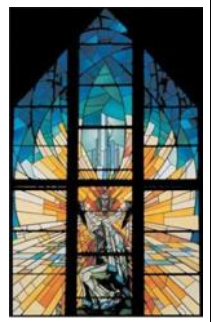


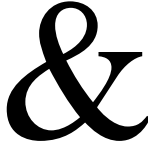
Our Lady of the Annunciation



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By appointment only

1st November 2020 All Saints Day Sunday YEAR A



“What is it like to be a Christian saint?” “It is like being a Halloween pumpkin. God picks you from the field, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you by inviting you to confess your sins and seek reconciliation. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out the yucky stuff. He removes the pulp of impurity and injustice and seeds of doubt, hate, and greed from you. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light of holiness or Holy Spirit inside you to shine for the entire world to see, by your serving and sharing love, mercy and forgiveness.” This is the Christian idea behind the carved pumpkins during the Halloween season.

All Saints Day is a universal Christian feast honouring all Christian saints – known and unknown. The feast is celebrated by the Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglican churches. “Halloween,” celebrated in the United States, England, Ireland and France on the eve of the Day of All Saints, got its name from “All Hallows Eve” or the vigil of All Saints Day. The Celtic people, who lived in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and northern France before the Christian era, believed that their god of death (Samhain) would allow the souls of the dead to return to their homes for a festal visit on this day. People also believed that ghosts, witches, goblins and elves came to harm the people, particularly those who had inflicted harm on them in this life. The Druid priests built a huge bonfire of sacred oak branches and offered animal and even human sacrifice to protect people from marauding evil spirits on the eve of Samhain feast. This belief led to the ritual practice of wandering about in the dark dressed in costumes indicating ghosts, witches, hobgoblins, fairies and demons. But some historians believe that the pumpkin-carving and trick-or-treating are recent customs, reminiscent of Irish harvest festivals, brought to the United States by Catholic immigrants from Ireland and England.

We need to accept the challenge to become saints. Jesus exhorts us: “*Be made perfect as your Heavenly Father is Perfect*” (Mt 5:48). St. Augustine asked: “If he and she can become saints, why can’t I?” (*Si iste et ista, cur non ego?*). We all can become saints by choosing well, by doing good and avoiding evil, by choosing to follow Christ, all the way to heaven.

Mass Intentions This Week

31 October: Saturday
10:00 Mary Marnane RIP Anniversary
Followed by Adoration & Benediction

17:30 Mary Good RIP
18:30 Graham Lightfoot RIP

1 November: SUNDAY ALL SAINTS

09:00 Holy Souls
10:00 UCM: All Confirmandii

**** Confirmation Mass ****

11:00 All Parishioners

**** Confirmation Mass ****

12:00 Patrick Larkin (Snr) RIP

2 November: Monday ALL SOULS

10:00 Lance & Adrienne Baptiste RIP

3 November: Tuesday

10:00 Anastasia McHugh RIP

4 November: Wednesday

SAINT CHARLES BOROMEO

10:00 Richard & Ellen Stevenson RIP

5 November: Thursday

10:00 Holy Souls RIP

19:30 Mr Allwyn Pote RIP

6 November: Friday

10:00 Sylvia & Alfred Nazareth & Family RIP

7 November: Saturday

10:00 Joseph Dieu Tran RIP

Followed by Adoration & Benediction

17:30 Peter You Than Lim RIP

18:30 Brian O’Brien & Dennis Budhu RIP

8 November: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

09:00 All Parishioners

10:00 Paula & Carmelo Teuma RIP

11:00 Ints of Mrs T Lee & Family

12:00 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	328.31
Loose cash	£	281.00
S/Os	£	975.00
Total	£	1584.31

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarete Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Sylvia Pyne, Caroline Mozumder, Mary Good, Oscar Marshall, Anne Farrell, David Bassett, Maria Cowley, Michael Huggett, Vincenzina Lacovara, Frank Hadfield, Peter Lacovera, Ella Bloxham, Anastasia McHugh, Thecla Sulzdorf (2019), Kathleen Duffy, Stan Moore, Terence Hicks, Mary Tims, Lilian White, Vera Hanrahan, Bernard Considine, Eileen McDonald, Dennis Barnett, Bridget Riordan, Sybil Corcoran, Peter Marengi, John Wynne, Denis Hathaway, Frieda Humphries, John Faragher, William Bradley, Mildred Potter, Rosanna Jamieson, Michael Jones

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - 07548 868418. Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

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!

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Raffle which was launched last weekend. We are supporting three local charities; *The Lily Pad Appeal* (Children with Cancer) at Croydon University Hospital, the *Woodside Bereavement Service* and *St Mildred's Church* (Women's Refuge Project).

There will be a wide range of Prizes including, three cash prizes of £300.00, £200.00 and £100.00 plus ten additional prizes. All of the Prizes have been sponsored and they include:

- Cash Prizes of £300.00, £200.00 & £100.00
- 7 x £100.00 Christmas Hampers
- 4-Ball Golf Vouchers
- Meal Voucher
- 5 Tickets for the *Club Rossie: Win a Home in London*
- A case (1 Dozen) of Prosecco
- Signed Charlton Athletic FC shirt

Books of 5 Tickets - £5.00

To order Books of Tickets send an email to:

patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk or bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk

Additional information on the Raffle is available on the Parish website.

<http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/grand-christmas-raffle>

Thank you for your support of our *Irish Shop project*; £300.00 has been raised for the Brain Tumour Charity.

Draw will take place on Sunday, 6th December at 12.45pm

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. **No task is too small - please make contact.**

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. **Please place the envelope in the secure 'offertory' box at the back of church.** The list of names will then be placed in our Memorial chapel (in the Lady Chapel) and your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2021 ENTRY

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the parish office (via the letterbox) by **Sunday 22nd November**, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will run between **Monday 16th** and **Friday 27th November**.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: If you are waiting to receive a Baptism certificate, please ring the Parish office to arrange a suitable time to collect from there. Many thanks.

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP INVITATION: Please join us on **Sunday 1st November**, All Saints Day at **4pm via Zoom** for Covid Reflections. Lets show Solidarity and Fellowship as we give thanks for courage, guidance, strength, forbearance and for continued graces to overcome what is ahead.

Chief Guest - The Worshipful Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Maddie Henson, with contributions from parishioners. Prayers and blessings by Father Jackson.

Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89087017283>

Come and share!

Call *Sylvia* - **07870 508790** for more information

AYC UPDATE

It has been a high priority for us to keep our young people filled with hope throughout this very different time we are living in, one day at a time. We had a BBQ with music back in September, and this month we have started our initiative **#kindnessiscontagious**. Making a link that although Covid 19 is contagious - as a community we can follow recommendations and within this be kind. In the coming weeks please look out for our **COVID CROSS**. Download a speech bubble from our website (under the AYC tab) and write your message. For example, this could be about your feelings around Covid 19 or a message of kindness and hope. You can bring them into church to be added to the cross. Also, there are pebbles around the tree in the front garden, part of our Kindness Rocks idea. More pebbles will be available in the church porch soon, for you to take away and decorate in a similar way.

Our members also enjoyed a session at 'Goals' during half term week.

The young people also shared ideas for a daily kindness calendar. This will be available to download from the website in the next few weeks. Currently we have young people from school years 8 - 10 and are working on year 7 (although COVID 19 makes things a bit tricky). To register your interest or for more information email addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com

HM Government

**WASH
HANDS**

**COVER
FACE**

**MAKE
SPACE**

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PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Please remember that *the Parish office remains closed to the public*. This is especially important given Croydon's recent upgrade to 'Tier 2' of the new COVID measures. However, the secretaries are still working and are available to answer calls and emails during the usual office hours. Meetings can also be arranged by appointment. Thank you again for your patience during these difficult times.

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church entrance, or complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, *please visit the Repository shop at the weekend, or see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this*. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday 9am – 10.50am
 Saturday - 9am - 10.30am and 5pm - 7pm
 Sunday - 8am – 12.30pm

The church will close between Mass times for cleaning

Sat	5.30pm	Family bubbles only
Sat	6.30pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	9.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	10.00am	Family bubbles only
Sun	11.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	12.00pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only

*** POLITE REMINDER ***

Please try to attend the appropriate Mass for your family situation ie: *only attend a family bubble Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm or Sunday at 10am, if there are more than 2 people in your bubble*. In recent weeks the Sunday 10am Mass has been at capacity, meaning some families were unable to attend. If we all attend at the correct allocated times, and do not take up pew spaces on our own when a whole family could be seated there instead, hopefully we will never need to turn parishioners away from church to maintain our safe social distancing measures. We will of course monitor the situation and make any changes to Mass arrangements we think necessary. *Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.*

ST THOMAS BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admission for Reception places in 2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 and you are considering our school, please visit our website and click the link on the Home Page - **Admissions Information for Reception 2021**.

Here you can find important information including our school admissions policy, a **Virtual Tour** of our school premises and advice on completing your application.

You can also view videos of our school produced by our school council and our digital leaders.

For more information on admissions, please visit our website at www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk and read our **Admissions Policy**.

*** REPOSITORY SHOP NOW REOPEN ***

We are delighted to tell you that the **REPOSITORY SHOP IS NOW REOPEN!** *The opening times remain the same as they were, however we are also hoping to open BEFORE EACH MASS to give as many people the chance to shop as possible!*

Please bear in mind, *that due to social distancing measures the shop will operate a one in one out system.*

So please do pay us a visit - our Christmas range will be available from next weekend!

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian is stepping down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith. Many thanks.

HEATING IN CHURCH

Many say that the best of this year's weather is behind us!! This brings us to the sticky subject of the ethics of heating the church through the autumn and winter months. Best practice in times of a pandemic must be maintained; doors open to avoid handling, space well ventilated, etc etc. There will be little point in having the heating on for extended periods before the church is occupied, and it may be that the heating is only effective for those sat right in front of it under these circumstances. To be honest, we just don't know! We do not want to burn gas and money without benefit.

Please be patient with us whilst we experiment, and be prepared to wear an extra layer if you are one who feels the cold. Many thanks.

