



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



**Parish Priest:** Fr. Keith Sylvia      **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Tomasz Margol  
 147 Bingham Road, Addiscombe, Croydon CR0 7EN. Phone 020-8654 1709  
 email: addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk      website: www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com  
 Diocesan website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk  
**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm      Wednesday: Closed**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 3rd March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent (page 154 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

*Can a mother forget the baby at her breast  
 and have no compassion on the child she has borne?  
 Though she may forget I will not forget you! Is 49.15*

**Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Is 43.1**

When we listen to the teachings of Jesus as expressed by the leaders of the Church, we may find them challenging. Questions arise in our minds about how this demonstrates God's love towards us. We may experience strong emotions & become upset. All of that is valid; we all have the right to feel what we feel & to be upset. Emotions are God-given & cannot be inherently bad or wrong.

Sometimes, these emotions are intense, & we simply need time. Our emotions will subside at some point. Emotions are not sins; however, what we do with them may become a sin, as sin is something that does not help us to blossom or flourish.

In all of this, we deserve compassion towards ourselves, acknowledging what we experience. All with patience & empathy. God desires our well-being always, even if we feel strongly about something. He loves us & desires our wholeness this is why He is always clear or even firm when presenting us with the truth.

Issues like contraception, abortion, IVF, euthanasia, & others can make these experiences more challenging. Fair enough! There is plenty in those issues that evoke strong feelings within us. We need time to feel them, to be upset, to mourn, & to express our emotions. It would be good to come to a priest & have a chat. It would be useful to read about it & ask questions. Let's allow ourselves to share our struggles, doubts, and fears. Always with kindness & mutual respect. All of that is a part of a process.

Experiencing those struggles is not the end; we all feel that it is not a place to be. We all feel that we deserve change, peace, & healing. Again, it takes time, compassion, and courage to move forward. Yet, when we are ready, always when we are ready. This cannot be forced. It can be only encouraged & nurtured. In the meantime, it is good to pray, to talk about it, & to support each other.

The teachings of the Church cannot change on some matters. However, it is obvious that we are on a journey together to help each other in a deeper understanding of God's desire for our happiness.

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matt 11.28-30*

### MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 5th at 10.30am (Small Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 5th at 8pm (PRC)  
**Adult Catechesis:** Wed 6th at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)  
**RCIA:** Wednesday 6th at 7.30pm (PRC) *Scripture - Reflection of Palm Sunday Readings*  
**UCM:** Wednesday 6th at 8.15pm (Large Hall) *See note overleaf*  
**PPC:** Thursday 7th at 8pm (PRC)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 558.50
Loose cash	£ 500.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2348.50</b>

### Mass Intentions This Week

#### 2 March: Saturday

10:00 William Cornabe RIP  
 18:00 All Parishioners

#### 3 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Maria Harris RIP  
 10:00 UCM: For All Mothers  
*(With 1st Scrutiny - pg 157 of Mass book)*  
 11:30 Thanksgiving for Godday Ejemear & Family +

#### 4 March: Monday

10:00 Nell Bentley RIP

#### 5 March: Tuesday

10:00 Maduka Okeke Birthday Intentions

#### 6 March: Wednesday

10:00 Owen McNally RIP (Birthday)

#### 15:45 Stations of the Cross

#### 7 March: Thursday

10:00 Tom Basista RIP  
 19:30 Birdget Mary Watts RIP

#### 8 March: Friday

10:00 Birthday Wishes for Michael Bowen

#### 9 March: Saturday

10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP  
 18:00 Breda Mitchell RIP

#### 10 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners \*  
*(With 2nd Scrutiny - pg 165 of Mass book)*  
 10:00 Molly Bowen RIP Ann. \*  
 11:30 Sarah & Owen O'Hara RIP

+ With Baptism  
 \* With Children's Liturgy

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.



**Hearing Loop**  
 Switch hearing aid to T-coil

### COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **CAFOD (Family Fast Day)** amounted to £831.00. Many thanks.  
 The next Diocesan second collection for **Poor Parishes** will be on 17th March.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Arthur Hughes & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Philomena Clark, John Izzie, James Dalrymple-Alford, Patrick Coffey, Marian Hayward, William Hills, Winifred Chandler, Juan Garcia, Kathleen Lacy, Maria Ferreira, Sampat Bhardwaj, Walter Claudius, Theresa Young, Bill Kendall, Marion Bolechala, Baby Lillian Harris, Mary Warner, Ida De Souza, Lynda Salako, Mary Anne Byrne, Carlton Quieros, Joseph Pinder, Mena Hicks, Ashley Shafton, John Lennon, Kathleen White, Josephine La Rue, Horace Barrett, Anne Kelleher, John Madden, William Larkin, Thomas Godwin, Peter Dunne, Isobel Galley, Mabel Levett, Barbara Joyce, Christopher Johnson, Sr Mary Constance, Melville Pinto, Aaron Grimsley

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

3rd March: Pat Jordan

10th March: Glen Flynn

17th March: **St Patrick's Day** - Frank Nelson

24th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

31st March: **Easter Sunday Special** - Kieran White

7th April: Theresa Rodgers

14th April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

21st April: TR Dallas

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs take place at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon, CR9 7AT on Wednesday evenings from 5:45pm - 7:00pm; they will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- **Our St Patrick's Celebrations include:**

**Sabrina Fallon & Shane Moore** appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 15th March from 7:30pm. There will also be a display of Dancing by the **Keady Academy of Dance**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Place to be Cafe, Purley**; a Social Club for older people living with **Dementia** and **their Carers**. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling **Pat Winston on 07734 250375**. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

**Frank Nelson & Michael Howard** will be with us on St Patrick's Day: Sunday, 17th March from 7:30pm. The Castlerea Brass & Reed Band will also give a display of Music. Admission will be by Ticket: Members - £5.00 & Guests £6.00. **To reserve Tickets call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

### DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP MEETING - TODAY

Dear Parishioners, you are invited to the Diversity Support Group meeting TODAY, **Sunday 3rd March at 12.30pm** in the **large hall**. Discussions will be around '*Counting our blessings and moving forward*'. Come and appreciate our achievements and plan for an exciting future. Thanks, peace and blessings Sylvia.

### LENTEN MASSES IN C.U.H.

There will be Mass in the Hospital Chapel at 12 noon on Monday 4th, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. **All are most welcome.**

### COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR 2025 CALENDAR

*Thank you for your continued support.* It has been a successful start to collecting pledges for a date in memory of our deceased loved ones. This is an opportunity for ALL parishioners, new parishioners as well as long term parishioners and past parishioners who still have a connection to Our Lady's, to be part of the start of our centenary celebrations. Your loved ones do not have to have been parishioners.

There are still dates available for £20 per name of a loved one. If you are interested, please contact the parish office by email to [addiscombe@rcaos.or.uk](mailto:addiscombe@rcaos.or.uk) giving the name of the loved one and two preferred dates (to avoid disappointment) to reserve a date.

Payment is by cash or cheque (made payable to Addiscombe Catholic Church) in an envelope marked 100 with the **name of your loved one, preferred dates and your contact number.**

To keep the production of the calendar on target all payments must be received by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to confirm your requested entry into the calendar.

### NEXT UCM MEETING: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS..... Wednesday 6th March - 8pm in the Large Hall

Ex prison officer Pauline Martindale, will be with us to talk about her experiences working in a prison. **All welcome. £2 on entry.**

### SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has re-launched several activities for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please sign up to our network at [tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork).

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 11.30AM MASSES

We are delighted to confirm that we will be holding Children's Liturgy sessions during some 11.30am Masses - with thanks to a new leader who has come forward to run them! The first one will take place at Mass on Sunday 28th April.

We are now recruiting a small team of volunteers to help, without whom we won't be able to offer these sessions. In terms of the time commitment, volunteers arrive 15-20 mins before Mass and carry out the role during the Mass itself. Volunteers usually help at 4-6 masses each year. No experience required — you'll be fully briefed before each session.

Helping involves setting up and resetting the hall, as well as supporting with arts and craft activities. There is no 'typical' volunteer — some of our existing team members are students in secondary school or sixth form, others are parents whose children attend sessions, whilst many are people who simply enjoy engaging with and encouraging our younger parishioners.

Could you help? If so, please contact **Sophia on 07717 572791** or [slinehanbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:slinehanbiggs@gmail.com)

### RECENT DEATH & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please keep Fr Anthony Barratt in your prayers at time (who was once a curate here at Our Lady's) following the death of his father, **Deacon Denis Barratt**, and mother Mary, recently. May their souls **Rest In Peace.**

The funeral of **Bill Yates** will be held on Monday, 18 March at 2.30pm at St John the Evangelist Church, Shirley Church Road, CR0 5EE. Refreshments after at Shirley Park Golf Club, Addiscombe Road. *It would be helpful if you could let Angela know if you intend on coming 020 8654 3041.*

**PADRE PIO MISSION:** Missionaries are coming to speak to us about Padre Pio on **Saturday 9th at 6pm Mass.**  
See poster in the porch for more info.

### OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the SMALL Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

5th March: Faith Journey by Bella

19th March: Joseph will lead us prior to Easter

9th April: Sr. Sheila Moloney "An hour with our Blessed Lady"

**PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING:** We can only accept the small printer cartridges for recycling. Many thanks.

### CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz delivers catechesis for adults **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall.**

**Topic for this week:** Why do we suffer if God is love & mercy?

**For Collection:** *K Duignan*

**Baptism certificates:** COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**Rotas:** *Eucharistic Ministers (March) Readers (March/April)*

### MAKING A NEW START

*Beginning Experience* is a residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. It is led by trained volunteers who've experienced adjusting to life as single people again. The next programme will be on April 12-14. For details phone **0208 647 4760** or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

### LALEHAM LEA SCHOOL - JOB VACANCY

Laleham Lea, a Catholic Independent School in Purley, is looking for a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) to start as soon as possible. For more information and application forms please visit our school website - [www.lalehamlea.co.uk](http://www.lalehamlea.co.uk) or call **0208 660 3351.**

# ADDISCOMBE PARISH'S CENTENARY 2025

*Did you know that next year, 2025, is the Centenary of the opening of the Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation?*

*The first Church opened on 11th October 1925 in the former "button factory" on the corner of Lower Addiscombe Road and Brockenhurst Road. It was a satellite of the Parish of St. Chad's. Our current Church was completed and opened on 8th December 1964, so this year we celebrate 60 years of continuous service in Bingham Road.*

*We are planning to produce a Souvenir Commemorative Calendar celebrating one hundred years of our Parish.*

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- 1. Have you any contacts in companies or work for organisations that would be willing to sponsor a month up to 12 months for advertising their logo?*
- 2. Has anyone got any contacts with a reliable designer and/or printing company that we can use?*
- 3. For costs and with details of the above, please email the Parish office. A letter has been written that can be given to companies and organisations with details of sponsorship.*
- 4. Have you any photos from any past events? Have you any of past Parish Priests? Any memories that you can share?*

*Start searching those albums and attics now!*

***PLEASE HOLD ON TO THEM UNTIL WE ASK YOU FOR THEM!***

*Our plan is to have the calendars available for sale at the Autumn Fayre 2024. All monies raised will be for Our Lady's - decisions on how it will be used will be discussed in due course.*

*There will be other celebrations so watch this space in the months to come!*

*Many thanks*

*fr Keill.*

*fr Taman Marçal*

*and the PPC.*