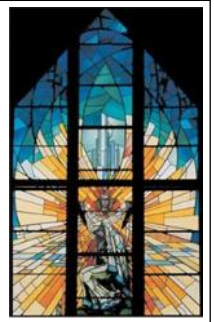




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Following the Lord's instructions, the disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring - bread and wine, "the work of human hands" - and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even to sacrifice himself for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice to one another.

*Fr. Keith and Fr. Tomasz are God's men, sent to serve.
 They are never too busy to see you.*

Mass Intentions This Week

- 3 May: Saturday**
SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES
 10:00 30th Wedding Anniversary Wishes for Anthony & Stella Uraih
 18:00 Harold, Michael & Harry Sweeney RIP
- 4 May: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 UCM: All Children Making Their First Holy Communion
 11:30 Kathy Slater RIP
- 5 May: Monday**
 10:00 Edward Timothy Crowley RIP
- 6 May: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Michael Mulroe RIP
- 7 May: Wednesday**
 10:00 Milton Chatelier RIP
- 8 May: Thursday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Loretta (Sandy) Robson RIP
 19:30 Stanley Alby RIP
- 9 May: Friday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Coral (Corrie) Templeton RIP
- 10 May: Saturday**
 10:00 Christy Jordan RIP 8th Anniversary
 18:00 Andrew Starnes RIP Anniversary
- 11 May: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 08:30 Owen & Mary McNally RIP
 10:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara RIP
 11:30 Christo Ghawi RIP 50th Anniversary

MEETINGS

- Book Club with Fr Tomasz:** Tuesday 6th at 4pm (Small Hall) *A Case for Christ*
SVP: Tuesday 6th at 8pm (PRC)
Bible Study with Fr Tomasz: Wednesday 7th at 11.30am (Large Hall)
UCM: Wednesday 7th at 8pm (Large Hall)
PPC: Thursday 8th at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 522.00
Loose cash	£ 881.06
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2743.06

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's Diocesan collection for the *Maintenance of St George's Cathedral* amounted to £811.88. Many thanks.
 Next week there will a Diocesan collection for the *Priests' Training Fund*. See note overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Thomas O'Flanagan, Margaret Tuck, Johanna Meek, Bridie Coombes, Denis Kelly, Rosario de Gomez, Ronald Thomson, Merita De Saa, Bruno Laskowski, Johanna Concannon, Lily Hopcraft, Peter Hulme, John Finigan, Norah Fowler, Rosa Piper, Colin Joseph, Michael Considine, James Stone, Claude Nasse, Gerald Zampa, Eamonn McPhillips, Beatrix Ann Martin, Christy Jordan, Mary Rayner, Godelieve Padbury, Tom Moody, Gertrude Smith, Frankie Finigan, Andrew Starnes, Elizabeth McCarthy, Robert McCann

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

4th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kenny Paul

11th May: Theresa Rodgers

18th May: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

25th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kieran White

1st June: Cross Keys

8th June: TR Dallas

15th June: Shane & Mervyn Owens

- **The London Irish Centre (Camden)** are now bringing their afternoon Social Groups to Addiscombe! There will be Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Raffle, Singing, Bingo, Quizzes, Day trips et al. **The group will be facilitating sessions every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.**

- The **Barry Doyle Band** will be appearing in the Social Club on Friday, 9th May from 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Irish Community Services, Bexleyheath.**

The **Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance** will take place on Friday, 16th May. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm and **Dancing to The Duets** will commence at 8:00pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Anerley ACROSS, a charity which will be taking a party of disable people to Lourdes in June.**

To reserve tickets for the above events, please call **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Terrence Bates**. Please keep Terrence, his wife Maria and all the family in your prayers at this difficult time. May he Rest in Peace.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND 2nd COLLECTION 11th MAY

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 9 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Will be distributed after all Masses the weekend of 10th/11th May. Please remember to collect your boxes!

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Parish Ascent Group is part of "Life Ascending International". It is a Catholic movement for men and women who have reached a certain age in life. The three aims are first, developing Friendship, then growing in Spirituality and finally supporting the Church's Mission both at home and abroad.

All parishioners are very welcome to join us. We meet over tea and coffee to share in many different ways our understanding and experience of our Catholic faith, in the *Small Hall after 10am Mass on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.*

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 13th May.**

SAFEGUARDING: It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the Diocesan website:

safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

COLOMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Is calling all 'Coloma Old Girls' to come to the annual lunch on **Saturday 10th May**, starting with Mass in St Anne's chapel at 11.15 am, and lunch at midday. Home time is 5pm after tea and cakes.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school. For booking form please contact colomaoldgirlsassociation@gmail.com or Claire Tucker (chair) on 07774 659966

UCM COFFEE MORNING TODAY!

Join us in the large hall after 10am Mass today for tea and cake, and help us raise some funds for **St Christopher's Hospice!**

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR 28TH CROYDON SCOUTS

We are thrilled to share that our Beaver Scout Colony has grown so wonderfully that we've reached full capacity! To continue offering an amazing experience to more young adventurers, we need to open a second Beaver Scout Colony.

To make this happen, we need your support. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help lead and inspire our 6 to 8 year old Beaver Scouts. No prior experience is necessary - we will provide training and support to ensure you feel confident and prepared.

Joining our team as a volunteer is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in the lives of local children, gain new skills, and have a lot of fun along the way!

Time commitment - 90 minutes each week, probably on a Thursday 6pm to 7pm (can change day if needed). Plus planning and training time.

Be part of something amazing. gsl@28thcroydon.org.uk

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Is the name which has been given to the journey taken by people who seek to enter into full communion in the Roman Catholic Church. Essentially this allows adults to get to know our church teaching and practice in a friendly, informal group setting and culminating, if they so wish, in the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist next Easter.

Parishioners are asked to encourage friends and relatives to consider joining RCIA this year. **The welcome meeting for our 2025-26 group, will be on Wednesday May 14th at 8.00pm.**

Anyone considering embarking on a new stage of their own journey in faith is invited along on that evening to learn how the RCIA group work together and share our faith. "Come and See"

More details are available on page 3 of the online newsletter.

CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at **St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 12th.**

Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, *email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish.*

The deadline for applying is the middle of May.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD - 7 JUNE 2025

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults.

This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). **The event itself is free.**

If there is enough interest, our parish will look at putting on a minibus/coach for the day itself (cost to be advised), so to express your interest, please speak to Fr Keith.

You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

For Collection: UCM **Baptism Certs:** From the parish office

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (May) Readers (May/June)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who attended the Easter vigil, or one of the Sunday Masses in Lent, you will have been part of our RCIA candidate's initiation into the Catholic Church.

Soon **RCIA** in our Parish will start again for another year. Those involved in helping with the programme always find it to be an inspiring and rewarding experience.

What is the **RCIA**, and could you play a part or benefit from joining the process?

The Southwark Diocese website explains what is involved very well...

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/becoming-a-catholic

“Becoming Catholic is an amazing, life-changing journey. Much more than a series of educational classes, it moves through a process of deep reflection, discernment and formation.

God offers each of us the grace of desiring and seeking love, truth and meaning. He is the initiator and giver of all faith, who inspires and guides us on our journey. Throughout the process of initiation into the Catholic Church, the people of God accompany those seeking full initiation step-by-step, to support, guide, and help them hear God's call in their life.”

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the name which has been given to the journey taken by people who seek to become Christians and be confirmed participants in our Catholic Church. Essentially this process allows adults and older young people to enquire, and if they wish, to be prepared for three sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation and The Eucharist.

In our parish it normally takes about 10 months and culminates in personal decisions being made in the new year, a formal welcome by the Archbishop at Southwark Cathedral in Lent and in celebration of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The group meets every two weeks (excluding school holidays), starting **Wednesday 14th May at 8pm**.

Parishioners are asked to encourage friends and relatives to consider joining RCIA this year and indeed anyone wishing to follow the process can be a great help in the Journey to Faith. You will be very welcome to join and accompany this year's candidates. You do not need any particular skills or training. If you might be interested, or would like more information or perhaps have been through the process in the past, please contact one of the priests after Mass on Sundays.