

# S. CLEMENT'S CHURCH

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## Sundays

Mattins 7.30

Low Mass 8.00

High Mass & Sermon 10.00

## Weekdays

Low Mass: M, Th 12.10; Tu, W, F 7.00

(Saturday 10.00)

Evensong & Novena 5.30

Confessions: Sun 9-9.45 & by appointment

## The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 September 2007

*Sung Mass 10*

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INTROIT – *Salve, sancta Parens*

**H**AIL, O Mother most holy, who didst give birth to the Monarch: reigning o'er heaven and earth, world without end. *Psalm 45*. My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

= Glory be... Hail, O Mother...

KYRIE ELEISON – Congregational Mass

*Healey Willan*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

COLLECT

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, to bestow on us thy servants the gift of thy heavenly grace: that as the child-bearing of the blessed Virgin was unto us the beginning of our salvation; so the devout observance of her Nativity may avail for the increasing of our peace. Through. *Amen.*

LESSON

*Proverbs 8.22*

The Lesson from the book of Wisdom.

**T**HE Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth: when there were no fountains abounding with water: before the mountains were settled: before the hills was I brought forth: while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: when he established the clouds above, when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: when he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment; when he appointed the foundations of the earth. Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him: rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth: and my delights were with the sons of men. Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at

my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.

GRADUAL – *Benedicta*

Blessed and venerable art thou O virgin Mary: who a maiden undefiled hast our Saviour for thy child. = Virgin, Mother of God, the whole world cannot contain him, yet, made man for our sake, hidden he lay in thy womb.

ALLELUIA – *Beáta es*

Alleluia, alleluia. = Blessed art thou, O holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise: for out of thee hath arisen the son of righteousness, Christ our God. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*S. Matthew 1.1*

**T**HE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac. And Isaac began Jacob. And Jacob begat Judas and his brethren. And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar. And Phares begat Esrom. And Esrom began Aram. And Aram begat Aminadab. And Aminadab begat Naasson. And Naasson begat Salmon. And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab. And Booz begat Obed of Ruth. And Obed begat Jesse. And Jesse begat David the king. And David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias. And Solomon begat Roboam. And Roboam begat Abia. And Abia begat Asa. And Asa begat Josephat. And Josephat begat Joram. And Joram begat Ozias. And Ozias begat Joatham. And Joatham begat Achaz. And Achaz begat Ezekias. And Ezekias begat Manasses. And Manasses begat Amon. And Amon begat Josias. And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon: Jechonias begat Salathiel. And Salathiel begat Zorobabel. And Zorobabel began Abiud. And Abiud begat Eliakim. And Eliakim begat Azor. And Azor begat Sadoc. And Sadoc begat Achim. And Achim begat Eliud. And Eliud begat Eleazar. And Eleazar begat Matthan. And Matthan begat Jacob. And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

NICENE CREED

OFFERTORY – *Beáta es*

Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, who didst bear the Creator of all things: thou broughtest forth him who made thee, and for ever remainest a Virgin.

HYMN

*S. Alphege*

We keep the feast in gladness,  
When first that Gem of earth,  
The Mother of Christ Jesus,  
The Royal Maid, had birth.

2 The Rod, foretold in story,  
Which sprang of Jesse's kin,  
The Rod which bore the Flower  
That cleansed the world from sin.

3 The oracles of Heaven,  
The word of Prophets sure,  
Announced that wondrous Mother,  
The Virgin ever pure,

4 The blessed among women,  
Of mortals honoured most,  
Conceiving her Redeemer  
By God the Holy Ghost.

5 A stainless Maiden, springing  
From David's kingly line,  
She bore the Everlasting,  
She bore the King Divine:

6 The King of men and Angels,  
The Prince of perfect Peace,  
Whose might hath no beginning,  
Whose might shall never cease.

7 To Christ the Son of Mary  
Be honour, glory, laud,  
With Father and with Spirit,  
The Everlasting God. Amen.

PREFACE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

CANON OF THE MASS

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OUR FATHER [+ But deliver us from evil.]

THE PAX

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION – *Beáta víscera*

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, that bare the Son of the everlasting Father.

HYMN

*Winchester old*

Sweet Morn! Thou Parent of the Sun,  
And Daughter of the Same!  
What joy and gladness, thro' thy birth,  
This day to mortals came!

4 Terrific as the bannered line  
Of battle's dread array,  
Before thee tremble death and hell,  
And own thy mighty sway.

2 Clothed in the Sun I see thee stand,  
The moon beneath thy feet:  
Twelve stars above thy sacred head  
A radiant coronet.

5 While crushed beneath thy dauntless foot,  
The Serpent writhes in vain;  
Smit by a deadly stoke, and bound  
In an eternal chain.

3 Thrones and Dominions gird thee round,  
The armies of the sky;  
Pure streams of glory from thee flow,  
All bathed in Deity.

6 Praise to the Father, with the Son,  
And Holy Ghost, through Whom  
The Word eternal was conceived  
Within the Virgin's womb. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, O Lord: that the Sacrament which we have received in the mysteries of this yearly festival; may both in this life and that which is to come be profitable unto us for the healing of our souls. Through. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

BLESSING

THE LAST GOSPEL

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