



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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4th December 2022 Second Sunday of Advent (page 85 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behaviour in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.”

— Benedict XVI



Mass Intentions This Week

- 3 December: Saturday**
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
 10:00 Ann Nolan RIP
 18:00 Shirley Gaunt RIP 2nd Anniversary
- 4 December:**
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 08:30 All Parishioners *
 10:00 UCM: For The Homeless *
 11:30 Jim Molamphy RIP
- 5 December: Monday**
 10:00 Percy Huggett RIP
- 6 December: Tuesday**
 10:00 John Devereux RIP
- 7 December: Wednesday SAINT AMBROSE**
 10:00 Una & George Heskin RIP
- 8 December: Thursday IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 10:00 Special Intentions of Maria, Stephney & Lucas Almeida
 19:30 Fr John McKenna's Intentions RIP
- 9 December: Friday**
 10:00 Wellbeing of Mervyn Lissenburg
- 10 December: Saturday**
 10:00 Betty Dolan & Ted Rookard RIP 1st Ann
 18:00 Maureen Walsh RIP & Dec. Mems. of the Carey Family RIP
- 11 December:**
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 08:30 Kathy Attwater RIP
 10:00 All Parishioners
 11:30 Jones' Family Ints. (for Baby Wilbur)

* With Children's Liturgy

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

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 6th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 6th at 8pm (PRC)



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

CHURCH CLEANING
 8th DECEMBER - TEAM A

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 383.73
Loose cash	£ 451.70
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
Total	£ 1975.43

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Catholic Youth Services* amounted to £293.80. Many thanks. This week is our annual **TOY COLLECTION**. Next week there will be a second collection for *Barnabas Aid (Persecuted Church)*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Adelio Crovato, Kevin Moynihan, Baby Noah, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

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 Braiotta, Iris D'Rose, Monica O'Donnell

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

4th December: Frank Nelson

11th December: Glen Flynn

18th December: Kieran White

1st January: New Year Party with Ally Harron & Marian Curry

8th January: Kieran White

15th January: Theresa Rodgers

22nd January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

29th January: Cross Keys

- The winners of the **200 Club Across Draw** for November 2022 are:

£100: Phyliss McSweeney £50: Anne Barcellos £50: Mary Ash

Cheques have now been sent to all of the winners. If you would like to join the 200 Club, please go to the website (www.anerleyacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

- Thank you to our Parish Community for your support of our Pyjama Appeal in partnership with St Mildred's Church. The pyjamas will be given to children in care or in hospital during the Christmas season.

- The **ABBA Tribute Evening** will be on Friday, 16th December. All proceeds from this event will support the Anerley ACROSS Charity. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle/Auction. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

- The **Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner** will be on Sunday, 18th 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 Kieran White. **To reserve a place at the Dinner, call Pat Winston on 07734 250375.**

RECENT DEATHS

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Veronica Kearsley**, a well known parishioner, on Sunday 27th November, and also **Veronica Carter** former parishioner and deputy head of St Mary's High School in the 70/80's. Please keep them both in your prayers at this sad time.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER

David Lindsay & his Team warmly welcome you to a **Memorial Service** to remember all those who have passed, at Our Lady's Church on Friday, 9th December at 5.30pm. More details available on advertisement in the church porch.

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

EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED: For the presbytery house, to start as soon as possible. Duties include all usual household cleaning (kitchen/bathroom/dusting/hovering) no laundry or ironing necessary. The job requires 4 hours work, to be done either on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

Please speak to Fr Keith for more information if interested.

** CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY SHOP **

Advent calendars, Advent candles, Christmas cards, Christmas candles and much more, is now available to buy in the Repository. 2023 Church Art Calendars are also in stock.

JOB VACANCY

St Mary Magdalene with St Martins in Addiscombe is looking for an experienced Deputy manager for a permanent position in their preschool, term time only, (subject to a 6-month probation period). Full details are on a poster in the porch.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS: A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one. Thanks for your continued support in hosting these events.

Items for collection: B Cronin

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Readers (Christmas & Jan/Feb) Eucharistic Ministers (December)

EVERYONE'S NATIVITY Sunday 11th December, 2pm

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.

For more information, contact Sophia:
slinehanbiggs@gmail.com

OUR WELDERLIES FESTIVE CHEER: Will take place on **Wednesday December 21st from 1-4pm** and we need volunteers to help on the day. *We would also like to hear from anyone who can offer their services as Santa or an elf (you will need to dress up!) to distribute a small present to those attending.* Normally our elderly friends would deliver our events, but we want them to have a break this time. Do contact **Sylvia on 07870508790** if you can help.

Many thanks and blessings.

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.

6th December: social Advent get-together & part two of Joseph's Quotes for living a Christian Life

10th January: we will be looking at the Gospel reading for the day.

ANCCG CHRISTMAS REVIVAL AND CAROLS 2022

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group invites all parishioners to join in their Christmas celebration and love feast on **Saturday 17th December from 12 noon - 5pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Thornton Heath, Croydon.** Come and celebrate with us the true reason for the season. For more information please visit www.anccg.co.uk or see the poster in the porch.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR NOEL CAMPBELL Wednesday 14th December at 6.30pm

This Mass to celebrate the years of service given to St Thomas Becket School by head teacher Noel Campbell, is open to all the Becket family, past and present. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the large hall. We hope to see you there!

THE VINE FOODBANK: Are now preparing Christmas hampers and need the following:

<i>Jam</i>	<i>Tinned Veg</i>	<i>Tinned Ham</i>	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Tea</i>
<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Juice</i>	<i>Milk</i>	<i>Pasta</i>	<i>Sauce</i>

as well as Christmas specific items:

<i>Pringles (or alternative make in tube)</i>	<i>Box of chocolates</i>
<i>Box/Tin of Biscuits</i>	<i>Carton of Juice</i>
<i>Bag of sweets (sealed with date on)</i>	

ALL PARISHIONER MASSES: It may have come to your attention recently, that we have not held an 'All Parishioners' Mass every weekend, as is usual. Unfortunately this is due to the number of funerals being held, meaning that other Mass intentions have been moved to accommodate them. In the short term we have used the 'All Parishioners' Masses to pray for those displaced intentions.