



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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3rd April 2022 Fifth Sunday of Lent (page 176 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

OUR GOD:

EMBODIMENT OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin, give the sinner a second chance, bind up broken lives, and restore people to His friendship, today's readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and one another. The central theme of all three readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. The readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion.

Explaining how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile, the first reading reminds us that we too are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness

The sinful woman's story of sin committed, and sin forgiven in today's Gospel, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus offers to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. Let's all try to be the people of forgiveness.

DETAILS OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

- 10th April - Palm Sunday: Palm Gospel at all Masses
- 14th April - Maundy Thursday: Mass with Washing of Feet, 7.30pm
Followed by the Watch in the Garden 'till mid-night
- 15th April - Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Good Friday: Liturgy
- 16th April - Holy Saturday: 10am Morning Prayer with RCIA Candidates
9pm The Easter Vigil
- 17th April - Easter Sunday: Usual Sunday Mass times

MEETINGS

- Ascent Group:** Tuesday 5th April at 10.30am (Large Hall)
- SVP:** Tuesday 5th at 8pm (PRC)
- RCIA:** Wednesday 6th at 8pm (PRC)
- UCM:** Wednesday 6th at 8pm (Large Hall)



*Our 10am Mass each Sunday is
LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook
page and on the 'Live Masses' page of the
parish website.*

CHURCH CLEANING
7th APRIL - TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 434.06
Loose cash	£ 292.94
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
Total	£ 1782.00

Mass Intentions This Week

2 April: Saturday

- 10:00 Eugene Kearns RIP
- 18:00 Marie Breen RIP

3 April: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 08:30 All Parishioners
- 10:00 UCM: All Members & their Families and Paul Franklin RIP
- 11:30 John Boswood RIP

4 April: Monday

- 10:00 Joseph Simons RIP

5 April: Tuesday

- 10:00 Ints. Of Annie Lawlor & Family
- 19:30 *Reconciliation Service (visiting priests)*

6 April: Wednesday

- 10:00 William Cornabe RIP
- 15:45 *Stations of the Cross*

7 April: Thursday

- 10:00 Michael Semeta RIP
- 19:30 Maria Morris RIP

8 April: Friday

- 10:00 Nan O'Sullivan RIP

9 April: Saturday

- 10:00 Jerome Simons RIP
- 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

10 April: PALM SUNDAY

- 08:30 55th Wedding Anniversary of Keith & Sally Harris
- 10:00 Michael McGowan RIP
- 11:30 All Parishioners

LENT PROSE

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 12pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

COLLECTIONS

There will be a collection for *Holy Places* on Good Friday (15th April).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Karen Pearson, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux, Jean Carpenter

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Rosa Lobo, Mary Fitzgerald, Basil Hymas, Paul Franklin, Michael O'Donnell, Bernard Bennett, Michael Semeta, Mark Carter, Sarah Scanlan, Violet Fahey, Dorothy Morrison, Jerome Simons, Peter White, Dorothy Martynski, Grace McSweeney, Joan Duffin, Blanche Paul, Daniel T. White, Jack Stoyel, Mary Bernadette Nolan

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

3rd April: Kieran White

10th April: Theresa Rodgers

17th April: **Easter Sunday Celebration** with Shawn Cuddy

24th April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs take place every Wednesday evening at Trinity School from 5.45pm and concluding at 7.00pm. The sessions are 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.

- The Social Club in partnership with DA Lindsay & Sons (Funeral Directors) present the **Counterfeit Beatles Tribute Evening** on Friday, 22nd April commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**. All proceeds from the event will be given to **the Chaplaincy Team at Croydon University Hospital**.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT

The funeral of **Jeremiah Murphy** will take place here at **Our Lady's** on **Friday 13th May at 10am**. His body will be received into church on Thursday 12th May at 4pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

COLOMA PAST PUPILS

Our annual reunion is on **Saturday 23rd April** at school in Shirley. The day includes a Prosecco and canape reception, a two course lunch and afternoon tea. Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at 11.15am for those who wish to attend.

After the couple of years we have all had it is an ideal time to reconnect with your classmates, so gather a group together or come along to meet everyone.

Information for the event is viewable at

www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk/community/coga

If you would prefer to phone or email to book tickets

call Clare Pepper on **020 8776 0186**

or email colomaoldgirlsassociation@gmail.com

TOWARDS A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Following discussion at the last Parish Meeting on 21st July 2021, a small group of parishioners together with Fr. Keith and Fr. Jackson have met on a number of occasions as a Working Party to discuss the purpose, membership and re-establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for our parish. At the Working Party's last meeting on 24th February it was agreed that adequate preliminary work had been done so that an actual decision to go ahead, or not, with setting up a PPC should be put to the parish at a Parish Meeting.

Nominations for membership of the Working Party had been sought from a range of parish organisations so that it (the Working Party) could be as widely representative of the parish as possible. Happily, there was a very positive response from parish organisations which meant that the Working Party was well placed to reflect the views of the parish. Due to the Covid restrictions most of the meetings were held on line (using Zoom, generously hosted by a member of the parish's Diversity Group).

Most of the discussions were focussed on the purpose and membership of a PPC but a number of particular and immediate issues were discussed at Fr. Keith's request enabling him to get a broad view of parishioners' feelings on various matters.

The Working Party thought it important to let the whole parish know what has been happening following the discussion at the last Parish Meeting, and to give **advance notice of a Parish Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 28th April at 8pm in the large hall**.

Please make a note of that date and do your best to attend. An Agenda and supporting papers, including details of the proposed constitution, will be published nearer the date.

Arthur Hughes, Convenor.

PARISH FILM SHOW

In support of Addiscombe Welcomes Refugees. An entertaining variety show presented via film projection (not digital).

In the **Small Hall on Friday 8th April at 7.30pm**. Tickets (£6 adults, £3 aged up to 16) will be on sale after Mass this weekend. You can also reserve seats from Adrian Winchester, Email: adrianw_8-16@tiscali.co.uk, Tel: 020 8656 0168.

THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE (CAMDEN): Are bringing their afternoon Social Groups to Addiscombe! There will be:

Tea / coffee & biscuits

Raffle / Singing / Bingo

Quizzes / Day trips etc.

From **April 13th on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 1 - 3pm**
In the Small Hall

Please contact **Joe on 07947 120568** for more information, or if you are able to volunteer to help set up and serve on the days. Thank you.

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP

(members of Life Ascending)

Meets every second Tuesday in the Large Hall after the 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 April: We will look at the Gospel reading for the day**

* **26th April: (Not 19th)**

* **10th May: Sr. Sheila Barrett, Daughters of Mary and Joseph, on prayer**

JINGLE PENNY JARS - THANK YOU!

My sincere thanks to all who sent in their Jingle Penny Jars! This quarter we raised £62 and this was donated to the Ukraine appeal.

Please feel free to start your own 'Our Lady's Jingle Penny Jar' and give in to **Nike** once full. Many thanks again.

FAIRTRADE PARISH

We are a fairtrade parish, and parish groups are asked to use fairtrade products such as tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits at their meetings. These products are widely available in supermarkets. They can also be purchased online through Traidcraft at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

THE PASSAGE: A Catholic charity working with homeless people, is raising funds through **The Big Give** a matched giving scheme.

Every £1 donated online by 12 noon on **Tuesday 19th April** makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid.

Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign.

The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support.

For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

All Baptism certificates & Confirmation certificates for 2020/21 should now be collected from the Parish Office. **Thank you.**

TRANSPORT TO MASS - SUNDAYS AT 11.30am

Could you help a parishioner with a lift to Mass? If yes, please contact the parish office. Many thanks.

Items for collection: *Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

Rotas: *Readers (Mar/Apr) Eucharistic Ministers (April and Easter)*