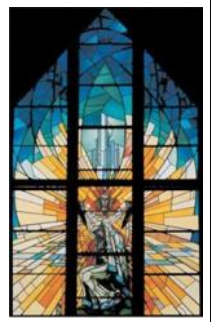




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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'AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED!'

These times when we listen to the news, so much of it is bad! Extensive coverage of Covid stories and statistics hide the continuing situations that exist in so many areas of the world; situations we have failed to address for decades involving wars, famines, drought and the consequences of natural disasters.

With the economic fallout of the pandemic you can picture parents struggling to get money to buy food to feed hungry children in countries all around the world. I am sure many are the times there will be simply no money, so no food. Until when? Only God knows!

In our Readings today, we hear much about the reverse side of the coin. We meet someone who has the power to give us food, all the food we would want. And no money needed. "Though you have no money, come! Listen to me and you will have good things to eat" – Isaiah 55:
 Sounds too good to be true! But it is not just anyone who is calling. It is the Lord himself, opening wide His hand. "You open wide your hand, Grant the desire of all who live" – Psalm 144

The Gospel tells us of the 5,000 plus: "They all ate as much as they wanted". From the wine at the wedding feast to the crowds that day out in the open country, there would be no rationing with the Lord.

The hunger in our world today is all too real and painful. But there are other hungers too - hunger for peace and security, hunger for help and comfort in difficulties and, perhaps the strangest and deepest of all, the hunger for happiness.

So what remains? To believe, to trust that the Lord is absolutely to be relied on.

"As much as they wanted"... Where does your wanting, your hunger lie? Perhaps it is not all that obvious to you? The offers of today's Readings do not come any better in this life of ours. Why not reach out for them?



*** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION ***

*In order to comply with the government's track & trace guidelines, please bring your phone to Mass and text your name to this parish telephone number - **07548 868418**. This will enable us to keep a record and contact number for those in attendance each day if needed. Many thanks for your cooperation.*



UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO LIVE STREAM 10AM MASS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. THIS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO OTHER PARISH'S LIVE STREAMS IN THE MEANTIME.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 1 August: Saturday**
SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI
 10:00 Ellen Murphy RIP
 17:30 Susan Burke RIP
 18:30 David Warner RIP
- 2 August: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY**
 09:00 Agnes Haughian RIP
 10:00 Eileen Haines RIP
 11:00 Ruby & Alexio D'Souza RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners
- 3 August: Monday**
 10:00 Andrew Martin RIP
- 4 August: Tuesday**
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
 10:00 Rosa Lobo RIP
- 5 August: Wednesday**
 10:00 Phil RIP
- 6 August: Thursday**
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
 10:00 Antony Moynihan RIP
 19:30 Thanksgiving for Baby Lily Biggs
- 7 August: Friday**
 10:00 Pat Harley RIP
- 8 August: Saturday SAINT DOMINIC**
 10:00 Joseph Phokeerdoss RIP
 17:30 All Parishioners
 18:30 Wellbeing of Michelle Miller
- 9 August: NINETEENTH SUNDAY**
 09:00 Gemma Meik RIP
 10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP
 11:00 Mrs Francis Ryan RIP
 12:00 Flor O'Donoghue RIP

COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

An Offertory box is now located in the church porch if you wish to drop off your donation.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: 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, Mary Lee, Eileen Turner

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

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

St Mildred's Drop In Centre for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed when the Centre reopens.

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site including the development of the *Irish Shop*.

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.*

ANNE AND KATHLEEN: Would like to thank everyone for all the Mass cards and sympathy cards we have received for our mother, Pat Harley. We would also like to thank everyone who came to see her into the church on Monday and attended her funeral on Tuesday. We would also like to thank Sarah, her team and everyone who gave flowers for the beautiful decoration of the church, we know that Mum would have been delighted.

WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

Places of worship were not mentioned in the recent guidelines from the government regarding the wearing of masks in public. We are still able to keep a 2 meter social distance in church, at which it is not deemed necessary to wear a face covering, **HOWEVER**, it is considered **BEST PRACTISE** (but no obligatory) by the Diocese to wear a mask and therefore please do so if you feel more comfortable.

FR KEITH: Is now on his summer break until 23rd August. Fr Jackson is available should you need an appointment etc.

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please 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: As the parish office remains closed to the public, if you wish to purchase a Mass card, *you will only be able to do so when the Church is open during the times shown above. Please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED!

Are you good with flowers, creative, or even just willing to help and learn with supervision? Our flower team is shrinking and we need more volunteers to come and help make our church a beautiful place to worship!

If you are willing and able to assist, please email the parish office at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk and we will pass your information on.

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.

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

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY MARGARET ROPER SCHOOL - FROM SEPT 2020

Download the application form on the Margaret Roper School website or see the poster on Our Lady's webpage for more details .

Application deadline midday, Friday 14th August 2020

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2020/2021

Starting this weekend Gift Aid boxes and small sets (used by Standing Order donors) will be available as people enter church. It is not possible to distribute them in the usual way as no one is encouraged to loiter outside after mass.

At each mass the boxes available on the table beyond the sanitizer will be for people who gave in their details as having attended mass at that time in previous weeks. The number of boxes will therefore be very few and people should be able to spot their own easily. *Please do not touch or take a box for anyone else.*

For Gift Aid Scheme members who are at mass for the first time since lockdown there will be a list asking for full name and mass time. These boxes will be available next week. Alternatively, you could ring the Parish Office on a Friday leaving the briefest of messages - full name and mass time!

MILK BOTTLE TOP RECYCLING: Thank you to whoever delivered a kilo of bottle tops to my house on 20th July - regrettably three-quarters of this had to be dumped in the Councils' recycling bin as they were not milk-bottle tops. **It is only - repeat, only!! - plastic milk-bottle tops** which I can send for recycling, so please don't deliver anything else; dump it in your own bin! *Andy Bebington*

OUR LADY'S INVITES YOU TO.....

Do you have any questions or doubts about **FAITH AND SACRED SCRIPTURE**?

Your priests are ever ready to clarify at this moment of pandemic. Send an email to the parish office: addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk marked **ASK YOUR PRIEST**.



"For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty and people seek instruction from his mouth". (Malachi 2:7)

ASK YOUR PRIEST

STAY ALERT

CONTROL THE VIRUS

SAVE LIVES