

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

5th May 2019 Third Sunday of Easter (page 265 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

Let Our Inner Eyes Be Opened

A well-known speaker began a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. He asked the audience, "Who would like to have this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He then said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" The hands remained in the air. "Well," he added, "What if I do this?" He dropped it to the floor and proceeded to grind it with his shoe. He picked it up, crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still a few hands were raised because the bill had not decreased in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times, in our lives, we feel crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. No matter what has happened to us, however, we never lose our value in God's eyes. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we are, but from Him to whom we belong! We are special – let us never forget it! This is the lesson of today's Gospel, which tells us how Jesus chose Peter to be the leader of his Church, even though Peter had denied him three times.

The risen Jesus in Galilee: The primary purposes in recounting this appearance of the Risen Christ to his Apostles were to rehabilitate Peter who had denied Jesus three times, but then had repented, and to stress the actual conferring of Primacy in the Church on Peter. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus appears to the women saying, "Go tell my brethren that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there." It seems that the risen Christ had a specific purpose in seeing His apostles in Galilee. It was there that He had begun his own mission and recruited His Apostles. It was His purpose to confer the apostolic mission on Peter and the apostles in Galilee. We realize that the risen Jesus was the One who planned and directed the missionary activities of the early Church. We can be certain that the Risen Lord Himself leads and directs his Church today, through the encouragement, guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit, as He did for the Apostles and has done for their successors, down through the ages in their missionary endeavours. **We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide** to see, hear and experience the Risen Lord coming to our life in various forms, circumstances and events.

Mass Intentions This Week

4 May: Saturday

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

10:00 Christine & Michael Considine RIP
 18:00 Kevin Keith RIP

5 May: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Rose White RIP
 10:00 UCM: Victims of the Sri Lankan Terror Attacks
 12:00 All Parishioners +

6 May: Monday

10:00 Papa Coker RIP

7 May: Tuesday

10:00 Owen O'Neill RIP

8 May: Wednesday

10:00 Margaret Carr RIP

9 May: Thursday

10:00 David Benn RIP

10 May: Friday

10:00 Christy Jordan RIP 2nd Anniversary

11 May: Saturday

10:00 Michael Considine RIP
 18:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara RIP

12 May: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Deceased Members of the Klos & Stanyer Families RIP *
 10:00 Edelmira Orosa RIP *
 12:00 All Parishioners +

+ With Baptism

* With Children's Liturgy

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 7th at 8.30pm (PRC)

RCIA: Wednesday 8th May at 8pm (PRC)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 616.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 568.67
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2159.67

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *St George's Cathedral* amounted to £666.79. This week there is a second collection for *Aid to Churches in Need*. Next week there will be a second collection for *Ecclesiastical Education*. (Gift Aid-able).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Margarett Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Bridie Coombes, Denis Kelly, Rosario de Gomez, Ronald Thomson, Bruno Laskowski, Johanna Concannon, Lily Hopcraft, Peter Hulme, John Finigan, Norah Fowler, Rosa Piper, Colin Joseph, Michael Considine, Claude Nasse, Gerald Zampa, Eamonn McPhillips, Beatrix Ann Martin, Christy Jordan, Godelieve Padbury, Tom Moody, Gertrude Smith, Frankie Finigan, Andrew Starnes, Elizabeth McCarthy, Robert McCann, Bernard Ray

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Ann Marie Christian - 020 8662 0319 or amc@annmariechristian.com

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

5th May: **Bank Holiday special** with Mary Rose & Her Band

12th May: Pat Hayes

19th May: Eugene Doonan

26th May: **Bank Holiday special** with Theresa Rodgers

2nd June: Glen Flynn

9th June: Finbar & Paul

The **Beatles & Elvis Tribute Evening** will take place on Friday, 17th May; all proceeds from this event will be given to three members of our local community who are taking part in the **JFS Rugby Tour to South Africa** this summer. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Auction/ Raffle. Tickets at £10.00 each are now available from the Church Hall on a Sunday evening; they can also be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill** on **07958 903410**.

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2019 at 7.30pm: Come and enjoy an evening of sacred and secular music here in our Church with the **Occasional Voices Choir**, a wonderful community choir based in Croydon and Wood Green. Entry is free, but donations to support Woodside Bereavement Service's work are very welcome. Light refreshments will be available during the interval. Any queries, contact anne.barcellos@btinternet.com. See poster in the porch.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

At **8pm** on **Wednesday, 8th May** the Group will meet for the final time in the PRC room for a social evening. On this evening anyone interested in becoming a catholic, adults who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation or anyone wishing to find out more about the faith are invited to come along and find out what RCIA is all about. No obligation - "Come and see".

CULTURAL DIVERSITY JUNE 2nd CELEBRATION

Dear Parishioners, you are invited to fill in the sign in slips provided at the back of the church, stating what you will contribute towards this year's celebration, plus your contact details. Kindly put completed slips in the box on the table. Fliers for the event are also on the table to give to family and close friends.

For more details call or text **Sylvia** on **07870 508790** or email sylvia3k@gmail.com.

Many thanks and blessings for your kind cooperation. Sylvia

JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION SPRING ASSEMBLY Saturday 18th May

'TACKLING POVERTY IN THE DIOCESE' at the parish of Our Lady of Reparation (St Mary's), 70 Wellesley Road, West Croydon. **Mass at 10am**, continuing 10.30am - 4pm Please bring lunch. Teas & Coffees provided. All are Welcome.

See the poster and full programme in the porch.

COULD YOU READ AT MASS?

It is a privilege to proclaim the Word of God! We are looking to increase the number of readers we have for all weekend Masses. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please speak with Fr Keith after Mass.

ARTHRITIS & JOINT PAIN WORKSHOP - FREE ENTRY Wednesday 15th May 3 - 4pm W. Wickham Baptist Church

CAFOD VOLUNTEER DAY CELEBRATING OUR COMMON HOME

Saturday, 11th May 9.30am – 2.30pm Romero House, London

This volunteer meeting will include an opportunity to hear a first-hand account of our work overseas and an introduction to our new Climate Campaign "Our Common Home". There will also be an opportunity to participate in a number of interesting workshops. We will finish the meeting with a Laudato Si-inspired Creation Mass. For more information and to book a place, please contact Sarah Cadwallader on **8466 9901** or email southwark@cafod.org.uk

GIFT AID BOXES: Will be distributed after all Masses this weekend. **PLEASE COLLECT YOURS ON THE WAY OUT!**

JOHN MINUS & FAMILY: Would like to sincerely thank the parish for their prayers, kind words and cards on the sad death of Sheila.

CTIS AGM

Churches Together in Shirley will meet at 7.30pm for prayers, followed by the AGM at 8pm at **St John's** on **Tuesday May 7th**.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2019

Some places are still available on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Paul Hendricks, 23rd - 30th August 2019. For details please see www.tangney-tours.com/CA and go to their special section for Southwark.

SUNDAY 10am COFFEE MORNING ROTA

A new rota is available in the porch if you wish to sign up.

"WALK WITH ME": The latest edition of this useful daily prayer book can be found in the leaflet racks at the back of the church at a cost of **£1** each.

FREE DR BIKE: Bike road safety check with minor repairs, with optional fix-it-together. Helmet safety check and advice on child carrier seat. **At the BOOT FAIR Monday 6 May 10am to 2pm Oasis Academy Shirley Rd.** Contact **07904 021944** or see www.croydonevents.co.uk

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If so, you are invited to **St George's Cathedral** at **3pm** on **Saturday 13th July** for a special Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony, with refreshments afterwards. Places are limited so make sure of your personal invitation from Archbishop Peter Smith by **emailing mflsw@rcaos.org.uk** We need to know your full names, address, phone number, parish and the special anniversary you are celebrating this year: anyone celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ qualifies. Close family are welcome to come with you. **Last date to apply is 10th June.**

Items for collection: *M Baidoo*

Baptism certificates: *C Porebska-Evans, L Jones, R Ayers, A Klein*

Rotas: *Readers (May / June) Eucharistic Ministers (May) Servers (May)*