



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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## 4th September 2022 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 133 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

Today's gospel message is not only profoundly counter-cultural; it falls within the category of things that lie beyond the grasp of our limited human understanding, as our first reading from the Book of Wisdom states. 'Who can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord'. The wisdom of the cross is a wisdom that is written 'in the heavens'. It is not the calculating wisdom of the worldly wise, but rather, as St Paul reminds us, 'God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength'. Paul is speaking from personal experience. In our second reading today from his Letter to Philemon, he refers to himself as 'an old man... still a prisoner of Jesus Christ' forced to wear chains. Far from making him embittered, Paul's years in prison matured him as a disciple and apostle of Christ, enabling him to imitate more closely the tender and compassionate love of his Master, as this short reading clearly illustrates.

Our following of Jesus today may not lead to physical death or to imprisonment but, if it is genuine and not just wishful thinking, it will involve the cross in one form or another. For those living in a post-Christian secular culture, perhaps the word of the British journalist, Philip Toynbee, are apposite: 'Those who are trying to live Christian lives today are faced, not with martyrdom, not even with hostility, not even with contempt. They are faced with the deadly indifference of their fellow men and women, lightened only by an occasional burst of amused curiosity'. So, let us pray in the words of St Richard of Chichester for the grace 'to see Christ more clearly, follow him more nearly, and love him more dearly, day by day'.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CONFIRMATION 2022

The first Confirmation parents' meeting is on Tuesday 6th September at 8pm in the large hall. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU BRING ALONG COMPLETED SPONSOR FORMS AND AWAY DAY CONSENT FORMS!**

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no newsletter next week due to staff annual leave. Normal service will resume from weekend of 17th/18th September.**

### MEETINGS

**SVP:** Tuesday 6th & 13th at 8pm (PRC)  
**PPC:** Wednesday 7th at 7.30pm (PRC)  
**Autumn Fair:** Thursday 8th at 8pm (PRC)  
**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 13th at 10.30am (Large Hall)

### Mass Intentions This Week

#### 3 September: Saturday SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

10:00 Intentions of Teresa & Paddy Heskin  
 18:00 Ivy O'Connor RIP

#### 4 September: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 Vincent Mariakumar Emmanuel RIP  
 11:30 Michael Flynn RIP

#### 5 September: Monday

10:00 Intentions of the Fearon Family

#### 6 September: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Kathleen Attwater RIP

#### 7 September: Wednesday

10:00 Alice Sciberras RIP

#### 8 September: Thursday THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 Mary Peazold RIP  
 19:30 Anne France RIP

#### 9 September: Friday

10:00 Thanksgiving for Wesley & Benoit RIP

#### 10 September: Saturday

10:00 Remembrance for Father Laval  
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

#### 11 September: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

08:30 Deceased Members of the Hayward Family RIP  
 10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP  
 11:30 Mary & Michael Thornton RIP 20th Ann

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

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 8th SEPTEMBER - TEAM D  
 15th SEPTEMBER - TEAM A

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 428.96
Loose cash	£ 551.04
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2035.00</b>

### OFFERTORY 20th/21st AUGUST

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 488.41
Loose cash	£ 509.59
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2053.00</b>

### COLLECTIONS

Next week there will be a second collection for the *Catholic Education Service*.

**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, Jose Fernandez, Adelio Crovato

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Hannah Concannon, Ben Hepden, Christine Leaman, John Feeney, Edward Rowland, Anthony McDowell, James McGreal, Eileen Flanagan, Doreen (Kaye) Abbott, Ivy O'Connor, Veronica Bedminster, Reginald Botell, Ernest Padbury, Kathleen Mary Tatnell, Mae Knight, John McBride, Jean Ansdell, Henry Judge, Matilda Sequeira, Louise Vertannes, Baby Sinead, Katie Lynch, Ita Foley, Wasyl Dydyk, Philip Cox, Martin Hayes, Kitty Mooney, James ("J.J.") Tyrell, Ellen Chambers, Francis Ford

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

4th September: Pat Jordan

11th September: Barry Doyle

18th September: The Foot Tappers

25th September: Frank Nelson

2nd October: Theresa Rodgers

9th October: Kieran White

16th October: Shane & Mervyn Owens

23rd October: Finbar & Paul

- The **Anerley ACROSS Golf Day** will take place on Friday, 16th September at Farleigh Golf Club commencing at 10.00am. The day will conclude with a Raffle & Auction. The cost of the event will be £60.00 per person. In the evening, there will be a Dance & Supper at Our Lady's Church Hall, Bingham Road, Addiscombe. The evening entertainment will be with Theresa Rodgers.

**To reserve tickets for the Golf Day and/or the evening event please contact Ben Cahill on 07958 903410 by Tuesday 6th September.**

**THE AUTUMN FAYRE:** The Autumn Fayre takes place on **Sunday, 2nd October** commencing at **12.30pm**. This year the theme will be the Platinum Jubilee. We are delighted with the tremendous offers of help that we have received from Our Lady's Community. The next planning meeting will be on **Thursday, 8th September at 8pm in the PRC**. All of the proceeds from the Fayre will be given to the refurbishment of the Kitchen in the Church Hall. **Next weekend please bring items for either the Bottle or Toiletries Stall.**

**RECENT DEATH:** We very sad to announce the sudden death of **Kathy Attwater** on Sunday 21st August. Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on **Tuesday 6th September at 10am**, going on to Beckenham Crematorium at 11.45am. There will be a reception in the large hall after the Mass and all are invited to attend. Please keep the family in your prayers at this sad time. May she **Rest In Peace**.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/2023

If your child is in a Catholic School and was 7 years old on 31st August 2022 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website. *Those who are not at Catholic school, but have completed the first year of preparation should also submit an application form.* Return forms to the Parish office **by Sunday 25th September**. A date for the first parents' meeting will follow shortly.

### ADDISCOMBE RESETTLEMENT COMMUNITY GROUP: CALLING ALL DRIVING INSTRUCTORS

The Afghan refugee family that our parish is supporting have now been living in Croydon for just over a couple of months. The whole family is adjusting to their new life and working hard to develop their English language skills, the children are looking forward to starting news schools at the start of the autumn term, and the parents are actively exploring opportunities to work and study.

As part of the father's professional development, he is working towards gaining a driving license. Having recently passed the theory test, he is now hoping to embark on practical lessons.

We are appealing to any driving instructors within the parish. Would you be willing to offer lessons on a pro bono basis? If so, do you have any availability in the weeks or months ahead? To discuss this voluntary opportunity please email us at:

[addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com](mailto:addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com)

### \*\*\* SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER \*\*\*

Join us for coffee morning after 10am mass, where we'll be serving a selection of cakes and pastries. Members of the group will be around if you have any questions. As ever, we'd like to thank everyone in the parish for their ongoing support!

**Items for collection:** *Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos*

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

**Rotas:** *Readers (Sept/Oct) Eucharistic Ministers (September)*

### Mass Intentions 12th - 18th September

**12 September: Monday**

10:00 Felix & Margaret McGovern RIP

**13 September: Tuesday SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

10:00 Mary & Con Twomey RIP

**14 September: Wednesday EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

10:00 Neil Abbott RIP

**15 September: Thursday OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

10:00 Joe Cullen RIP

19:30 Pio Perera, Samanmali & Charlotte RIP

**16 September: Friday SAINTS CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN**

10:00 Kim Fowley RIP 10th Anniversary

**17 September: Saturday**

10:00 Sally Mahoney RIP

18:00 Frank Queally RIP \*

**18 September: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**

08:30 Kathleen Ord RIP 2nd Anniversary \*

10:00 40th Anniversary of the Anerley Across Charity \* ~

11:30 All Parishioners \*

\* *With Foodbank Sunday*

*~ With Parade Mass*

**THE MUSIC GROUP:** Resumes singing and playing at 10am Mass on 18th September. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who wishes to aid the congregation in their (our) worship by singing or playing with us. Enthusiasm is preferred to talent, talent is welcome - beginners welcome, too! *If you are interested in finding our more, please come to the rehearsal at 7pm on Friday 16th Sept in the Sacristy or contact us via [andy.bebington@gmail.com](mailto:andy.bebington@gmail.com)*

### GIFT AID SCHEME MEMBERS

The Diocese require me to submit the 2023-24 order for the weekly envelope boxes and 2<sup>nd</sup> collection sets (used by some monthly Standing Order donors) by the 9<sup>th</sup> September. **Please would any scheme members wanting to change from the weekly envelopes to monthly Standing Order donations contact me via the Parish Office by the 5<sup>th</sup> September.** Many thanks. *Jenny Mitchener*

### NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RESIDING IN THE PARISH and wish their children to prepare for First Holy Communion

Application forms for the two year (term time only), First Holy Communion programme for children in years 2 & 3 at non Catholic schools can now be downloaded from our website. Forms should be completed and handed into the Parish office no later than **Sunday 18th September**.

***IT IS ESSENTIAL to attend the registration and introduction evening (WITH PARENTS) on Tuesday 20th September at 5pm promptly in the Large Hall.*** For safeguarding and support, Parents/Guardians must stay with their child every week.

Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.

**ACCOMMODATION TO LET:** Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association has a 1<sup>st</sup> floor studio with own kitchen, shared toilet, shower room, utility room and garden to let in Addiscombe, close to the shops, buses and tramlink. Applicants should be 55+, not a homeowner or have savings or equity over £30,000 and able to live independently. If interested and require more details, please email [carolinenestor@ACHA.org.uk](mailto:carolinenestor@ACHA.org.uk). If you do not have access to email, call 07795 269533 or the Church Office on 020 8654 1709 who will pass on your information.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meetings of the PPC have started but, as some members of the Working Party have not felt able to continue, the PPC has shrunk and **urgently needs reinforcement!** Consequently parish groups will be asked to nominate representatives. *Additionally the PPC would welcome new members who currently may or may not belong to existing parish organisations.* To misquote Lord Kitchener: **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!** If you are interested please let Fr. Keith or Fr. Jackson know directly or through the parish office, or contact Arthur Hughes on 020 8654 3943 or 07784 319093.