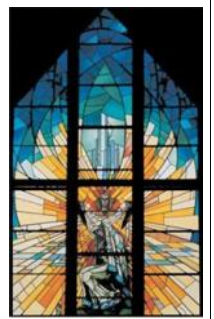


Our Lady of the Annunciation



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4th October 2020 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

A FRUIT BEARING TREE OF LIFE

The readings of today invite us to meditate upon our own capacity and fertility in terms of bearing fruits for the kingdom of God on this earth. The call to Christian life itself is a call to crop more robust and vital fruits for the society.



The first reading of today is known as Isaiah's 'Song of the Vineyard', where the prophet laments about the people of Israel who were supposed to bear a good crop of vines but instead they became just like 'wild grapes' due to their disobedience and division among themselves, that led them into different kinds of rivalry and disunity and enmity. That paved the way for the Assyrians to capture them and put them into exile.

The Gospel of today gives a metaphorical description, in that the landowner is God himself, the vineyard is Israel His own Chosen people and the tenants are the leaders of the Israel. The story gives the failure and unworthiness of the tenants and their incapability to fulfil the responsibility entrusted to them by God. They were asked to produce the fruits of justice, truth, mercy and kindness, but instead they created the division and rivalry among the people of God.

The message for us is that, 'Am I capable of producing good fruits for the society in this difficult period of pandemic'? Does my life and behaviour patterns go with the outfit of my Christian vocation? Can I yield more and more fruits of gentleness and compassion, justice and truthfulness at my workplace, among colleagues, in the family etc.?

Let's ask for the necessary grace from God through this Sunday liturgy. May God enable all of us to harvest in plenty for society and the world at large.

Fr. Jackson Sebastian

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We have just been advised by the Diocese, *that with immediate effect, Baptism services are limited to 6 people in attendance* (this does not include the priest). We will notify you if this situation changes again. Many thanks.

***** EASTER OFFERING *****

This weekend will be your personal offering to Fr Keith and Fr Jackson, postponed from Easter this year. Please leave your donations in the collection box at the back of church. Can I please ask all parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme, including those who pay by standing order, to use their Gift Aid envelopes. Many thanks.

Mass Intentions This Week

3 October: Saturday

10:00 Peggy Canavan RIP
17:30 Thanksgiving for the Bambi Family
18:30 All Parishioners

4 October:

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

09:00 Ints. of Mary & David Woodeson
10:00 UCM: Children Who Just Made Their First Holy Communion
11:00 James 'Jim' Leigh RIP 7th Anniversary
12:00 David Knott RIP

5 October: Monday

10:00 Intentions of Esther Lynch

6 October: Tuesday

10:00 Hazel Rodrigues RIP 1st Anniversary

7 October: Wednesday

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

10:00 Mary Fernandez RIP

8 October: Thursday

10:00 Barbara Hagel RIP
19:30 For the Safe Travels of Shane Henry Maharaj

9 October: Friday

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

10:00 Fredy & Rachael D'Silva RIP

10 October: Saturday

10:00 Thelma Glancy RIP
17:30 All Parishioners
18:30 Nora Galvin (nee Walsh) RIP

11 October:

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY

09:00 Kit Ord RIP
10:00 Lilian Sancto RIP 1st Anniversary
11:00 Theodora Maria & Henry Edward Lake RIP
12:00 Auntie Aida Saltariche RIP 25th Ann.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 346.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 636.87
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1958.37

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Richard Hubberstey, Joyce Gomeze, Bridget Pauline Quinn, Brian Houlihan, Kathleen Ryan, Joan Baker, Joseph Kerr, Enrichetta Clarke, Walter D'Rose, Raffaele Farina, Eustace Andrews, Jeanette McCarthy, John Wren, Marcella Griffin, Hazel Rodrigues, Joan Dover, Keith McSweeney, George Dillon, James Duggan, Mary Leadbetter, Simon Yong, Josie Reid, Sally Turner, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Hazel White, Thomas Lally, Harry Casey, John Kennedy

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - 07548 868418. Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!

The Social Club in partnership with Our Lady's Parish will have a **Christmas Raffle** to support three local charities; **The Lily Pad Appeal** (Children with Cancer) at Croydon University Hospital, the **Woodside Bereavement Service** and **St Mildred's Church** (Women's Refuge Project). There will be three cash prizes of £300.00, £200.00 and £100.00 plus ten additional prizes. All of our Prizes have been sponsored and we are grateful for the support that we have received from:

- LMB Group
- Castlerea Brass & Reed
- David Lindsay & Sons
- Nolan Technical Services
- Club Rossie
- The Cricketers, Shirley Road
- Door Works Ltd., Co. Roscommon
- ++ Private Sponsorship

Tickets for the **Draw** will be available from 24th October.

St Mildred's Drop In Centre for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed them when the Centre reopens.

More News from **the Social Club** is available on the Facebook site.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. **No task is too small - please make contact.**

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES SPONSOR FORMS

Candidate sponsor forms are now available to download from our website. **Please can all candidates print this off, and have their sponsor complete and return it to you.** It is essential that this form is handed in to Fr Keith by **Sunday 11th October** for administration purposes. Thank you.

SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC ARTISTS

To celebrate its 90th year of existence the Society of Catholic Artists has an online exhibition of both religious and secular works. The society was started in celebration of 100 years of Catholic Emancipation in England. The link to this beautiful exhibition which can be shared is: www.catholicartists.co.uk/90years

HEATING IN CHURCH

Many say that the best of this year's weather is behind us!! This brings us to the sticky subject of the ethics of heating the church through the autumn and winter months. Best practice in times of a pandemic must be maintained; doors open to avoid handling, space well ventilated, etc etc. There will be little point in having the heating on for extended periods before the church is occupied, and it may be that the heating is only effective for those sat right in front of it under these circumstances. To be honest, we just don't know! We do not want to burn gas and money without benefit. **Please be patient with us whilst we experiment, and be prepared to wear an extra layer if you are one who feels the cold.** Many thanks.

*** REPOSITORY SHOP REOPENING ***

We are delighted to tell you that the repository shop will be **reopening NEXT WEEKEND 10th/11th October!** *The opening times remain the same as they were prior to the pandemic*, meaning that there will not be anyone available to serve at the 5.30pm Saturday or 11am Sunday Masses. However, we hope that this will still give most people an opportunity to shop with us. Also, please bear in mind, **that due to social distancing measures the shop will operate a one in one out system.**

So please do pay us a visit - we have a wonderful range of Confirmation cards and gifts on display already, and our Christmas ranges will be available earlier than usual to give everyone a chance to bag a bargain! **See you next weekend!**

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Many thanks to those of you who are still donating used postage stamps. **HOWEVER**, please can you ensure that you **ONLY HAND IN STAMPS WITH A FULL 1CM BORDER AROUND THE OUTSIDE**, otherwise the charity will not accept them.

OPEN EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Open Evening for entry to year 7 in 2021 on **Tuesday 6th October**. Tours from **5pm until 7pm**, with the head teacher's speech at 5.15pm. If you are unable to attend this event we can make separate arrangements to visit us by appointment. Telephone **020 8686 3837**.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

If you are waiting to receive a Baptism certificate, please ring the Parish office to arrange a suitable time to collect from there. Many thanks.

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