



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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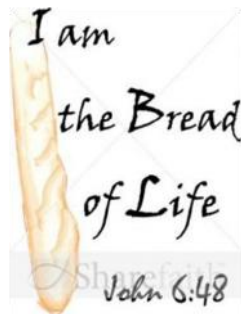
**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm      Wednesday: Closed

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 1st August 2021 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

Today's readings challenge us to be more concerned with spiritual food than with physical food and to get our spiritual food regularly from the word of God and from the Holy Eucharist. The first reading shows us how God satisfied the physical hunger of His chosen people in the desert by giving them manna and quail. The restrictions imposed by God for the collecting of manna remind us to acknowledge humbly our total dependence on God and to trust that He will always provide for what we need.

St. Paul advises the Ephesians to satisfy their spiritual hunger by turning away from their former evil ways and by leading renewed lives of love, kindness, compassion. Today's Gospel passage is taken from the "Bread of Life Discourse" in John's Gospel. Here, Jesus makes the unique and bold claim: *"I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst."* Jesus is offering the crowd Bread from Heaven, Bread that nourishes them for eternal life, the Bread available to people who have Faith in Jesus Christ — the presence and indwelling of God in their hearts. Dear brothers and sisters, **we receive the spiritual nourishment we need from the word of God and from the Holy Eucharist:** In the Holy Mass, the Church offers us two types of bread: a) the Bread of Life, contained in God's Word and b) the Bread of Life, contained in the Holy Eucharist. Let us nourish our souls with this Heavenly Manna and carry Jesus to our homes and workplaces, radiating Jesus' love, mercy and compassion all around us.



The seating in the nave has been returned to its normal position, however for those who consider they still need to maintain a degree of social distancing the seating in the area in front of the Lady Chapel and the balconies remains spaced out and marked up in the manner we have come to know this past 18 months.

Again, with cases of Covid on the increase nationally, I remind you to sanitise on entering the church and to wear a mask if you will, for your own and everyone else's peace of mind.

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 31 July: Saturday

#### SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

10:00 John Walsh RIP

18:00 Joseph Rasanayagan RIP +

### 1 August: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Mary Slattery RIP

11:30 Ann Hazell RIP +

### 2 August: Monday

10:00 Fr John McKenna RIP

### 3 August: Tuesday

10:00 Wellbeing of Nellie Malone

### 4 August: Wednesday

#### SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

10:00 Valerie Cotta RIP

### 5 August: Thursday

10:00 Martin Carey RIP

### 6 August: Friday

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

10:00 Lucas, Ubaldina & Sylvia DeSouza RIP

### 7 August: Saturday

10:00 Intentions of Dominic Moloney

18:00 Jerry McLelland RIP

### 8 August: NINETEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Intentions of the Okeke Family

10:00 Wellbeing of Alexandra Osborn & Her Baby

11:30 All Parishioners

+ With Baptism

#### PLEASE NOTE:

*There will not be a 7.30pm Thursday evening Mass during the month of August. They will resume in September upon Fr Keith's return.*



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

### CHURCH CLEANING

**5th AUGUST - TEAM C**

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 456.00
Loose cash	£ 401.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1912.00</b>

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney*

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Jimmy Flaxman, John Templeton, Eileen Fleury, Michael Kemmett, Lena Croxford, Thomas O'Dwyer, John Potter, Gerald Quinn, Hélène Slonina, Jeremiah Galivan, Elena Lamberti, Agnes Crotty, Sr Mary Paula, Mary Slevin, John MacLaughlin, Mary Peazold, Pope Paul VI, Daniel Tracy, Jacqueline Trotman, Andrea Hitchens, Christiana Dipeolu, Anthony Moynihan, Poric Fowley, Muriel D'Rozario, Charlotte Agacy, Fr Martin Kensington*

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!

### **Annual ACROSS Charity Golf Classic**

*Anerley ACROSS is a Charity which takes disabled children on annual pilgrimage to Lourdes*

*De Vere Selsdon Estate -  
Friday, 17th September 2021  
(please note change of date)*

10.00am: Arrival with Bacon Rolls and Tea/ Coffee

11.00am: 18 Holes of Golf

The Golf Day is available at **£50.00 per person**

You can also support the event by  
Sponsoring a Hole at £50.00  
Donating items for the Auction/ Raffle

**For more information, please contact  
Ben Cahill on 07958 903410 or  
[bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk)**

*Christina Cahill*, has recently completed the 200 Club Across draw for July 2021; the winners are:

No. 73: Judith Leaming £100.00  
No. 24: PJ Maher £50.00  
No. 87: Anne Barcellos £50.00

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](http://www.anerleyacross.org.uk)) and download an application form.

### WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING IS BACK!!!

From **11th August** we will be restarting the weekly coffee mornings **after the 10am Mass**. Please join us in the hall for a cuppa, company and a raffle ticket! It may be your lucky day! A small donation towards costs would be appreciated. If anyone is willing to help, even occasionally, please come along and introduce yourselves.

### 'HEAR THE CRY OF THE EARTH'

The excellent Laudato Si' animator course is starting again on **28th July**. The course is organised by the Global Catholic Climate Movement and includes sessions on environment and spirituality. To register for the course please go to <https://laudatosianimators.org/>

### \*WE NEED YOUR VOTES IN STORE!!\*

Tesco's Bags of Help have selected the St Thomas Becket Parents Association (STBSA) to go up for a public vote in stores against two other organisations, from 12th July until 30th September 2021.

The winners of this vote will receive a cash prize to go towards a project that will benefit the community. The project the STBSA have selected is 'IT equipment for children for home learning'.

To vote for us, when you make a purchase within a store, of any value, **you should ask the cashier for a Bags of Help token**: it's one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Thank you so much for your support!

### CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. *Many thanks.*

### NEEDED ESSENTIALLY:

### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PARISH

This post (vacant for a year) is key to the good standing of the parish and the protection of all its members. The safeguarding of all children and young people as well as vulnerable elderly people, is required both by the Church and Government.

The post holder will be responsible to Fr. Keith for all aspects of Safeguarding, especially ensuring that Disclosure & Barring (DBS) checks for involved parishioners are completed; that essential personal records are kept; and that suitable training is organised.

A commitment of time and energy, balanced by satisfaction, will be required of the post holder.

*No specific qualifications are required but relevant experience is desirable.*

### WALKING TO GLASGOW

The Young Christian Climate Network relay or walk from Cornwall to the UN climate negotiations, COP26, in Glasgow in November is coming to London in August. Join them on **Friday 6th August, 3.30 - 4.00pm** for an ecumenical service to pray for climate justice. People of all ages and denominations are welcome.

Please book in advance at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/16337527685>

Full more details about this event and others please visit:

<https://www.yccn.uk/>

### WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER

Please join us for freshly made sandwiches, scones and cake, with free flowing tea, coffee and juice, and support this worthy cause!

**Saturday 14th August 2 - 4pm**

**The Waterside Centre  
26 Avenue Rd London SE25 4DX**

**Price: £5 per person**

**RSVP to: [wbs@thelisteningear.org](mailto:wbs@thelisteningear.org) or ring 020 3256 2009**

*Like so many voluntary services, COVID has negatively affected our fundraising, while the number of clients has increased. We would love you to join us for this event, however if you are unable to do so, but would still like to support our fundraising efforts, there is a donation function on the WBS website. Alternatively, you can leave a donation in an envelope clearly marked WBS, with the Parish office.*

**Thank you in advance for your support!**

### BISHOP PAUL - FUNDRAISING FOR LOURDES

Last summer, my cat went missing for a fortnight. During that time, my prayer had new urgency and I realised that, until then, my prayer for others hadn't been anything like as intense! From then, I made a special effort to say the whole Rosary each morning, while I was out walking before breakfast, saying each of the 20 decades for a particular intention. As we come up to the time when dioceses would normally be preparing for their Lourdes pilgrimage, I'm asking people to sponsor me to raise money for the Lourdes Sanctuaries. This will help them maintain their facilities for pilgrims and people who need particular assistance, at this time when little money is coming in from visitors, because of travel restrictions. If you would like to help, please visit:

<https://catholicassociation.enthus.com/pf/bishop-paul-hendricks>

**Many thanks, Bishop Paul**

## A CHALLENGE

In the Parable of The Talents, different people get given different levels of “gift” and use them differently. Well, not quite – the ones with five and with two do the same – they use them. It’s the person who doesn’t use what they are given who is castigated. The parable could perhaps make the point better if the person with five had done nothing and the person with one had doubled it.

At the Annual Meeting a theme ran through constantly – there was a cry of “we need volunteers” from a high proportion of those telling the meeting what their group had been doing in the last year or so. There was also mention of the old saw “if you want something done, ask a busy person”.

I have met a lady who, after organising an event (to include doing the catering), took home the tea-towels to wash; she was challenged by her husband asking whether no-one else might feel deprived of a chance to do their bit – maybe they couldn’t organise the overall event, maybe they couldn’t temporarily fund the catering costs, maybe they wouldn’t dare stand in front of microphone and MC the event – but they *could* wash tea-towels. Except that they couldn’t because *she* had.

Everyone has talents (they might not recognise them as such!!), whether that involves master-minding the opening ceremony of the London Olympics, washing a dozen tea-towels, listening patiently to someone sounding off for an hour, or making tea and coffee all afternoon – and if we fail to use those talents, we’re like the person in the parable who buried their talent in the ground. *Do we wish to be castigated by the Lord?*

Is your life full of unsatisfying things? I’m thinking of the time after I retired when I was advised not to take up any new volunteering roles until six months had passed. By then, I was told, I would be tired of pointless daytime TV, I’d have run out of “nice to do” jobs and I’d be raring to go, itching to use my brain, whether volunteering or taking an evening class or whatever. Is your life a little like that? Do you find your leisure time pursuits unsatisfying?

Surely, then, it’s time to examine yourself and ask “what am I good at?” – some will recognise that they’re good with numbers, or words, or their hands, or young people, or old people, or one-to-ones or publicity or fund-raising ... and they’ll see that they do have a talent which could benefit someone. Are you like that? Do you have a talent from which society – or some part of society – would benefit?

And don’t say “I couldn’t possibly ...” because if you look at life, you already are (whether it’s running a house, running a job, washing a dozen tea-towels, whatever) – and don’t say “I don’t know enough about ...” because there’s always room to learn. We learn constantly, from listening, from reading, from *doing*, whether we recognise it as “training” or not – and any body worth its salt will have a programme of learning, whether formal (sending you “back to school”) or informal (choir rehearsals ...)

So, when you hear someone say “we need volunteers”, ask yourself whether that’s *you* they’re talking to and whether this is your opportunity to become an *active* Disciple, promoting the Kingdom in this world. As St Francis may or may not have said, “go out and preach the Gospel. Use words if you have to”.

Don’t say “I’m too busy” and then be ready to discuss in detail a contrast between X Factor and Britain’s Got Talent. Or Bake-off and the Sewing Bee. Or BBC Sport vs Sky Sports.

And don’t say “I’m too young” unless you want to say that to William Pitt the Younger (PM at age 24) or “I’m too old” unless you’re prepared to say that to the 84-year-old Pope!



### **GIFT AID NEW YEAR!**

**THE NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES ARE NOW IN USE!**

If you have not yet collected your new box, (or small set for the Standing Order donors) they are available from the table in the porch.

***Please recycle the old yellow envelopes now.*** Many scheme numbers have changed including all between 220 and 260.

Many thanks.

### **HELPING CATHOLICS TO RETURN**

Do you know a friend or relative who has been away from the church and would like support or encouragement to return? We invite them to contact a team that offers a **non-judgemental forum** to help them reconnect with their Catholic faith at:

**landingsbeckenham@gmail.com**

### **RECYCLING - PLEASE NOTE**

We continue to recycle milk-bottle tops and blister packs, but I'm sorry to say that people are leaving other things we can't handle. We can't handle plastic "wallets" that some blister packs come in, for example; we can only handle the blister packs themselves. The "wallet" should be put in your household recycling.

As for bottle tops, oh, please!!!! If it says "Coca Cola" on the top, it didn't come from a milk bottle!! If it clearly is part of a bottle of hand-pumped liquid soap or hand cream, it's not from a milk bottle!! We can only recycle milk-bottle tops, and anything else should be disposed of via your Council recycling bin.

Please don't get me wrong, we're very happy - very happy indeed - to continue recycling the blister packs and the milk-bottle tops - so please don't leave anything else in the church porch for me to take home, identify and throw in my recycling bin. Throw it in your own!

Many thanks - *Andy Bebington*