



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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1st May 2022 Third Sunday of Easter (page 265 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

A Russian called Anthony Bloom was an atheist when he was a university student in Paris. Simply to please somebody, he attended a meeting to which a Russian priest had been invited. Anthony Bloom hated the thought of being there, and grew more and more annoyed at what he heard about Christ and Christianity. When he got back home he asked his mother for a copy of the Gospels, because he wanted to prove that the priest had been lying. Anthony decided to read quickly one of the Gospels. He counted the number of chapters in each of the four Gospels, and found that the Gospel of Saint Mark was the shortest - he didn't want to waste too much time reading what he thought was rubbish! Before he reached the third chapter of Saint Mark's Gospel, he became aware of a Presence on the other side of the table. He became so sure that the Presence was the Risen Jesus, that his life changed forever. He became a Christian, and later became a priest, then an archbishop in the Russian Orthodox Church, writing and broadcasting about the Christian Faith before his death in 2003. From having hated all that he thought Christianity was about, Anthony Bloom's life changed when he had some kind of experience that Jesus was alive and was beside him. We are confessed Christian brothers and sisters, so have a head start on Anthony, but the question is; how are our lives going to be changed by our experience of the Risen Lord Jesus who walks by the side of all his friends?



The 11.30am Mass next Sunday (8th May) will also be a First Holy Communion Mass, and is therefore likely to be very busy, so you may want to consider coming to an alternative Mass instead.

HOUSE BLESSING

If you would like a priest to come and bless your home, please ring the parish office to make an appointment.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 3rd at 8pm (PRC)
UCM: Wednesday 4th at 8pm (Large Hall) SEE NOTE OVERLEAF



Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page and on the 'Live Masses' page of the parish website.

CHURCH CLEANING
 5th MAY - TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 807.10
Loose cash	£ 386.90
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
Total	£ 2249.00

Mass Intentions This Week

30 April: Saturday
 10:00 Clement & Wendy Pereira RIP
 18:00 Maureen Walsh RIP +

1 May: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 UCM: All First Holy Communion Children
 11:30 John Boswood RIP +

2 May April: Monday SAINT ATHANASIUS
 10:00 Norma Bird RIP 1st Anniversary

3 May: Tuesday SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES
 10:00 Carole Hubbard RIP

4 May: Wednesday THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
 10:00 Wellbeing of Michael Cooney

5 May: Thursday
 10:00 Mr & Mrs D'Mello RIP
 19:30 Maria Morris RIP

6 May: Friday FUNERAL MASS
 10:00 Nora Maher RIP

7 May: Saturday
 10:00 Gregory Devadason RIP
First Holy Communion Masses
 11:30am & 3pm
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

8 May: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 08:30 Betty McNally RIP
 10:00 Michael McGowan RIP
First Holy Communion Mass
 11:30 Anne Sequeira RIP

+ *With Baptism*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 12pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

COLLECTIONS

The second collection for *The Maintenance of St George's Cathedral* amounted to £124.50. Many thanks. Next week there will be a second collection for *The Priests' Training Fund* (see note overleaf).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Karen Pearson, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux, Jean Carpenter, Jose Fernandez

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Mary Avery, Trevor Rodrigues, Douglas Weidemann, Jean Crayford, Col. J.H. Craig, Cedric De Saa, Seamus Lacey, Tricia Urwin, Win Moloney, Norma Bird, Thomas O'Flanagan, Margaret Tuck, Johanna Meek, Bridie Coombes, Denis Kelly, Rosario de Gomez, Ronald Thomson, Merita De Saa, Bruno Laskowski, Johanna Concannon, Lily Hopcraft, Peter Hulme, John Finigan, Norah Fowler, Rosa Piper, Colin Joseph, Michael Considine, George Stone

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

1st May: **Bank Holiday Special** Kieran White

8th May: The Foot Tappers

15th May: Mustang Showband

22nd May: Finbar & Paul

29th May: Theresa Rodgers

5th June: Glen Flynn

- The winners of the **200 Club Across Draw** for April 2022 are:

£100: Peter McGuigan

£50: Caroline Doherty

£50: Kevin Foster

All winners will receive their cheques over the next few days. If you would like to join the **200 Club**, please go to the website (www.anerleyacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

- DA Lindsay & Sons in partnership with the Addiscombe Catholic Social Club held a very successful **Counterfeit Beatles Tribute Evening**. The event raised in excess of £4,500 to support the Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Charity Fund at CUH.

The **Essex Blues Brothers Tribute Evening** will take place on Friday, 13th May commencing at 7.30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Kairos Community Trust** - an organisation that is dedicated to helping homeless women and men with drug & alcohol problems. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

- **St Mary's HS Reunion** - takes place in the Church Hall on Friday, 20th May, commencing at 7.00pm. The event is for Students who attended St Mary's in the 70s & 80s; we are hoping that many former members of staff will be in attendance. For more information, please contact **Ann Walsh on 07799 407439** or annie1963@live.co.uk.

GIFT AID Scheme 2022-23

The new Gift Aid envelopes which come into use at the start of June, will be issued over the weekends of 15th and 22nd May.

Envelopes will be issued to members of the scheme who have been using them over recent months. If you have not been using them because your set has been lost, please contact me via the Office and I will prepare you a new set.

Please would J Aka, M Devitt and F Hau contact me via the parish office email. *Jenny Mitchener*

EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED: For the presbytery house, to start as soon as possible. Duties include all usual household cleaning (kitchen/bathroom/dusting/hovering) no laundry or ironing necessary. The job requires 4 hours work, to be done either on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. **Please speak to Fr Keith for more information if you are interested.**

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION 8th MAY

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 6 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.

UCM: ENVIRONMENT MATTERS!

ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to the UCM meeting next Wednesday (**4th May**) for a talk on 'Environment Matters' by Gill Slater of our parish. Come along to the **large hall at 8.15pm** to hear what a difference you can make.

MARYHILL: I have been asked 'What is Maryhill?', so for those of you who are not acquainted with it: In Uganda there is a Senior boarding school whose headmistress Sr Anastazia is of the same order of nuns as Coloma. There are a number of generous parishioners who donate for fees by cheque or standing order each year and I aim to deal with this during March and April. Obviously the sooner I can do this the better, so that I take up less office staff time. On behalf of the children - a very big 'Thank You' from me! Nevertheless, each year we lose sponsors for a variety of reasons. If you feel that you could help, please ring me for a 'no obligation' chat, on 020 8654 3041. *Angela Yates (Organiser)*

*** REPOSITORY SHOP ***

Our shop has a great range of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** cards and gifts available now, so don't forget to pay us a visit before next weekend's celebrations!

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at **3pm on Saturday 9th July at St George's Cathedral**. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass.

To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) 2023

A new series of meetings for any adult interested in exploring the Catholic faith, or who wishes to be confirmed, will begin after Easter. Please watch out for the date of our first meeting. **Come and see!**

ACCOMMODATION TO LET: Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association are inviting applications for bed-sit accommodation, own kitchen and shared bathroom, utility and garden in Addiscombe, close to the shops, buses and tramlink. Applicants should be 55+, not a homeowner or have savings or equity over £30,000 and able to live independently. If interested and require more details, please email carolinenestor@acha.org.uk. If you do not have access to email, call **07795 269 533**.

GIRLGUIDES, BROWNIES & RAINBOWS: Will be having a stall after the 10am Mass on the **Sunday 15th May**. There will be cakes, sunflower plants, stationery and crafts. All donations will be given to the church Ukraine appeal!

DIVERSITY BIG JUBILEE LUNCH Sunday 5th June

Friends; our invite flier is ready and is on display at the back of the church. Let me know via sylviaiw3k@gmail.com or **07870508790** if you would like a soft copy to send to family and friends. The box for your donations and pledges is also at the back of the church.

Please let us know what you will bring to the table for our first big celebration together after three years!

*Counting on your usual cooperation and contribution.
Many thanks and blessings - Sylvia*

ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS Monday 2nd May at 2.30pm - Westminster Cathedral

Banner procession starts at 2pm. Mass will be live streamed. Bishop Michael Campbell OSA celebrates. All are invited to attend to celebrate the contribution made by migrants to life in our Dioceses.

Items for collection: *Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

Rotas: *Readers (May/June)*