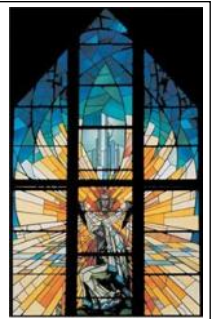




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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4th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 137 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

A huge **THANK YOU...**

To you all, for the tremendous result following our Autumn Fayre!
Yes, to all those who worked behind the scenes in the lead up to the event, to those who attended the stalls on the day, to those who turned up ready to 'spend big', and those who brought family and friends to do the same.
£20,500 is a huge amount of money and will be well spent on repairs to the church ceiling, but, more importantly, approx 1000 people passed through the doors and enjoyed a fun and friendly afternoon together.

WELL DONE ALL OF YOU.

Fr Keith. and *Fr Cajetan*

THE AUTUMN FAYRE BRINGS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER!!

Last weekend, we were delighted to welcome over 1,100 guests to our Autumn Fayre. We would like to thank our planning committee, the marketing team, the stall holders, the 28th Croydon Scouts, the transport team, the finance team, and the Parish Community for supporting the event. We would particularly mention the UCM who leafleted 1,000+ homes, and the Estates Team who ensured that the Gardens were in a first-class condition.

We are very grateful to our many sponsors including, *Oaks Estate Agents, LMB Group (Joanna & Lee Murphy), DJ Garden Revivals (Dan O'Donovan), Croydon Pet Care, Shirley Dry Cleaners, Vic Gibson: Butcher, Tina Nails, Eddy's Café, JJ Dry Cleaners, Ryan Wine Express, The COOP, Addiscombe Dry Cleaners, Sullivans: Florist, Crystal Palace FC, Addington Palace Golf Club & Shirley Park Golf Club* for donating Vouchers & Prizes for the Raffle & Stalls and *All Print Supplies* for providing the promotional banner.

The provisional figures show that Fayre has raised **approx. £20,588.00**; in addition, the Social Club donated £2,689.00 to cover the expenses of the Fayre, and the Repository Stall raised £310.00.

Thank you for your unstinting support of our Autumn Fayre and making it a great day for our Parish Community. *The Autumn Fayre Planning Team*

Mass Intentions This Week

3 October: Saturday

10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

18:00 Gerard Finnerty &
Annie-Jo Tighe Finnerty RIP

4 October: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Kathleen Hudnott RIP

10:00 UCM: For All Homeless People

11:30 All Parishioners

5 October: Monday

10:00 John Cox RIP

6 October: Tuesday

10:00 Gerry Lovely RIP

7 October: Wednesday

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

10:00 Thanksgiving for Ruthi

Memorial Service

13:00 George Saltariche RIP

8 October: Thursday

10:00 Diamond Wedding Anniversary of
Tom & Angela Nicholas

19:30 Anna Buckley RIP

9 October: Friday

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

10:00 Bennie Dowd RIP

10 October: Saturday

10:00 Theodora Maria &
Henry Edward Lake RIP

18:00 Fredy & Rachael D'Silva RIP

11 October: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY

08:30 Raymond Chow RIP 3rd Anniversary *

10:00 Tony Birkby RIP *

11:30 All Parishioners

* *With Children's Liturgy*

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 6th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: Wednesday 7th at 7.30pm (PRC) *What Are The Sacraments*

UCM: Wednesday 7th at 8pm (Large Hall)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

OFFERTORY

19th/20th Sept £ 2630.19

26th/27th Sept £ 2451.17

*** 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

The recent Diocesan collection for *Home Mission Sunday* amounted to £607.00. Many thanks.

This week there will be a second collection for *CAFOD Harvest Fast Day*. Envelopes are available in the porch if required.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Casey, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Mary Jayawardena, Peggy Wall, Pat Joyce, Paddy Ryan, Mervat Nasri, John Wright, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade, Mary-Jane Watson, Michael Bowen & all others

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, Bernice Lorenzo, John Devereux, Walter D'Rose, Raffaele Farina, Eustace Andrews, Jeanette McCarthy, John Wren, Marcella Griffin, Hazel Rodrigues, Joan Dover, Keith McSweeney, George Dillon, James Duggan, Miguel Brito, Mary Leadbetter, Simon Yong, Josie Reid, Sally Turner, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Hazel White, Thomas Lally, Harry Casey, John Kennedy

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

4th October: Kieran White
11th October: Theresa Rodgers
18th October: Glen Flynn
25th October: The Duets
2nd November: Cross Keys
8th November: Frank Nelson
15th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens
22nd November: Kieran White

- The winners of the **200 Club ACROSS Draw** for September are:

£100.00: Margaret Doherty

£50.00: James Convey

£50.00: Brenda Morgan

- *The Motown Tribute Evening featuring the Dreamettes takes place on Friday, 16th October. Admission will be by **TICKET ONLY**. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle and/or Auction. All proceeds from this event will be given to the 28th Croydon Scouts Group to support their refurbishment of facilities programme.*

To reserve Tickets for this event, call **Ben Cahill - 07958 903410**

- *Dancing with the Stars* - an evening of Fun Dancing: Jives, Sloss, Set Dancing & Waltzes; *Entertainment with Anton*. All proceeds to the *Crystal Palace for Life Foundation* - supporting young people in South London. Admission will be £5.00; call into the Social Club on a Sunday evening to reserve a Ticket.

Coming soon:

The Other Guys', leading tributes to **Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons**: Friday, 13th November.

**** TICKETS NOW ON SALE ****

DRESS TO IMPRESS PARISH DINNER DANCE Saturday 7th November in the large hall

Glass of fizz on arrival

2 course meal

Same brilliant band as last year!

Bar

Tickets £38

To secure your place please contact **Marie Tross 07774 643159**

THE UCM COFFEE MORNING: After 10am Mass this weekend is raising funds for *Croydon Nightwatch*. All are welcome!

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: On 10th/11th October Chris Timmins of Friends of the Holy Land, will visit our parish and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Palestine, Israel, and Jordan. He will bring some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL.

For more information, visit **www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk**

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Lady's Ascent Group has been meeting regularly for over 40 years. It now meets on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays each month in the Small Hall after 10am Mass. We start with tea/coffee etc at about 10.45 and each month we try to invite a Speaker to help us share and inspire us in our Catholic Faith. *Anyone interested in updating an understanding of what we believe and increasing your relationship with Jesus, is most welcome.*

On the morning of Tuesday 22nd September the Diocesan Advisor on Evangelisation enthralled us and made us laugh, about our duty and how we might share Faith in the Parish and especially with those we love. Next; on **Tuesday October 13th** we hope that *Deacon Sean Murphy* will come to lead us. On Tuesday 27th Fr Cajetan Dara is scheduled to join us. *Everyone is very welcome!*

JOSEPH'S PEREGRINATION 2/5/26 - 13/3/27

If you would like to participate in our Peregrination, please sign up on the list in the porch. Kindly leave your name and phone number.

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (October)

Readers: (Sept/October)

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: **safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

If your child is in a *Catholic School* and was 7 years old on 31st August 2026 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website. Return forms to the Parish office no later than **THIS Sunday - 4th October**.

The first parents' meeting will be on Tuesday 10th November - 8pm in the Large Hall. Please note that this programme is only for children who live & worship weekly at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church/Parish. If you attend another church, your child will receive the Sacrament at that church. Unfortunately we cannot offer catechism sessions for children in school years 4, 5 or 6.

APPLICATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Application forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. Please complete the form fully and return it to the parish office. Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available until **Thursday 8th October**.

Primary school interviews will take place later in the year.

DOMESTIC ABUSE FORUM - ST MILDRED'S CHURCH Monday 12th October from 7pm

To highlight the challenges faced by victims of domestic violence and abuse, and to reflect together on how local organisations and communities are responding, we will be holding a **Domestic Abuse Forum at St Mildred's at 7pm on 12th October**. There will be presentations from key charities and stakeholders, together with an opportunity for panel discussion, questions and conversation.

It is open to any member of the public who wishes to attend and is **free of charge**. Please feel free to share the event with anyone else who might like to join us!

ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB: For years 7 -10 of secondary school, in the large hall. To find out more & register interest please email: **aicyouthclub11@gmail.com**

HOW DO WE PRAY? HOW DO WE BUILD A BETTER, MORE FULFILLING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called *Teach Me to Pray* facilitated by *Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission*. The programme will be **online** on Tuesdays, starting **6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm**. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can.

For more details, or to sign up see: **aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd** or email for further information **spirituality@rcaos.org.uk**

**** OCTOBER FOODBANK MOST NEED ITEMS ****

*Biscuits, Coffee, Custard, Fruit Juice, Milk, Noodles,
Rice Pudding, Soup and Sugar*

PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME

This is an invitation to parishioners who are currently placing what is termed **'loose cash'** into the offertory baskets, to consider gift aiding their donations via the weekly gift aid envelope method.

The order for the 2027/2028 weekly gift aid envelopes is being placed soon. If you would like to join the scheme and wish a set of envelopes to be ordered for you, please collect a request form by the contactless Dona device in the porch and return to the parish office. Gift aid envelopes can still be ordered for this financial year 2026/2027. *All that is required is for you to be a UK TAX PAYER.*

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for **years 1 to 'A' level**
On **Sundays** in **Our Lady's** small hall between **1 - 5pm**.

£25 p/h for years 1 - 9 £30 p/h for GCSE & A Level

To register your interest please contact:

Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009

INTERESTED IN SINGING OR PLAYING IN CHURCH?

Please see page 3 of this newsletter online on our website.

AN INVITATION TO SING OR PLAY

Those who attend the 8.30am Mass on Sundays know that we generally have an organist to lead the sung worship.

That rôle is taken at other Masses by groups from within the congregation; twice a month each, the 10 o'clock is accompanied by the Cecilians and the Music Group. At 11.30, Jacqueline leads from the piano with a small group of singers.

None of these “units” requires anyone to pass a test, an audition if you like – all you need is a commitment that you’ll attend when you can, and a degree of enthusiasm that says “when you can” means “as often as I possibly can”. This applies to musicians, too; young people have started playing in church from age six; we hope that the experience helped with their musical development as they went through school/college and into the big, wide world. At least two past members are now professionals ...

This is an invitation to turn up at your usual Mass and see if sitting and singing (or playing) with the singers and musicians is indeed for you. You will be more than welcome and can find out rehearsal details, and how each group works, before deciding that, yes, this is for you; yes, you believe that you *can* assist with the leading of the sung worship; and yes, the members of the group are welcoming ‘cos they remember their first time coming to the group.

Contact details are shown on the “Music at Mass” tab inside the “Our Parish” tab on the church’s website (Addiscombecatholicchurch.com) – we all look forward to welcoming you.

