



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

**2nd February The Presentation of the Lord Sunday (page 296 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C**

## FROM POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY (02.02.2014)

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is also known as the Feast of the Encounter: the Liturgy says at the beginning that Jesus goes to meet his people. Thus, this is the encounter between Jesus and his people, when Mary and Joseph brought their child to the Temple in Jerusalem; the first encounter between Jesus and his people, represented by Simeon and Anna, took place.

It was also the first encounter within the history of the people, a meeting between the young and the old: the young were Mary and Joseph with their infant son and the old were Simeon and Anna, two people who often went to the Temple.

And now there is the encounter between the Holy Family and the two representatives of the holy people of God. Jesus is at the centre. It is he who moves everything, who draws all of them to the Temple, the house of his Father.

May the grace of this mystery, the mystery of the Encounter, enlighten us and comfort us on our journey. Amen.

## Mass Intentions This Week

- 1 February: Saturday**  
 10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP  
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 2 February: SUNDAY**  
**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
 08:30 Thelma Sheta RIP \*  
 10:00 UCM: Mary O'Sullivan RIP  
 11:30 Clare McNamara RIP
- 3 February: Monday**  
**SAINT LAURENCE OF CANTERBURY**  
 10:00 Sean Coyne RIP
- 4 February: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Mr K Adaikalam RIP
- 5 February: Wednesday FUNERAL MASS**  
**SAINT AGATHA**  
 10:00 James McHugh RIP
- 6 February: Thursday**  
**SAINTS PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS**  
 10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP  
 19:30 Dolly Park RIP
- 7 February: Friday**  
 10:00 Joan Motts RIP
- 8 February: Saturday**  
 10:00 Kay Egan RIP  
 18:00 Paddy (Ann.) Nora & John Walsh RIP
- 9 February: FIFTH SUNDAY**  
 08:30 Maryla & Sebastian Gomez RIP  
 10:00 Thanksgiving for  
 Luis & Sheila Fernandes 40th Wed. Ann.  
 11:30 All Parishioners

\* With Children's Liturgy

## MEETINGS

**DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP:** TODAY - Sun 2nd at 12.30pm (Small Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 4th at 8pm (PRC)  
**UCM - AGM:** Wednesday 5th at 8pm (Large Hall)  
**RCIA:** Wednesday 5th at 8pm (PRC)



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 441.40
Loose cash	£ 811.62
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2593.02</b>

## \*\*\* 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

The next Diocesan collection, for **Racial Justice Sunday** will be on 16th February.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Geoffrey Bird, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Constance Hansen, Diane Hill, William McCarthy, May Carroll, Fr. John McKenna, Elizabeth Coomber, Zygmunt Torka, Baby Tamsin Taylor, John Santry, Marie-Carmen Thatcher, Elizabeth O'Hara, Elizabeth Hardy, Timothy Quinn, Gordon Eastaugh, Mary Donnan, Eileen O'Callaghan, Josephine Philpot, Nell Endacott, Norah Beck, Michael Quinn, Bridget Stone, Marguerite Conn, Mary Harvey, Richard Forage, Eileen Scanlon, Harry Sweeney, David Tuckey, Eufemiano Lopes, Maureen Woodcraft, Sheila Merredew, Joan Griffiths, Charles Fowley, David Barwell

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm*

2nd February: Finbar & Paul  
9th February: Theresa Rodgers  
16th February: Kieran White  
23rd February: Barry Doyle & Sean Wilson  
2nd March: TR Dallas  
9th March: Pat Jordan  
16th March: *St Patrick's Celebration* - Kenny Paul  
23rd March: Glen Flynn

- On Sundays 9th & 23rd February, there will be *Dancing Classes including Jiving* in the Hall from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

- The *Motown Tribute Evening* on Friday, 7th February & the *Declan Nerney & His Band Evening on Friday, 14th March* are now completely **SOLD OUT**. Admission will be strictly by **TICKET ONLY**. No tickets will be available at the door.

### RECENT DEATH & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent death of *Joan Molyneaux*. Her funeral will be held here at **Our Lady's on Tuesday 25th February at 10am**.

The funeral of *Mary O'Sullivan* will also take place here at **Our Lady's on Thursday 20th February at 10am**.

Also, the funeral of *Anton Fernando* (formerly of this parish) will be here on **Friday 28th February at 10am**.

*Please remember all the recently departed in your prayers at this time. May they Rest In Peace.*

### UCM COFFEE MORNING TODAY!

Join us in the large hall after 10am Mass today for tea and cake!

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) 7pm Friday 7th March At Our Church

On the first Friday in March the day of Prayer Service prepared by women in the Cook Islands begins on the international dateline in the Pacific islands. As the earth rotates, a great wave of prayer builds, rolling through Asia and following on to Africa. As dawn rises the wave reaches Europe and moves onwards to the Caribbean and Americas, and finally back round to the Pacific. A worldwide circle of prayer is finally complete!

We in Addiscombe have the opportunity to share the service with our brothers and sisters across the world, becoming aware of their hopes, fears, joys, sorrows, opportunities and needs and affirming our faith. You are all welcome to join us and we would like to see you take an active part in the service prayers and roles. Please let Anne Barcellos know if you would be interested at asap:

**anne.barcellos@btinternet.com**

*Thanks. Anne Barcellos*

### CENTENARY CALENDARS - THANK YOU!

Thank you very much for all the support for the Centenary Calendars. Full details of monies raised will be published soon. Due to the generosity of the publishers we have been given a number gifted free. As we are at the end of January, **we are offering these for a donation only**. What ever you think! The calendars and a red collection tin are in the porch. Once again, thank you.

### PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Parish Ascent Group is part of "Life Ascending International". It is a Catholic movement for men and women who have reached a certain age in life. The three aims are first, developing Friendship, then growing in Spirituality and finally supporting the Church's Mission both at home and abroad.

*All parishioners are very welcome to join us*. We meet over tea and coffee to share in many different ways our understanding and experience of our Catholic faith, in the *Small Hall after 10am Mass on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month*.

Next Meeting on Tuesday 11th February:

Sylvia will treat us to her "Personal Faith Journey"

### ST THOMAS BECKET - MOSAIC FOR THE CENTENARY

St Thomas Becket School are designing and working on a mosaic to commemorate the Parish's Centenary. All classes are involved in the design which will reflect the life of our church community. The completed mosaic will be placed on the outside of the church on the empty board above the doors. This will be an ongoing project during this school year. Any expertise or donations towards the cost of the project will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school directly - **020 8654 3006** or **www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk**

### REPOSITORY SALE!

There are a number of items in the repository, which are in the sale for the next few weeks! These items will be in the small blue crates on the table under the general cards display. The price? A donation! What you feel you would like to pay for the items - donate!

### OUR LADY'S VALENTINE BRUNCH Sunday 16th February 10.30am - 1pm

*Please join us in the large hall after 10am Mass* on Sunday 16th February, for a Valentine's brunch. There will be tea, coffee and cakes available, with all money raised going to support Our Lady's Grotto fund.

### BOOK CLUB WITH FR TOMASZ Tuesday 25th February 4 - 5pm Small Hall

Fr Tomasz is starting a Book Club, which will meet weekly on a Tuesday afternoon. Please join him for lively discussion and refreshments, and enjoy reading different texts together.

The first book for the club is called 'The Case For Christ'. No need to bring a copy, they will be available to read on the day. **Fr Tomasz looks forward to seeing you there!**

### BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS WITH FR TOMASZ

No session this week as Fr Tomasz is away. Resumes on 11th Feb.

### DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Hello Parishioners, thanks to all who supported us last year and we hope 2025 is progressing well for you and yours! You are warmly invited to our first meeting this year, **TODAY - Sunday 2nd February** in the **small hall immediately after the 11.30am Mass**. We will discuss planned events for the year plus anything else of interest to you. All are welcome - especially newcomers! Hope you can make it. *Many thanks Sylvia sylviaiv3k@gmail.com*

### RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025 Sunday, 16th February St George's Cathedral, Southwark

**Venue:** St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY

**Time:** 10am (Please be seated by 9:45 AM)

**Dress Code:** Traditional attire (optional)

**Special Feature:** Bring a national flag to represent your heritage

**After Mass:** Refreshments and community gathering in Amigo Hall  
See the poster in the porch for more details via QR code

### HOUSEBOUND & WANTING COMMUNION?

Do you know of any parishioners who are housebound and unable to come to Mass? Would they like to receive Communion at home? If so, please contact the parish office with their details, and home visits can be arranged for those in need.

### PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES!

We have Baptism certificates dating back 5 years that are yet to be collected. If you are applying to a faith school, you will need to present this certificate. Please contact the parish office to pick up this important document as soon as possible! **Many thanks**.

### For Collection:

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (Feb) Readers (January/February)

**Baptism Certs:** Should be collected from the parish office