



# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

1st October 2017 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 134 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Jesus, as the model of obedience, challenges us today to narrow the gap between our word and action. In the gospel parable, both sons are confronted with a moral decision. There is a complex interplay of motivations, verbal responses, actions taken or not, and ultimately a decision to reverse course. As one follows the parable, it becomes clear that Jesus is inviting his audience to recognize their own situation in the radical choice which confronts each of the sons. How we decide whether or not to follow the Father's will for us is a matter that touches the deepest recesses of our hearts. This is about more than behavioural conformity - it is about conversion to the reign of God, a conversion open to sinners just as much as it is available to the righteous. Today, we hear that one might say 'yes' to God and later lose his soul by disobedience. Or, the other way around, one might say 'no' to God and later save his soul by an act of obedience. In the final round up, it is only by deeds that we prove what we really are. It is only by our actions that we establish whether we are genuine or fraud. We may well be surprised to find that those who had been dismissed as being beyond redemption are welcomed into heaven. Let us then humbly pray and say, "O Lord, we have sinned against you and disobeyed your will," so that we may be numbered among the repentant sinners whom Jesus welcomes into his Kingdom.



## Mass Intentions This Week

### 30 September: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service  
 18:00 Alf & Bubs McSweeney RIP

### 1 October:

#### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

08:30 Dennis Burke RIP  
 10:00 UCM: All Parishioners  
 12:00 Aaron Grimsley RIP +

### 2 October: Monday

10:00 Gill Patience RIP

### 3 October: Tuesday

10:00 Alan Sorrell RIP

### 4 October: Wednesday

10:00 D. Atori RIP

### 5 October: Thursday

10:00 Rosemary Dajee RIP

### 6 October: Friday

10:00 John, Molly & Shane Cooney RIP

### 7 October: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service  
 18:00 Nuala Fox RIP

### 8 October:

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners ~ (Small Hall)  
 10:00 James Leigh RIP  
 12:00 Matt Dolan RIP

+ With Baptism  
 ~ With Children's Liturgy

### WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Ann Marie McGuigan  
 (c/o Mary Ann McGuigan)

### CHURCH CLEANING TEAM C

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 624.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 629.49
S/Os	£ 975.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2228.49</b>

## COLLECTIONS

Many thanks for your generosity in last week's collection for Fr Joe. A presentation will be made to him at the celebration on 15th October. Donations for Fr Joe may still be left with the Parish office. Next week there will be a second collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** (Gift Aid-able) - please pick up an envelope from the porch.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Ted Curry, Margarette Collins, Lauren Horwood, Phyllis Donnelly, Laila Tambini, Steve Richer, José Fernandez*

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** *David Curry, Leslie Harley, Nicholas Corio, Archbishop Peter Amigo, Mary Stammers, Pierina Oriana, John Fleury, Hilda Goodfellow, Andrew Knapp, Margaret Elmes, Patricia Jones, Richard Hubberstey, Joyce Gomezze, Bridget Pauline Quinn, Brian Houlihan, Joan Baker, Joseph Kerr, Enrichetta Clarke, Walter D'Rose, Raffaele Farina, Eustace Andrews, Jeanette McCarthy, John Wren, Marcella Griffin, Joan Dover, Keith McSweeney, George Dillon, James Duggan, Mary Leadbetter, Simon Yong, Josie Reid*

### SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

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Sunday, 1st October: Pat Hayes  
Sunday, 8th October: Eugene Doonan  
Sunday, 15th October: Tom Healy  
Sunday, 22nd October: Kevin Keys

The *Annual Senior Citizens' Buffet & Dance* will take place on Sunday, 8th October from 1.00pm. To reserve a ticket for the event, please call into the Social Club/ Unity Club/ Wednesday Coffee Morning or meet a member of the SVP Team.

The Social Club will be holding an *Abba Tribute Night* on Friday, 13th October. Tickets at £12.00 each are available from the Social Club on Sunday evening from 7.30pm. **Admission will be strictly by ticket only.**

In recent weeks, Eileen and John O'Sullivan have retired from their roles as members of the Social Club Committee. For the last ten years, Eileen has been Chair and John has been responsible for purchase of stock and the maintenance of the cellar. We are very grateful for the tremendous support that they have given the Social Club both in terms of the extensive range of activities for members and the commitment to raise funds for people in need.

**Coming in the autumn** .....

- Declan Nerney: Friday, 17th November  
- Ally Harron & Marion Curry: Sunday, 26th November

### THE AUTUMN FAYRE - From 1pm Sunday 1st October Sponsors: LMB Lofts & The Cricketers

This year our theme is *Party Time*; we hope that you will all dress appropriately. All funds raised will be presented to the *Community support scheme to help refugees from Syria*. We look forward to welcoming you all to the Fayre.

**Please ensure that all Raffle Tickets and monies are returned to the Hall by 2.00pm on Sunday afternoon.**

### WANT A PLACE AT A GOOD SCHOOL?

St Mary's Catholic High School, Croydon, is going from strength to strength. We are Croydon School of the Year and were judged good by Ofsted in February 2017. We have an **open morning** from **10 – 11am on Saturday 7th October**. All guests will be entered into a raffle to win an iPad or one of two £100 M&S vouchers.

Please come and see us if you are thinking about secondary education steeped in Gospel values, with progress for all at the core of what we do.

Website address [www.st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk)  
Follow us on Twitter: @SMCH\_CR

**LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS:** Is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next social evening is on **Saturday, 7th October** from **7.30pm** at **The Coronation Hall, Surbiton KT6 4LQ**.

For further details visit our Facebook page  
Or contact Miles on **07790 441242**

### SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Many thanks to all those who have supported the Sunday coffee mornings after 10am Mass.

A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to volunteer to run one. There are still some spaces available but they are going fast, so please sign up quick!

**Items for collection:** V Kearsley, Sr Celia, MJ Watson, G A Gray, A M Christian, L J Toma, Ann Marie McGuigan (c/o Mary Ann McGuigan)

**Bapt Certs:** Stevens, Gimenez Von Rusten, Sabatchi, Paredes, Selles

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (October) Repository (Sept - Nov) Servers (October)

### MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 3rd at 10.30am (Large Hall)

**SVP:** Tuesday 3rd at 8pm (PRC)

**First Holy Communion 2017/2018 Parents' Meeting:**

Tuesday 3rd at 8pm (Large Hall)

**UCM:** Wednesday 4th at 8.15pm (Large Hall)

**Fr Joe Celebration Planning Meeting:**

Wednesday 4th at 8.15pm (Small Hall)

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO \*\*\*  
**RECONCILIATION TIMES OVERLEAF. THANK YOU.**

### FR JOE'S CELEBRATION Sunday 15th October after 12pm Mass - Large Hall

Don't forget - the celebration of Fr Joe's ministry here at Our Lady's on Sunday 15th October. There will be a shared table in the Hall after 12pm Mass, with refreshments and bar. Please sign the sheet on the table at the back of church if you are able to contribute a dish.

There will also be a **small planning meeting** ahead of the event on **Wednesday at 8.15pm** in the **Small Hall**, to discuss decorations etc.

All are invited to attend!

### 28th CROYDON SCOUTS - OKTOBERFEST! Sunday 8th October 12 - 5pm Bears Wood Courtwood Lane

Lots of fun activities for boys and girls. Hot food available to purchase, plus drinks and a tuck shop. Finish the day toasting marshmallows around the campfire.

Tickets: £5 per child £3 per adult (Under 5's free)

**Contact Andrea on 07952 664224 to reserve your place.**

Please come and support this event!

### 1st ADDISCOMBE RAINBOWS NEW LEADERS/HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY

1st Addiscombe Rainbows meet on a Thursday evening in the small hall, from 4.30pm – 5.30pm. However, regrettably one of the leaders will be leaving at the end of December. The remaining leaders hope to continue but really need help from our parish in order to do so, or the unit may close.

All leaders & helpers in Rainbows, Brownies & Guides give their time voluntarily & enjoy doing so. However, as we all have other commitments it can be difficult to keep our parish units going with so few adult helpers. Recently several units had to close at Our Lady's because of this problem. If you feel you have the time to help out, or would like take on a leadership role please let Celeste or Jo know.

Jo: [jo@lally.co.uk](mailto:jo@lally.co.uk)  
Celeste: [celeste.hesketh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:celeste.hesketh@hotmail.co.uk)

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

I am still collecting used postage stamps, old stamp albums as well as current foreign coins, all of which I give to Shooting Star Chase, a hospice caring for extremely sick children. Last year the hospice raised £550 from the sale of stamps and are hoping to do even better this year.

The stamps collected should if possible be trimmed from the envelope leaving a border of half a centimetre and placed in the bottom recycling container in the church porch.

Please give me a call if you wish to donate foreign coins or stamp albums.

Can I finally say that during these extremely challenging times for charities, Shooting Star Chase does really need all the help you can give. Many thanks, **David 8654 5918**