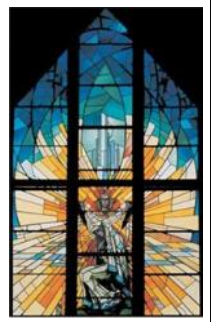




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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5th March 2023 Second Sunday in Lent (page 155 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to transform and renew our lives during Lent, that we may radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we have received, to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The first reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation. All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God's command, and he does so. In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength for resisting our own temptations and a source of grace for renewing our lives during Lent.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish office will be closed on Friday 10th March due to staff annual leave. Sorry for an inconvenience caused.

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

SVP: Tuesday 7th at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING

9th MARCH - TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 461.42
Loose cash	£ 861.42
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
Total	£ 1322.84

Mass Intentions This Week

4 March: Saturday

10:00 Birthday Wishes and Wellbeing for Maduka Okeke

18:00 Lance & Adrienne Baptiste +

5 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 UCM: Syria/Turkey Earthquake Victims

11:30 Anna Caitana D'Sa

6 March: Monday

10:00 Rose Lucas RIP

7 March: Tuesday

10:00 Joe McGrath RIP

8 March: Wednesday

10:00 Christine Brooks RIP

15:45 Stations of the Cross

9 March: Thursday

10:00 Deceased Members of the Lavin Family RIP

19:30 Adelio Crovato RIP

10 March: Friday

10:00 Gloria Brown RIP

11 March: Saturday

10:00 Veronica Kearsley RIP

18:00 Sheila Phillips RIP

12 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Rosie O'Connor RIP

10:00 Molly Bowen RIP

11:30 Sean Cullen RIP

+ *With Baptism*

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week's second collection for *The Clergy Support Fund* amounted to £1047.00. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *CAFOD Family Fast Day* (Pick up an envelope in the porch & see note overleaf).

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

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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

5th March: Finbar & Paul
12th March: Frank Nelson with the *Keady Academy of Irish Dance*
19th March: Glen Flynn
26th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens
2nd April: Pat Jordan
9th April: Shawn Cuddy
16th April: Finbar & Paul
23rd April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

- Thank you to the Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of the recent *Motown Tribute Evening*. The event raised £4,000.00 for the Youth Section of the Round Towers GFC. These resources will be used to provide Coaching Sessions in local Primary Schools and the purchase of equipment.

- *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.

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of *Ann Goy* (Cummins family). Her funeral will take place at St. Edmunds Church, Village Way, Beckenham on **Friday 31st March at 12.30pm**. Please keep the whole family in your thoughts and prayers.

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

For some time now we have not been collecting batteries in the church porch - most supermarkets have bins where you can dispose of them as part of a routine shopping trip. I recently took away some 6 kg of batteries for recycling and ***I hope not to find any others left in the porch***. Please take them to your favourite supermarket and use the bins they have there.

Many thanks

Andy Bebington, obo Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

THE GREAT BOOK SALE!

Saturday 11th March, 10am - 4pm Shirley Methodist Church

Good quality paperbacks, hardbacks, children's books, CDs, Records and DVDs. (No VHS thanks) gratefully received - drop off at Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon Rd on Wednesday morning 10am - 12pm.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

St James the Great Catholic Primary School, Thornton Heath

For full details and application forms: www.stjamesthegreat.org

THE REAL EASTER EGG: Please note that this is the last chance to secure the only Easter Eggs which genuinely mark Easter as a Christian festival - they're fair trade chocolate, and palm-oil free too! See poster in the porch or pg 3 of the newsletter on our website.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Please note that there will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 3.45pm.

*** UCM SPECIAL MEETING ***

**DRUG AWARENESS & YOUNG PEOPLE
BY DANIEL SPARGO - MABBS FOUNDATION
DRUG EDUCATION CHARITY**

Wed 5th April Large hall 8pm - Entry Minimum £2 donation

All parishioners are invited but especially parents, carers and youth leaders (18 and over only please)

This is a drug and alcohol awareness workshop which will be led by the foundation's founder and director - Fiona Spargo-Mabbs. This foundation was set up by Fiona and Tim in 2014 after the tragic death of their son, 16 year old Daniel, as a result of taking ecstasy. For more information, please visit their website: www.dsmfoundation.org.uk or contact Marie (UCM) 07774 643159

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

21st March: Part 4 of the Video "The Best Is Yet To Come"

BINGO NIGHT

The 28th Croydon Scout Group invite all Parishioners to their Family Fun Bingo evening on **Saturday 25th March from 7pm until 10.30pm** in the **large hall**.

Line prizes, House Prizes, Heads & Tails game, Children's Quiz, Tuck Shop and Bar open.

Entry Prices: Adults £1.00, Children (6 to 17 - 50p / Under 5's free).

Please reserve your places by contacting **Kevin Moynihan** on **07952 752790** or email: kevmoynihn@msn.com.

Places limited to 100 so don't delay – book today!

*** CONFIRMATION 2022 CERTIFICATES ***

Are now available for collection from the parish office.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21st -23rd at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on **01322 838415** or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24th -26th; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone **01622 717272** or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE (WBS) - VOLUNTEER TREASURER

Following the retirement of their current treasurer, WBS is looking for a volunteer to undertake the role. If you are an accountant, or have a knowledge of finance in a charitable setting and would be able to spare some time to support this well-established charity, WBS would be pleased to hear from you.

For full details of this role, email WBS at wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk or call **020 3256 2009**.

Items for collection: *H Carmichael, JPIC Co-Ordinator, N Akinyemi*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Readers (March/April) Eucharistic Ministers (March)

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.