic), 5.30 p. m & 7 p.m. (English), 8.00 p.m. (Mal) 7.30 p.m. Syro Malankara Mass (St. Clare Hall), 8.00 p.m. Malayalam
- SUNDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> March** : 6.15 a.m., 8 a.m., 5.30 p.m., 7 p.m. & 8.30 p.m.  
7.00 p.m. **SOLEMN BLESSING OF PALMS AND PROCESSION**  
*(“FAMILY FAST DAY” Envelope to be returned on this day)*
- CONFESSIONS DAILY** : Before, during and after Mass and on request
- THURSDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> April** : **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Malayalam Service.  
4.30 p. m. – 6.30 p. m. Arabic Service  
**7.00 p.m. - Commemoration of the Lord’s Supper with Washing of feet.**  
**After Mass Solemn Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall followed by **HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION** for the whole Parish in the **Parish Hall.**  
7.30 p.m. Syro Malankara Mass (St. Clare Hall)  
: **Holy Hour of Adoration**  
9.30 p.m. to 10.10 p.m. Tamil Community  
10.15 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Sri Lankan Community  
*(Church Doors will be closed at 11.00 p.m.)*
- FRIDAY, 02<sup>nd</sup> April** : **GOOD FRIDAY** (Day of Fast and Abstinence)  
: **One Hour of Meditation on the Passion of the Lord**  
8.00 a.m. to 8.50 a.m. Filipino Community, CFC, Legion of Mary  
9.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m. All Catechism Groups  
10.00 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. Konkani Community  
11.00 a.m. to 11.50 a.m. Multi language Group  
: **Stations of the Cross, Veneration of the Cross.....**  
12.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Malayalam Service (Church)  
8.00 a.m. to 9.30a.m Sri Lankan *(St. Clare Hall)*  
10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Syro Malankara Service *(St. Clare Hall)*  
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Tamil *(St. Clare Hall)*  
: **COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Service: 3.00 p.m.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Service: 5.00 p.m.**  
Scripture Reading; Penitential Rite with General Absolution; Prayers of the Faithful; Unveiling of the Cross, Holy Communion, Veneration of the Cross  
**5.00 p.m. Service** is followed by solemn Stations of the Cross in the Church Compound  
8.00pm Service in Arabic (church) *(All Collections for the Holy Land)*
- SATURDAY, 03<sup>rd</sup> April** : **HOLY SATURDAY**  
Families Easter Vigil Service : 6.00 p.m.  
Syro Malankara Easter Liturgy : 7.30 p.m. (St. Clare Hall)  
**Easter Vigil Service ( English)** : 10.00 p.m. (Church)  
Easter Vigil Service (Malayalam) : 12.30 Midnight  
Blessing of Fire; Service of Light; Easter Proclamation; Scripture Readings; Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- SUNDAY, 04<sup>th</sup> April** : **EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Masses in English** : **7.00 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m. & 8.00 p.m. (all in the church)**  
Spanish: 10.00 a.m. (church) Singhalese: 10.00 a.m. *(St Clare Hall)* French:10.00 a.m.(Hall)  
Italian: 11.00 a.m. (Hall) German: 12.00 p.m. (church) Tamil: 2.00 p.m. (church)  
Arabic: 4.00 p.m. (church) Korean: 8.00 p.m. (Hall) Konkani : 8.00 p.m. *(St.Clare Hall)*  
*(All Collections will be for the Poor, Orphans & Needy People of our Mission)*

WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY EASTER

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## *Giving is a duty, says Pope*

POPE BENEDICT XVI has called on Christians to be more mindful of giving alms to those in need this Lent, calling it a “duty of justice”, a way to overcome temptations towards wealth and self-centeredness, and a mean to reconcile oneself with God, writes *Robert Mickens*.

In his message for Lent the Pope wrote, “We are not owners but rather administrators of the goods we possess: these, then, are not to be considered as our exclusive possession, but means by which the Lord calls each one of us to act as a steward of His providence for our neighbour.” The Pope said Christian majority countries thus had an even greater “responsibility towards the many who suffer poverty and abandonment”, saying it is a “duty of justice even prior to being an act of charity”

But the Pope said almsgiving had to be done “for God’s glory and the real well-being of our brothers and sisters”, rather than as a means to further “personal interest” or to get “applause”. He said almsgiving will also help people fight the “constant temptation” for “material riches”.

Sharing with the poor also disposes sinners to receive God’s gift of forgiveness, the pope wrote. He said, “Those who realize the weight of the evil they have committed” often “feel far from God, fearful and almost incapable of turning to him”. But he says almsgiving could “become an instrument for authentic conversion and reconciliation with him and our brothers”.

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