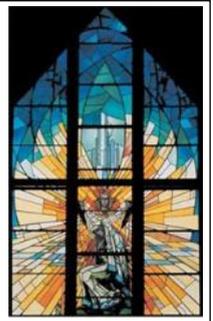




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 1st March Second Sunday of Lent (page 155 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

The voice from the cloud invited the three disciples to listen to Jesus, to take seriously his message, uncomfortable though it was, and to respond to it positively, with openness and trust. Lent is above all a time for listening, real listening, listening to the word of Jesus. We need to mull over that word, allow it to penetrate mind and heart. We need to seek its meaning and its challenge. We need to listen in prayer to the Father's love for us and for others, for we are all God's beloved sons and daughters. We need to listen to the needs of others, people near and far away, to listen to our beautiful and groaning world.

But the Gospel message demands that our listening must lead to action. That can be one of the reasons why we are reluctant listeners! Real listening involves the call to respond to what we hear, to respond in love, compassion and self-giving. In this way we ourselves and the bit of the world we inhabit can be transfigured, transformed. Earlier in the week Jesus heard Jesus teach his disciples how to pray; 'thy kingdom come'. By our actions we co-operate with God in making that so.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please note that the parish office will be unattended on a Thursday and Friday for the next few weeks. Stephanie will be working from home to produce a newsletter and respond to emails etc, but she will only have limited access to documents. Masses can still be booked in the usual way with Rachel on a Monday or Tuesday.

Sorry for any inconvenience, we hope to be back to normal soon!

### MEETINGS

**SVP:** Tuesday 3rd at 8pm (PRC)  
**RCIA:** Wednesday 4th at 8pm (PRC)  
**UCM:** Wednesday 4th at 8pm (Large Hall)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**  
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 660.05
Loose cash	£ 610.52
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2610.57</b>

### Mass Intentions This Week

**28 February: Saturday**  
 10:00 Karol Skorniak RIP  
 18:00 Lance & Adrienne Baptiste RIP

**1 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 UCM: 102nd Birthday Wishes for Josie Brady & All Members  
 11:30 Marie McManus RIP

**2 March: Monday**  
 10:00 Wellbeing of Mary Hunt

**3 March: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Birthday Wishes for Maduka Okeke & Mr B Okeke RIP

**4 March: Wednesday**  
 10:00 Gretta Linehan RIP  
**15:45 Stations of the Cross**

**5 March: Thursday**  
 10:00 Olive & Jack RIP  
 19:30 William Cornabe RIP

**6 March: Friday**  
**09:30 Stations of the Cross**  
 10:00 Ann West RIP  
 19:00 *World Day of Prayer Service*

**7 March: Saturday**  
 10:00 Bill O'Sullivan RIP  
 18:00 Harry, Harold & Michael Sweeney RIP

**8 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 Molly Bowen RIP  
 11:30 Intentions of Christina Cahill

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATORS \*\*\*

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

### COLLECTIONS

This week there will be an ACC second collection for **CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day**.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Lauren Horwood, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Westley Adaken, Mervat Nasri & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Patrick O'Hare, Doris Wilson, Stephen Walker, Mary Hoey, Daniel Chambers, Sarah Burnett, May Pick, Thomas Byrne, Michael Turjansky, Philomena Clark, John Izzie, James Dalrymple-Alford, Patrick Coffey, Marian Hayward, William Hills, Winifred Chandler, Juan Garcia, Kathleen Lacy, Maria Ferreira, Sampat Bhardwaj, Walter Claudius, Theresa Young, Bill Kendall, Marion Bolechala, Baby Lillian Harris, Mary Warner, Ida De Souza, Lynda Salako, Mary Anne Byrne, Carlton Quieros, Joseph Pinder, Mena Hicks, Ashley Shafton, Antonio Fernandes, John Lennon, Kathleen White, Corrie Templeton, Josephine La Rue, Horace Barrett, Anne Kelleher, John Madden, Merle Rosemeyer

## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm*

1st March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

8th March: Pat Jordan

15th March: *St Patrick's Celebration* - Glen Flynn

22nd March: *First appearance* - Family Affair

29th March: Kieran White

5th April: *Easter Sunday* - Shawn Cuddy

12th April: Cross Keys

19th April: *Effie Neill* with the Barry Doyle Band

- The winners of the *200 Club Across Draw* for February 2026 are:

£100: Ryan Conlan

£50: Evelyn Sayer

£50: Christina Cahill

Cheques have now been sent to all of the winners.

- *Jiving sessions are returning*: J & M will be facilitating Jiving Sessions in the Hall on Sundays 1st & 8th March commencing at 5:00pm. For more information, call *Della Reilly on 07403 227935*.

- The *Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance* will take place on Friday, 13th March. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and *Dancing to Frank Nelson* will commence at 8:00pm. *The Keady Academy of Dance* will provide a display of Dance during the evening. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Anerley ACROSS, a charity which will be taking a party of disabled people to Lourdes in June*. To reserve tickets for the above event, please call *Ben Cahill on 07958 903410*

## RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT

We are sad to announce the recent deaths of *Jennifer Senn* and *Terese Yin*.

*Jennifer's* funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on **Tuesday 24th March at 10am**.

Please remember Jennifer, Terese & their families in your prayers.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - NIGERIA 6th March at 7pm in Church

This year, the women of Nigeria invite us to come to our Church and rest in Jesus in our frantic and tired world.

Please do come along, and if you wish to join in the service or perhaps read a part, please contact Anne Barcellos via the parish office email.

## UCM CHARITY EVENT SUPPORTING SARCOMA UK MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

**Saturday 11th April from 7pm** in the church hall

**£15 per ticket**

Bring your own food and drink for your table

To book tickets please contact **Marie Tross 07774 643159**

## COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Our Cultural Diversity Support Group invites Parishioners to our **10th Birthday celebration on Sunday 8th March**.

Attend Mass at 11.30am followed by a party at 1pm in the large hall with lunch, music, video presentation and open mic.

Warmest Sylvia **07870508790**

## MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE ON THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO June 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2026

Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details:

**gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org**

*Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (March)*

*Readers: (March/April)*

*Please collect your Baptism certificates from the Parish Office.*

## PRAY THE ROMERO ROSARY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at 5pm** throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer.

Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on **Friday 6th and Friday 27th March**.

On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm.

Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: **rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary**

## PARISH FILM SHOW

This year's show will take place in the **Small Hall, at 7.30pm on Saturday 18th April**. Full details will be announced in due course.

## RACE NIGHT – SUPPORTING 28TH CROYDON SCOUTS Saturday 21 March - 7:00pm – 10:30pm

**Church Hall, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bingham Road**

28th Croydon Scout Group warmly invites parishioners and friends to join us for a fun-filled **Race Night** in the Church Hall this March. It promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable evening with eight exciting races, a final auction race, raffle prizes, and refreshments available. Entry is just **£2 per person**, and each paid entry includes one free bet to get you started.

Race Night is one of our key fundraising events this year. Our Scout Headquarters roof is reaching the end of its life and will not survive another winter. We need to raise **£20,000** to refurbish the building so that it remains safe, warm and dry for the 100+ young people who meet there each week.

Scouting at 28th Croydon continues to grow, with young people from Squirrels through to Scouts developing confidence, resilience and practical Skills for Life. Our HQ is at the heart of that programme — and we are determined to protect it for the future.

There are several ways you can support:

- Come along on the night
- Sponsor a race (perfect for local businesses)
- Donate a raffle prize

Spread the word to friends and family!

If you would like to attend or offer support, please speak to one of our leaders or contact the Group.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting within our parish community.

## AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for **years 1 to 'A' level**  
On **Sundays** in **Our Lady's small hall between 1 - 5pm**.

**£25 p/h for years 1 - 9**

**£30 p/h for GCSE & A Level**

To register your interest please contact:

**Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009**

## PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Are you an Adult Catholic, perhaps already retired, and interested in some up-to-date on-going Faith Formation? Would you like to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

*Could you be free to join us in the Small Hall, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at about 10.45 after 10.00am Mass?*

**A DAY WITH MARY:** Is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 14th March** (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at...

**<https://www.adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>**

Diocesan Safeguarding Office:

**safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk**