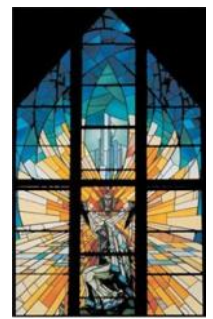


Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
By appointment only

2nd May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter YEAR B

In the Gospel Passage today, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

Celebrations this week:

Mon 3rd May: Ss Phillip & James Apostles, Feast
Tues 4th May: English Martyrs, Feast

Please pray for the young Catholics preparing for their first act of reconciliation, and their first Holy Communion in July, and for their Catechists.

A date for your diaries: Fr. Keith & Fr. Jackson have set a date for a **Parish Meeting** to which all are invited. It will take place on **Wednesday 21st July at 8pm** in the hall. This will be the first such meeting for two years, and will provide us an opportunity to talk about how we have fared through the pandemic, and share our hopes and intentions for the coming year.

We enter the month of May, looking forward to the 17th when the next phase of easing of restrictions comes into effect. Thank you to all who have been able to regularly assist with the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful at our celebrations on a Sunday and mid-week. The danger of listing people is that you are bound to miss someone out, but I'm going to risk it: Mary-Ann & Peter, Claire, Noel, Albert, Anne & Lawrence, Valentine, Avis, Cherie, Aloysius, Cerline, Susan, Eileen, Jackie, Dulcie, Lucy, the M.C's and you know who you are. I mention you all to those who have praised us for offering Mass publicly EVERY DAY we have been allowed to throughout the pandemic. It has been made much easier because of your acts of service. *God bless.*

Fr Keith.

Mass Intentions This Week

1 May: Saturday

10:00 Rosemary Simons RIP

17:30 Welfare of George Lazarus

18:30 Harry Sweeney RIP

2 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

09:00 All Souls in Purgatory

10:00 UCM: All Members & Their Deceased Relatives RIP

11:00 Charlie 'Terence' O'Sullivan RIP

(Month's Mind Mass & 90th Birthday) & Aiden Holder RIP

12:00 All Parishioners

3 May: Monday SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

10:00 Bina Bowen RIP

4 May: Tuesday

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

10:00 Salvatore Bilotto RIP

5 May: Wednesday

10:00 Rose Onye & Florence Ejimogu RIP

6 May: Thursday

10:00 Intentions of Mrs S Ferrano

19:30 Dec. Members of the Obasi Fam. RIP

7 May: Friday

10:00 Darryl Steers RIP

8 May: Saturday

10:00 Anthony Simons RIP

17:30 Intentions of the Joseph Family

18:30 Eileen Scanlon RIP

9 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

09:00 Dec. Mems. of Felix & Ruthi's Fam. RIP

10:00 Wellbeing of Mary Rayner

11:00 Mary Theresa McNally RIP

12:00 All Parishioners



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 495.00
Loose cash	£ 316.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1786.00

PLEASE NOTE: We now have a **QR CODE** for the church, which is displayed at all entrances and exits, for use by those who have the **NHS COVID19 App**. The church mobile number (also on display) for **Track and Trace** is still in use if you do not have the App.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Jonathan Leiper, Sheila Quieros, Brian Kearney, Norma Bird

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Col. J.H.Craig, Cedric De Saa, Seamus Lacey, Tricia Urwin, Win Moloney, Thomas O'Flanagan, Margaret Tuck, Johanna Meek, Bridie Coombes, Denis Kelly, Rosario de Gomez, Ronald Thomson, Bruno Laskowski, Johanna Concannon, Lily Hopcraft, Peter Hulme, John Finigan, Norah Fowler, Rosa Piper, Colin Joseph, Michael Considine, George Stone, Claude Nasse, Gerald Zampa, Eamonn McPhillips

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - [07548 868418](tel:07548868418). 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.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

A **Golf Day** followed by a **Gala Dinner & Dance** will take place at the **Farleigh Golf Club** on **Friday, 25th June**. All proceeds from the event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity** in memory of **Christy Jordan** who passed away in 2017 at 10 years of age having courageously battled with a Brain Tumour. Christy's passing touched thousands of lives and his story has raised **over £56,000.00** for the awareness of paediatric brain tumours.

The Golf & Dinner will be £75.00 (inc. Half a Bottle of Wine)
Dinner will be £50.00 (inc. Half a Bottle of Wine)

10.00am: Breakfast followed by Golf
6.00pm for 6.30pm: Gala Dinner & Dance
11.30pm: Carriages

You can also support the event by sponsoring a Hole at £50.00 or Donating an Item for the Raffle and/ or Auction

For more information, please contact Sheila on 07921 235141 or

Email: sheilajordan1@icloud.com

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.**

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

HUMAN FRATERNITY FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIVING TOGETHER



A discussion of the document signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb will be held online on Sunday May 9th at 7 pm.

The speakers are Julie Siddiqi MBE (Together we thrive), Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald and Sheikh Dr Mohammad Ali Shomali.

The event is hosted by South London Interfaith Group. The discussion will be followed by prayers, charity presentations and a virtual iftar (breaking the fast).

Please book on Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.com/myevent?eid=150891431333>

Questions may be submitted in advance to
chair@southlondoninterfaith.org.uk

The document can be found at
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/travels/2019/outside/documents/papa-francesco_20190204_documento-fratellanza-umana.html

GIFT AID BOXES

The new Gift Aid boxes for the year beginning in June 2021 will be prepared shortly. If there are any changes to your requirements, membership or address details, please notify me, **Jenny Mitchener**, through the parish office email address, addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk, as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

AS A PRACTISING CATHOLIC HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR FOR A LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

The John Fisher School, Purley, is recruiting volunteers for the post of Foundation Governor. Would you like to give a few hours a month as part of the strategic team that helps develop the school, drive education and achieve positive outcomes for local children?

If you have financial, educational, strategic or HR/legal skills that you are willing to use for a fulfilling and sometimes challenging role, then please contact:

Mrs Lindsay Redding, Clerk to the Governors via email on

l.redding@johnfisherschool.org

By **Monday 24th May**.

For more information speak to Simon Drury, Chair of Governors.

AYC NEWS: We are delighted to inform you that AYC is now **OPEN** for young people school years 7-10. Please email Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com to register interest and receive our program of events.

CAFOD PETITION TO CANCEL THE DEBT

The coronavirus pandemic is the worst global health crisis in a century. Yet many countries are being forced to choose between spending money on healthcare or on continuing to pay their debts. Unless urgent action is taken, countries will be plunged into a new debt crisis as they respond to the threat of the virus while managing spiralling debt payments. Please sign the Cafod petition by following this link:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Cancel-the-debt>

ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As you may be aware from our recent update, community sponsorship programmes were abruptly halted in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Further to recent correspondence with the Home Office, we are now actively getting ready to welcome a family into our community. In preparation, we are:

1) Seeking volunteers to join the steering committee in the following roles:

- **Interpreter Lead:** you will ensure that the family have access to high quality translation and interpretation services.
- **Treasurer:** you will have financial oversight of the group's budgets, accounts and financial statements; ensure appropriate financial systems and controls are in place; have experience of record-keeping and account.

2) Resuming our search for a 3-bed, self-contained property. If you are a landlord who may have a suitable house available to rent in the next couple of months, please get in touch! Landlords will benefit from guaranteed rental income for two years.

If you would like to join the group or are a landlord who might have a suitable property to let, please contact us:

addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com / 07711 791729

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OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICE: Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

150th ANNIVERSARY

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ADVANCE NOTICE FOR FORMER PUPILS, PARENTS, STAFF, GOVERNORS AND FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION OF ST JOSEPH'S JUNIOR, INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOLS

In preparation for the 150th anniversary of the opening of St Joseph's School, we invite the submission of recollections, photos and memorabilia, which can be displayed in anniversary publications and at events. Please include a description of any items sent, name people in photos and add a date or occasion when the photograph might have been taken.

During the celebratory year, beginning in September 2021, there will be many opportunities to visit St Joseph's and to meet with other Alumni to mark this special milestone. Please help us spread the news to all those associated with St Joseph's.

To share memories of your days at St Joseph's, or to receive more information as the plans for the anniversary year unfold, please email your name and contact details to:

alumni@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you back to our wonderful schools.

The Federation of St Joseph's Junior, Infant & Nursery Schools,
Crown Dale, Upper Norwood, London SE19 3NX

<https://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/>

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 exit, 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@raos.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 see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

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

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.**
All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

***** THE REPOSITORY SHOP IS NOW OPEN!!! *****

So don't forget to pay us a visit!

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

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian has stepped 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.*

Lord Jesus,

*When you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.*

*We place in your loving care all
who are affected by Coronavirus.*

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

*Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.*

*We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.*

Amen.

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