

# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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By appointment only

**5th July 2020 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A**



## AN INVITATION TO ACCEPT JESUS' EASY YOKE

When we are tested with trials and overburdened with pain and suffering, we ask God, "Why me?" And we fail to count the innumerable blessings that we have received. Arthur Robert Ashe Jr. was an American professional tennis player. He is considered the best African-American male tennis player of all time. He won three Grand Slam titles. Ashe was the first black player selected to the United States Davis Cup team and the only black man ever to win the singles title at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, and the Australian Open. Arthur Ashe was dying of AIDS which he got due to infected blood received during a heart surgery in 1983. From the world over, he received letters from his fans. One of them conveyed: "Why does God have to select you for such a bad disease?". To this Arthur Ashe replied: "The world over - 50 million children start learning tennis. 5 million of them learn to play tennis, 500,000 learn professional tennis, 50,000 come to the circuit, 5000 reach the grand slam, and 50 reach the Wimbledon, 4 to semi-finals, 2 to finals. When I was the one holding the cup, I never asked God 'Why me?' And today in pain, I should not be asking GOD, 'Why me?'"

At this pandemic we might have asked the same question, why me? Why my family? When sufferings and difficulties smash us one after the other we are tired and helpless. Through the readings of today, God speaks to us that He is with us, as Jesus says, 'come to me all those who are overburdened', I am there to help you. Such a consoling and comforting words of Jesus which paved the way for the millions who lost their ways and rays of hope.

Dear friends from this Sunday onwards we are blessed to attend the daily Holy Mass in the church, an amazing gift and privilege once again to thank Him and offer our whole life to Him. Because He is awaiting for you and me and He is ready to give His shoulder to us. Therefore dear friends lets approach Him with due devotion and with tender love just as the poem of **Joseph M. Scriven** reminds us

"What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and grieves to bear  
And what a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer"

### \*\*\* IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION \*\*\*

*In order to comply with the government's track & trace guidelines, please bring your phone to Mass and text your name to this parish telephone number - **07548 868418**. This will enable us to keep a record and contact number for those in attendance each day if needed. Many thanks for your cooperation.*



We will continue to livestream the 10.00am Mass each Sunday through our Facebook page.

The link will also appear on our website under the LIVE MASSES tab.

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 4 July: Saturday

10:00 Peter McMahan RIP  
17:30 Wellbeing of Karen Pearson  
18:30 Christopher Loughlin RIP

### 5 July: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

09:00 Dermot Enright RIP  
10:00 UCM: Pope Francis' Intentions  
For July - All Families  
11:00 All Parishioners  
12:00 Peter Finnegan RIP 1st Anniversary

### 6 July: Monday

10:00 Caroline Koch RIP

### 7 July: Tuesday

10:00 Sylvia Nazareth & Family RIP

### 8 July: Wednesday

10:00 Florence Boase's Intentions

### 9 July: Thursday

10:00 Harry Simons RIP  
19:30 Intentions of Fr Chris Keen

### 10 July: Friday

10:00 Seamus Brady RIP

### 11 July: Saturday SAINT BENEDICT

10:00 Jude Debadass RIP  
17:30 All Parishioners  
18:30 Mr & Mrs Joseph Rasanayagam RIP

### 12 July: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

09:00 Ints. Of The O'Donovan Family  
10:00 Bowen Family's Private Intentions  
11:00 Mr Cao Sil Lieu RIP  
12:00 June Cully RIP

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*

*Intentions booked for the 6pm Saturday evening and 8.30am Sunday morning Mass times, will move to 6.30pm Saturday and 9am Sunday respectively for the time being. Please contact the office if this is not suitable.*

## COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

*Please see the notice overleaf regarding the offertory.*

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson*

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Creamer, Thomas Alan Evans, Eileen Moran, Maurice Gomez, Agnes Boyd, Margaret Lilley, Eugene Williams, Michael Ogonovsky, Heather Marion Watson, Nancy McKenna, Cecilia Tye, Delia Roberts, Sylvia Nazareth, Eddie Gallacher, Kathleen Clark, Joyce Edwards, Steve McGing, Mary Roberts, Reginald Stevens, Bill Jones, Kathleen Pinder, Michael Harry, Frank Tierney, Eileen Stebbing, Pauline Psaila, David Mulrooney*

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

On behalf of the Social Club Committee, I hope that you are all safe and well!

*St Mildred's Drop In Centre* for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed them when the Centre reopens.

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. *No task is too small - please make contact.*

**RECENT DEATH:** We are sad to announce the death of *Pat Harley* aged 97 on Thursday 2nd July. Pat was a much loved member of our parish for many years and will be greatly missed. Please keep her and her family in your prayers and may she rest in peace.

### FR JACKSON MUST GET MOTORING!



The Parish is now in a position to purchase a car for Fr Jackson, which he needs sooner rather than later! *Please contact Fr Keith if you know of anything suitable or of someone who can help with this.*

**OFFERING A MASS INTENTION:** If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at [addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk). If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

**PURCHASING MASS CARDS:** As the parish office remains closed to the public, if you wish to purchase a Mass card, *you will only be able to do so when the Church is open during the times shown above. Please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Please note that the although the Parish Office remains closed to the public the secretaries are back at work and therefore are available to answer email and telephone enquiries.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** Usually around this time, the new sets of Gift Aid envelopes are being handed out after Mass - not this year! We will of course distribute them as soon as we are able, however in the meantime if you have run out of envelopes, please just write *Offertory* along with your *Gift Aid number* on a plain envelope, hand it in and it will be counted accordingly. Many thanks *Jenny*

### FOOD BANK INFORMATION

The food bank hub in operation by Addiscombe Mutual Aid at St Mildred's will now be *until the end of August.*

Donations are being accepted between **10am and 2pm Tuesday to Saturday** in support of the work of Croydon Voluntary Action (CVA)

A flyer with full details and donation ideas can be viewed on our website [www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com](http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com)

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday 9am – 10.50am

Saturday - 9am - 10.30am and 5pm - 7pm

Sunday - 8am – 12.30pm

*The church will close between Mass times for cleaning*

*Lord Jesus,*

*when you walked with us on earth  
you spread your healing power.*

*We place in your loving care  
all who are affected by Coronavirus.*

*Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.*

*Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,  
protect those who care for us.*

*We lift our prayer to you Lord,*

*and trust in your infinite mercy,  
as we wait for the daybreak.*

*Amen.*

**DISHWASHER:** We have a 6 place setting dishwasher in excellent condition looking for a new home. If you are in need and can make good use of it, please speak to Fr Keith.

### ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB (AYC)

Dear All - due to lockdown we have not managed to start our meetings face to yet, but we have used Zoom as a solution meeting every other Friday night for quizzes, different types of bingo and murder mystery. At this time we realise how long lockdown has become for our people.

AYC is for young people in our community Yr 7 and above. For further information please contact:

[addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com)

### OFFERTORY

We have had a number of people ask how to make their weekly offering to church during this time of lockdown. There are a couple of ways you can still do this:

- You can put the money you would normally place in the plate to one side each week, and when we are worshipping together again, hand it all in at once.
- If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme you can post the filled weekly envelope through the Presbytery/Parish Office door, or save up your weekly offering and then place all contributions into the ONE envelope dated for the week the church re-opens. All Gift Aid contributions are entered on individual records for the week they are received and banked and this would save the counters hours of work opening envelopes for individual weeks of lockdown.
- You might consider increasing your standing order at this difficult time for the church. *However if you do decide to do this PLEASE EITHER RING THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO ADVISE US OF IT.*
- If you do not have a standing order but wish to make a *ONE OFF DONATION* via online banking, again *please ring the parish office who can then provide you with the correct details and reference needed to do this.*

*An Offertory box is now located in the church porch if you wish to drop off your donation when visiting for private prayer.*

**STAY  
ALERT** 

**CONTROL  
THE VIRUS**

 **SAVE  
LIVES**