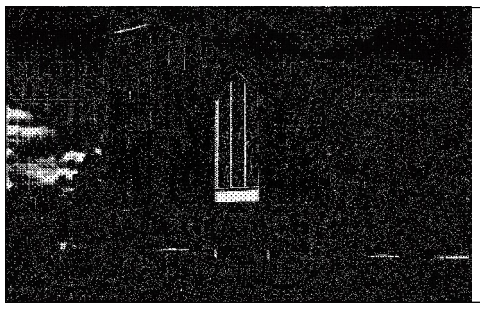

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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Temptations!

The temptations of Jesus came immediately after his Baptism. Having heard the voice of the Father calling him to bring the Good News to his brothers and sisters, he went into the desert to reflect on the nature of that mission and to prepare himself for it. The temptations were an attempt by the devil to distort that mission.

For example, in the first temptation the devil said to Jesus 'if you are the Son of God, command these stones and they will turn into bread'. Jesus said that a human being does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. This doesn't mean that Jesus wasn't concerned about hunger. He was, and in his ministry he provided bread for hungry people. However, he could see that we eat in order to live, not the other way round!

The temptation to throw himself off the temple was the temptation to do something spectacular in order to get people to believe in him. A stunt like that would have made him the talk of Jerusalem. He refused to give people this kind of sign. Faith is not magic - it is trust in God.

The final temptation was the most fundamental of all - idolatry. Jesus didn't give in to any of them. And they weren't once off affairs - they continued through his ministry. Not surprising then that he shunned publicity and tried to impose silence about his miracles.

All who are struggling to live a good life can take heart from the example of Jesus. Resisting temptation wasn't easy for him, nor is it for us. But in Jesus we have a God who knows what we are up against. He forgives us when we fall and helps us to start again. So let's make the most of this wonderful season of Lent to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

Fr. Joe

Mass Intentions This Week

4 March: Saturday
10:00 Niall Lonigan
18:00 Private Intention

5 March: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 UCM: All UCM Members
12:00 Tadeusz Kuranowski +
15:00 - 15:30 Lent Service

6 March: Monday
10:00 Joseph Simons RIP

7 March: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS
10:00 Irene Griffiths RIP

8 March: Wednesday FUNERAL MASS
10:00 John (Jack) Mulcahy RIP

9 March: Thursday
10:00 Glenda McGrath RIP &
Eric Sayers RIP

10 March: Friday
10:00 William Cornabe RIP &
Aggie Sweeney RIP

11 March: Saturday
10:00 Kieran O'Shea RIP
18:00 Eddie Gallacher RIP

12 March:
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
08:30 All Parishioners #
10:00 Prince & Chief Mrs Adeyera Adeyemo RIP #
12:00 Aaron Grimsley RIP 1st Anniversary
15:00 - 15:30 Lent Service

 # With Children's Liturgy
+ With Baptism

WEEKLY DRAW

£50 Mr & Mrs Brady
£50 Cathy Joyce
£5 Fr Joe

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

A - Mrs Grant

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£688.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£811.56
S/Os	£975.00
Total	£2474.56

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for Poor Parishes to £898.44. Many thanks. Next week there is a second collection for **CAFOD (Fast Day Envelopes)** please see the note overleaf and pick up an envelope from the porch.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Christy Jordan, Sharon Gillett, D Nott.*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *William Hills, Winifred Chandler, Juan Garcia, Kathleen Lacy, Theresa Young, Bill Kendall, Marion Bolechala, Baby Lillian Harris, Mary Warner, Ida De Souza, Mary Anne Byrne, Carlton Quieros, Joseph Pinder, Mena Hicks, John Lennon, Kathleen White, Josephine La Rue, Horace Barrett, William Larkin, Thomas Godwin, Peter Dunne, Isobel Galley, Mabel Levett, Barbara Joyce, Sr Mary Constance, Melville Pinto, Aaron Grimsley, Zena Winnifred Simpson, Eva Senn, Patrick Farren.*

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 5th March: Walter Kennedy
Sunday, 12th March: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 19th March: Pat Hayes with the ***Castlerea Brass & Reed Band***
Sunday, 26th March: Telstar

The tickets for ***Brendan Shine & His Band*** on Friday, 10th March have been sold out. Admission will be ***strictly by Ticket Only on the night***. All proceeds for the event are going to the Children's Ward at the Royal Marsden Hospital. To support the raffle & auction we need items such as signed sports jerseys, restaurant vouchers, golf days, jewellery, glassware etc.

Tickets for the ***St Patrick's Day Bacon & Cabbage Dinner and Dance*** on Friday, 17th March are now available at £12.00 each. Entertainment on the evening will be by Kevin Keys. To purchase tickets, please call into the Church Hall on a Sunday evening from 7.30pm.

LENT SERVICES

Stations of the Cross	Wednesdays at 3.45pm
Lenten Reflection & Adoration	Sundays 3pm - 3.30pm
Reconciliation Service (with visiting priests)	Friday 7th April at 7.30pm

RECENT DEATHS: We are sad to announce the recent deaths of Fr David Hutton, Parish Priest of Hayes, and Fr Michael Clifton. Please remember them in your prayers.

The funeral of **Paddy Maguire**, who was involved in the building of the Church and was well known locally, will take place at Croydon Crematorium on Tuesday 14th March at 11.30am.

A TALK FOR THE PARISH FROM THE REFUGEE SUPPORT NETWORK

Tuesday 14th March 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the Small Hall

How can our parish help refugees? Hannah Elwyn from Refugee Support Network will give a short talk on the UK refugee situation and lead a discussion on what we can do to help? Open to all parishioners; could all parish groups send a representative please.

There will also be a talk about the refugee situation in Croydon on **Wednesday 29th March** at **7.30pm** at St Columba's Church hall in Queenhill Rd, South Croydon. This talk is being organised by Churches Together in Selsdon & Addington, and will explain how the refugee hosting scheme operating in Croydon works, and looks at the various ways we might help. All are welcome. More details from Deacon Philip Pond on 020 8651 4653 or email philippond@blueyonder.co.uk

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY APPEAL

CAFOD has been standing alongside poor communities working with them to end poverty and injustice across the world. CAFOD traditionally holds an Appeal early in Lent. Lent Fast Day is on **Friday 10 March** when you could consider giving up a meal. Please take a Fast Day envelope on 4th/5th March, and return it with your donation on 11th/12th March, or make a pledge to give regularly. If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation so that CAFOD can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

ARTWORK IN THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL: Can all parents and carers with children in the Sacred Heart Chapel please ensure that their child doesn't have access to any pens or crayons etc, as we have recently had to remove some new 'works of art' from the walls and doors. Many Thanks.

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 7th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 7th at 8pm (PRC)
Safeguarding Meeting: Tuesday 7th at 7.30pm
RCIA: Stations of the Cross - Wednesday 8th at 8pm (Church)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH THE RCIA GROUP
Wednesday 8th March at 8 pm

Parishioners (and particularly members of previous years' RCIA groups) are invited to join us as we meet in the church this week to walk the Stations and then adjourn for tea/coffee together in the PRC.

28th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP FAMILY BINGO EVENING

Saturday 1st April 2017 - in the Large Hall
7pm for 7.30pm start.
Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5's free)
Reserve your place by calling **Andrea** on **07952 664224**.

9th ADDISCOMBE BROWNIES NEED YOU!

Two volunteers are required to takeover the running of the 9th Addiscombe Brownie group from September 2017 as their leaders are leaving after many years of service! They meet on a Thursday evening from 6 to 7.30pm. If anyone is interested or would like more information please contact:
Kathy Attwater 07722479668 Lisa Byrne 07808 170906
or **Jackie Humphreys 07808 170906**

UCM COFFEE MORNING: The UCM will be hosting the Coffee Morning after 10am Mass this Sunday, following the renewal of their objectives. All parishioners are invited to come along!

OUR LADY'S UNITY CLUB: Do you want to meet new friends and take time-out to have a good chat? Come and join the Unity Club (for the over 60's). We meet every **Friday** between **1.45pm** and **3.45pm** in the large hall and have a varied programme of entertainment. Tea & coffee are served & raffles are held each week.
Contact: **Mary Kingman** on **8406 5377** for more information.

ST THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL 50th CELEBRATIONS

St Thomas Becket School will be celebrating its **50th birthday** this summer. Our school was officially opened to children on 5th April 1967 and had a roll of 188 pupils. As part of our celebrations we'd like to invite people who were involved in the school (as staff, pupil, parent, governor etc), especially in the earlier years, **to share photos, mementos or memories with us for a celebration book.** Search through your treasure troves. Have you an old photo of staff or children, did you attend on the first ever day, have you still got a school award presented to you as a child? You can email **admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk** or bring in material for us to photocopy.

Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass for the whole school at Our Lady's on Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 10.30am. Parents and past members of our school community are invited to attend and there will be a presentation and refreshments in the hall immediately following the Mass.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Two of our young parishioners will be selling raffle tickets after each Mass this weekend to help raise funds for their team on The John Fisher School South Africa rugby tour.

SCHOOLS NOTICE BOARD

There are a number of job vacancies and school place availability being advertised on the notice board above the newspapers in the porch. Please take the time to have a look.

Items for collection: *O Fernandes, Sr Celia, 1st Rainbows, D Linehan, A O'Donovan, C Joyce, Brady*
Bapt Certs: *Muchenje, Cadar, Escrader, Kemevor*
Rotas: *Repository (Feb-April) Eucharistic Ministers (March) Servers (March) Readers (March-April)*