

Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

5th February 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 133 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!



CHANT:

Spirit of God, show me Jesus.
Remove the darkness, let truth shine through.
Spirit of God, show me Jesus,
Reveal the fullness of His love to me.

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 7th at 10.30am (Large Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 7th at 8pm (PRC)



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

CHURCH CLEANING
9th FEBRUARY - TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 364.25 |
| Loose cash | £ 439.19 |
| S/Os (Approx) | £ 1140.00 |
| Total | £ 1943.44 |

COLLECTIONS

Last week's second collection for **SPUC** amounted to £262.00. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for **Racial Justice Sunday**. Next week there will be a second collection for **British Red Cross (Ukraine)**.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Kevin Moynihan, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Timothy Quinn, Gordon Eastaugh, Mary Donnan, Eileen O'Callaghan, Josephine Philpot, Nell Endacott, Norah Beck, Michael Quinn, Bridget Stone, Marguerite Conn, Mary Harvey, Richard Forage, Eileen Scanlon, Harry Sweeney, David Tuckey, Eusemiano Lopes, Maureen Woodcraft, Sheila Merredew, Joan Griffiths, Charles Fowley, David Barwell, Catherine Winston, Jean Garner, Margaret Blackford, Judy Maharaj, Tony Borfiga, Kathleen Davies, Mary Ann Gomez, David Holder, Maureen Towner, Sarah Rees, Anthony Cummins

Mass Intentions This Week

4 February: Saturday

10:00 Elisabeth Loan Vu RIP

18:00 Harry Sweeney RIP 2nd Anniversary

5 February: FIFTH SUNDAY

08:30 13th Birthday Wishes for Angelo Okeke

10:00 UCM: Young People's Mental Health

11:30 Bridget Mary Watts RIP

14:00 Reception of the Body of Adelio Crovato RIP

6 February: Monday FUNERAL MASS

SAINTS PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

10:00 Adelio Crovato RIP

7 February: Tuesday

10:00 Glenda & Brian McGrath RIP

8 February: Wednesday

10:00 John Walsh RIP

9 February: Thursday

10:00 Maryla & Sebastian Gomez RIP

19:30 Mrs Mary Regina Vethanayagam RIP

10 February: Friday

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

10:00 Tony Borfiga RIP

11 February: Saturday

10:00 Gregory Devadason RIP 1st Anniversary

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP +

12 February: SIXTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners Intentions from

Kay Devereux & Family

10:00 Jim, Teresa & Michael Cafferkey RIP

11:30 Alfredo Vincent D'Souza

+ With Baptism

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

5th February: Finbar & Paul

12th February: Kieran White

19th February: The Foot Tappers

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

5th March: Family Affair

12th March: Frank Nelson with the *Keady Academy of Irish Dance*

19th March: Glen Flynn

26th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

- The winners of the **200 Club Across Draw** for January 2023 are:

£100: Seow Pe £50: Jim Porter £50: Elaine Healey

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.

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs will commence on Wednesday, 1st February at Trinity School from 5.45pm and concluding at 7.00pm. The sessions will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- Our **St Patrick's Celebrations** will commence with a **Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance** on Friday, 10th March. Entertainment will be by **Barry Doyle & His Band**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Anerley ACROSS Charity**. To reserve tickets at £15.00 each, please contact Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT

Adelio Crovato's reception into the Church is today, **Sunday 5th at 2pm** with the funeral on **Monday 6th at 10am**. The family welcomes anyone who wishes to attend.

THE REAL EASTER EGG

Save postage, promote a real, Christian, Easter

The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation group is again organising a bulk purchase of The Real Easter Egg this year. Order via JPIC and you can avoid postage costs, on the only Easter egg which actually celebrates properly by including a book about Easter. See page 3 of this newsletter via the parish website or contact Andy Bebbington (020 8777 4840) for details of how to get your fair-trade Christian eggs. We will place the order on 5th March.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In order to share our food bank donations with a local food bank, the parish will be alternating our donations between **The Vine** in New Addington and the **Shrublands Trust** food bank in Shirley. We will still be collecting the food donated on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

The next food bank Sunday will be on **19th February** and the donations will be taken to the Shrublands food bank. The parish would like to thank all the volunteers who help deliver the donations and also our parishioners who have always been very generous in their donations. Any questions about this revised arrangement, contact Chris Sciberras at sciberrascris7@gmail.com. Please leave your donations on the porch counter on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Many thanks, Chris.

*** IRISH SET DANCING CLASSES ***

Monday nights in the small hall 8 - 10pm

Beginners welcome

Contact number **07304 227935**

*** JIVE COURSE ***

Sunday 5,12,19 & 26 Feb 2 - 4pm

£10 entry

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 7pm

A reminder that all parishioners are welcome to come and join people around the world in supporting through prayer the women of Taiwan during this service in our Church. The service is about an hour long and includes prayers, readings and lots of singing with light refreshments to follow. We are still looking for volunteers to do the readings and if you are interested you will be given full information on your role before the day.

Thank you to those who have come forward so far and we would love to hear from any other parishioners or friends who would like to participate in this very moving service. Please contact Anne at anne.barcellos@btinternet.com to register your interest.

*** UCM COFFEE MORNING TODAY! ***

Please join us in the hall after 10am Mass for tea, coffee & cakes!

RECYCLING AT OUR LADY'S

Please note that the white recycling bins are now located under the tables to the right hand side of the porch.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS UNDER THE STAIRS OR ON THE COUNTERTOP.

We also kindly ask, that you **only** bring in the items that are requested in appeals, and on the appropriate weekend, eg: Foodbank Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month), as we are not equipped to store the goods which become a health and safety hazard in the entranceway.

We are currently able to recycle:

- **Milk Bottle Tops**
- **Stamps**

For your information:

- **Spectacles** can be recycled at Day Lewis Opticians in Addiscombe
- **Batteries** can be recycled at supermarkets, Superdrug and Ikea
- **Asthma Inhalers** can be recycled at Boots Pharmacies
- **Soft Plastics & Old Make Up** can be recycled at Tesco Elmer's End
- **Blister packs** can be recycled at Superdrug

Please keep recycling responsibly and keep our porch clear. Thanks!

ACTIVITIES AT OUR LADY

At the coffee and cake morning on Feb 12th pop in and learn about the various activities led by volunteers in the parish. You may be interested. Alongside tea, coffee and cake, take the chance to speak to the leaders!

Altar servers / Addiscombe Resettlement Community

Cafod / Choir / Repository shop

Coffee mornings after Mass / Flowers / Counters

St Vincent de Paul Society / Social club / PPC / UCM

Uniformed groups - Girlguiding and Scouting

Being a volunteer or leading a group at Our Lady's is fun and rewarding! Step forward and join our thriving parish community!

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you!

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.

7th Feb: Talk by Sr. Sheila Moloney "Journeying towards Easter"

21st Feb: Part 2 - Beloved Disciples video "Changing Your World"

7th March: Part 3 - Beloved Disciples video "Thy Will Be Done"

Items for collection: H Carmichael

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Readers (Jan/Feb) Eucharistic Ministers (Feb)

THE REAL EASTER EGG – A BULK ORDER

The Real Easter Egg Company is again offering several choices of fair-trade Easter eggs this year, each of which marks Easter in a special way. A Christian company, they believe in saying that Easter isn't just a time for buying chocolate, it's a reason to stop and think about why we have Easter (and Easter eggs) at all.

By buying in bulk, we will avoid the postage associated with individual purchases – these eggs are not going to be available in supermarkets – and you have until early March to place your order through the parish.

The choices are:

- The Dark Chocolate egg, with a 24-page Easter story-activity book, a prize competition and a 150gm smooth super-thick dark chocolate egg – at £5.50
- A milk chocolate “Original” egg with a 24-page Easter story-activity book, a prize competition and a 150gm milk chocolate egg – at £4.50
- The Special Edition has a simple guide to Easter, a designer Easter card, an Easter blessing milk chocolate bar (80gm) and a luxury milk chocolate egg (200gm) – at £9.99
- A Sharing Box containing 30 Belgian chocolate midi eggs (20gm each) and 30 Easter story activity posters – at £30.00
- A Fun Pack containing 6 milk chocolate midi eggs (20gm each) and an Easter story activity poster – at £5.00
- Easter Blessings bars featuring “The Resurrection” image by award-winning artist Martina Peluso – 80gm fair-trade milk chocolate – at £3.00



As well as being made from fair-trade ingredients, all are palm-oil free and plastic free, consistent with the company's concern for the environment.

Order via our Justice Peace & Integrity of Creation group – Andy Bebington will be placing a bulk order on 5 March and will happily arrange delivery of your order when it comes in.

Cash with order, please, either by cheque (payable to A Bebington) to 79 Shirley Way, Shirley CR0 8PL or credit AP & ME Bebington at 56-00-46 account 01038893. Please detail exactly what you want and give your address and phone number so that we can deliver your order in due course. If you have any queries, or want to confirm your order, Andy is at andy.bebington@gmail.com.