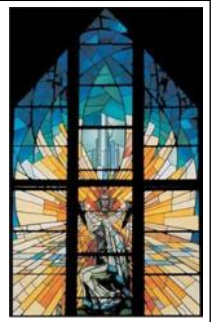




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

## 3rd December 2023 First Sunday of Advent (page 82 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Today is a special day, and not just a day, but the beginning of a special season, **Advent**. During Advent we focus on waiting, waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus, and during the week before Christmas our waiting changes to waiting for our celebration of the birth of Jesus. Anytime we wait, we do so because we expect something to happen - we wait for a bus or train because we expect it to arrive. When we are waiting for a bus or train, we cannot see it coming but hope it will come. During Advent we are waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus because the Second Coming of Jesus will bring all God's plans for the world to completion. As we wait in hope for the Second Coming of Jesus, we know he is with us in so many ways especially in the sacraments. So, during Advent we are conscious of God being present with us while we await the fulfilment of God's plans. (Fr. Tommy Lane)



We have a tradition here at Our Lady's, and in many other parishes in the deanery in preparation for the Nativity, of celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** following a short liturgical examination of conscience. **This year we will be celebrating on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.** The event was not well supported last year. So let us remind ourselves that the penitential seasons of the Church are gifts, to help us properly prepare our hearts to celebrate the two unfathomable acts of generosity by our loving God, the Incarnation and Passion of Christ.

### MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 5th at 10.30am (Large Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 5th at 8pm (PRC)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**  
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 447.20
Loose cash	£ 741.52
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2478.72</b>

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 2 December: Saturday

10:00 Pio Perera RIP  
18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

### 3 December: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 All Parishioners  
10:00 UCM: The Homeless  
11:30 Shirley Gaunt RIP 3rd Anniversary

### 4 December: Monday

10:00 Birthday Wishes & Wellbeing of  
Kanayo Okeke

### 5 December: Tuesday

10:00 Thanksgiving for friends & family of  
Kathleen & Philip Hennessy

### 6 December: Wednesday

10:00 Thanksgiving for Dr Nike Arowobusoye

### 7 December: Thursday SAINT AMBROSE

10:00 Wellbeing of Roberto Callus  
19:30 Fr John McKenna's Intentions RIP

### 8 December: Friday

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 Deceased Members of the  
Heskin & Sweeney Families  
18:30 **Memorial Service**

### 9 December: Saturday

10:00 Wellbeing of the Quinn Family  
18:00 Desmond & Winnie O'Rourke RIP

### 10 December:

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 Michael Cafferkey RIP  
10:00 All Parishioners  
11:30 Christine Brooks RIP  
14:00 **Everyone's Nativity**

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

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

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's Diocesan collection for **Youth Sunday** amounted to £579.28. Many thanks.  
This week we have our annual **Toy Collection**. Next week there will be an ACC collection for **Barnabas Aid**.

**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

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** William Conroy, Tom Clarke, Terri (Annie) Knight, Wladyslaw (John) Langowski, Shirley Gaunt, Helen Linehan, Patrick Casey, Margaret Lord, Teresa Cleary, Mary Brown, Joseph Morais, Mary Patterson, Joseph Leaman, Beatrice Michael, Molly Wynne, Darrell Williamson, Ernest La Rue, George Horsley, Maria Tagliarini, David Mahoney, Candida "Peggy" Corner, Baby Martin Moss, Salvatore Parise, Bridget Coughlan, Rodney Burleigh, Michael McGowan, Ralph Rayner, Mary Sims, Elena Braiotto, Iris D'Rose

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

3rd December: Theresa Rodgers

10th December: Glen Flynn

17th December: Frank Nelson

31st December: **New Year's Eve Party** - Ally Harron/Marian Curry

7th January: Kieran White

14th January: Theresa Rodgers

21st January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

28th January: Cross Keys

- Thank you to our Parish Community for your magnificent support of the Pyjama Appeal; we were able to deliver two large boxes of Pyjama Sets to St Mildred's Church. These will be given to young people in Hospital, a Hospice or a Women's Refuge within the UK.

- The recent Declan Nerney evening was very well supported; the event raised approx. £4,000.00 for our two Charities - **Research into the Williams Syndrome & the Brain Tumour Charity**.

- **The Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons Tribute Evening** - is **completely SOLD OUT**. No tickets will be available at the door.

- The **Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner** will be on Sunday, 17th December from 12.30pm. This event is open to members of our Lady's Parish Community & Members of the Social Club; entertainment will be provided by Frank Nelson. **To reserve a place at the Dinner, call Pat Winston on 07734 250375.**

- The **New Year's Eve Party** will take place on Sunday, 31st December from 7.30pm. Guests will be invited to bring Party Food to the event & Entertainment will be provided by **Ally Harron & Marian Curry**. Admission will be by Ticket: Members - £5.00 & Guests £6.00. **To reserve Tickets call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

### RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Margaret Wall** formerly of Westbourne Rd. Her funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's** on **Thursday 28th December at 10am**.

The funeral of **Nell Bentley** will take place here at **Our Lady's** on **Monday 11th December at 10am**.

The funeral of **Leon Titus**, will take place here at **Our Lady's** on **Tuesday 19th December at 10am**.

Please keep all the recently departed in your prayers at this time, along with their families. May their gentle souls **Rest In Peace**.

### \*\*\* UCM COFFEE MORNING \*\*\*

After 10am Mass today in the large hall. Please join us!

### CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

**PLEASE NOTE:** There **will not** be any catechesis for adults this Wednesday. Talks will resume on 12th December.

### \*\*\* NEW!! YOUNG ADULTS GROUP \*\*\*

All young adults (aged 23 - 35 years) are invited to attend a meeting on **Friday 8th December at 8pm in the PRC**.

This new initiative in the parish encourages you to come together for prayer, discussion, contemplation and to socialise!

***We look forward to meeting you all!***

### \*\*\* Everyone's Nativity \*\*\*

**Sunday 10th December 2 - 3pm**

Join us for an interactive and 'family friendly' reading of the Nativity Story. Come dressed up as one of the characters to help bring this special story to life. Your costume can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. We don't mind how many Marys, Josephs, Donkeys, Innkeepers, Stars, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels or Kings we have. Everyone will be included - the more the merrier!

*Afterwards, festive refreshments will be served in the church hall, and all children will be invited to take part in arts & craft activities.*

### PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2024 ENTRY

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the parish office before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith.

Appointments will **ONLY** run until **Friday 8th December**.

### ETHICS CONFERENCE

#### PATIENT ADVOCACY IN PALLIATIVE CARE

11th December from 10am - 4pm

Venue: 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PB

Legal and professional issues / conscientious objection

Cost £40 (Concessions available)

Lunch and refreshments provided

Please contact Teresa Lynch, Pro Life Nurses

**[teresalynch1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:teresalynch1@hotmail.co.uk) or 07721 372786**

### MEMORIAL SERVICE - FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

**David Lindsay & his team** warmly welcome you to a **Memorial Service** to remember all those who have passed, here at Our Lady's on Friday, 8th December at **6.30pm**. More details are available on the poster in the porch.

*Tea & Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the Service.*

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** Please remember to use your Gift Aid envelopes every week. If you require a replacement set please contact the parish office and a new set can be arranged for you.

### OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP

**(Members of Life Ascending)**

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the Large 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 December:** Talk on Prayer by Sr. Sheila Moloney, DMJ

**19th December:** Social with shared refreshments and discussion on Life Ascending matters

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

**Welcome!** Please introduce yourselves to one of our Priests. There are registration forms in the porch on the table and on the shelf besides the water font with gift aid forms. Our website - **Addiscombe Catholic Church** - has information about groups, activities, current and past newsletters that may be useful to you, or you can call or visit our secretaries, Rachel and Stephanie, in the parish office during opening times (shown overleaf).

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE LONDON:** Is holding a Divine Mercy Advent Reflection 2023 at the Church of Mary Mother of God, 192 Nags Head Road, Ponders End, Enfield EN3 7AR, on **Saturday 16th December** from 1:30pm to 4:30pm led by the Marian Fathers.

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. **All Welcome**. Please call **Millie** on **07957594646** for more information.

### Save The Date - CAFOD MARCH

**Sat 9th December 11.45am -2pm**

Pope Francis has written a new message calling for world leaders to tackle the climate crisis and make the most of the upcoming COP28 climate summit. Join CAFOD and thousands marching in London (location to be confirmed) on Saturday 9 December in solidarity with those on the frontlines of the climate crisis. We'll be calling for leaders to act on Pope Francis' message in the remaining days of COP28.

**For Collection:** J Murphy

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

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (Dec/Christmas) Readers (Nov/Dec)