



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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5th November 2017 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 149 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

There is a great Jesuit tradition known as the Examen. At the end of the day, as you crawl into bed, it is a good exercise to review the day and give thanks to God for all the wonderful things that you experienced. In addition, it is good to see if there are any things that you could have said or done differently. You might look at your day and see where you acted with integrity and where you can improve tomorrow.

Integrity is one of the virtues that is spoken of often in the scripture, not least in today's Gospel where Jesus warns the people to do as the Scribes and Pharisees say but ignoring the things they do. Being true to yourself is a phrase people often use when giving advice, and for us, wishing to follow Christ, we must see ourselves as made in the image and likeness of God. So to be our true and best selves, for us to have any integrity at all, we are called to be that image of God as consistently as we can, which involves asking God every day to help us on our journey. That surely is the main focus of a disciples prayer.

Community Support Group: UPDATE.

As you know, we are committed to supporting a Syrian family fleeing the horror of what is happening in their country. We have a very effective team in place to assist the family in all aspects of life as they seek to make a home in the strange surroundings of a foreign land. We are also close to making a decision with regard to the accommodation we are able to offer. Remember this initiative in your prayers and be considering how you might help when help is needed; that is preparing the accommodation, furnishing it, and ensuring the family when they arrive are properly welcomed and resourced. We are still in need of people who can offer their services as translators, that is who can speak Arabic. We must have one or two in our congregation.

Thank you, in anticipation.

Mass Intentions This Week

4 November: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Ian Sulzdorf RIP

5 November:

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**
MASS OF DEDICATION
 UCM: All Deceased Members
 12:00 Bernard Considine RIP

6 November: Monday

10:00 Alfred & Sylvia Nazareth
 & Family RIP

7 November: Tuesday

10:00 Richard & Ellen Stevenson RIP

8 November: Wednesday

10:00 Jim Tully RIP

9 November: Thursday

10:00 Margaret Hassan RIP

10 November: Friday

10:00 Catherine Crowley RIP

11 November: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Mr & Mrs Mathiyas RIP

12 November:

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

08:30 Holy Souls ~
 10:00 All Parishioners ~
 12:00 Alasdair Aitchison RIP +

~ With Children's Liturgy
 + With Baptism

WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Daniel Sayeed
 £50 - Carole Simpson
 £50 - Andy Bebington

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 729.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 518.82
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2223.32

CHURCH CLEANING
TEAM D - Mrs Aitchison

COLLECTIONS

Last week's ACA collection for *Our Saint Vincent De Paul Parish Conference* amounted to £822.18. Many thanks. Next week there will be a second collection for the *Archbishops' Admin Fund* (Gift Aid-able).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, D Nott, Steve Richer, José Fernandez and Baby Scott.

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Kathleen Duffy, Stan Moore, Terence Hicks, Mary Tims, Lilian White, Vera Hanrahan, Bernard Considine, Eileen McDonald, Dennis Barnett, Bridget Riordan, Sybil Corcoran, Peter Marengi, John Wynne, Denis Hathaway, Frieda Humphries, John Faragher, William Bradley, Mildred Potter, Rosanna Jamieson, Michael Jones, Denis Everest, Catherine Downes, Terence Hayes, Sr. Joseph, Samir Nasr, Peter Pender, Dorothy Lloyd-Jones, Muriel McGuinness, Mabel Moniz, Mary Gorman, Theresa Morgan

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 5th November: **Returning by popular demand TR Dallas**
Sunday, 12th November: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 19th November: Telstar
Sunday, 26th November: **First appearance of Ally Harron & Marion Curry**
Sunday, 3rd December: Kevin Keys
Sunday, 10th December: Tom Healy

The evening with **Declan Nerney and His Band** on Friday, 17th November is **a sell out**. Admission will be **strictly by ticket only**. You can still support this event by donating an item for the raffle/ auction. All proceeds from the event will be given to the **Critical Care Unit at King's College Hospital**.

The next Fundraising Jamboree will be on Friday, 1st December. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Anerley ACROSS**, a charity which takes disabled children on an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Coming soon

- **Take That & Robbie Williams Tribute Night** on Friday, 26th January

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mr Maurice Reaney, who was head teacher at St Mary's Catholic High School for many years, died at the weekend. His funeral will be at 11am on Thursday 16th November at St Elphege's Church, 120 Stafford Road, Wallington, SM6 9AY. Please remember him in your prayers.

UNITY CLUB

The Unity Club are desperately looking for help to put the tables and chairs away after their meetings on a Friday. Help would be appreciated between 3.30 and 4pm. If you can assist, please come along to the Large Hall or ring **Mary** or **Pat Kingman** on **8406 5377**.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of the church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. These envelopes are placed in our Memorial chapel (in the Lady Chapel) and your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Saturday 25th November 2 - 4pm in the Large Hall

I have a small supply of rings for sale to make the wreaths; please contact me by Monday 20th November if you need one. Bring garden clippers/scissors, gloves, and any candles, greenery or decorations you wish to add. **Call or text Joanna on 07793 826103**

WEEKDAY COFFEE MORNING

Every Wednesday after 10am Mass come along to the large hall, where you can enjoy a cup of coffee / tea along with a biscuit (or on some mornings a selection of home made cakes / savouries) all for just a pound! When time permits Fr Keith will join us. We look forward to seeing you.

NIGHT UNDER THE STARS - WITH THE PASSAGE

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on **Tuesday 7th November** on the theme Russian Soul with Griff Rhys Jones as presenter. The music includes pieces by Rachmaninov, Borodin, Mussorgsky and Tchaikovsky with soloists Boris Giltburg, Duncan Rock and Robert Lloyd.
For more details visit <http://nutsconcert.com/> or call **020 7592 1856**

MEETINGS

Confirmation Prep: Sunday 5th at 5pm (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 7th at 8pm (PRC)
Confirmation Parents' Meeting: Tuesday 7th at 8pm (Large Hall)

ADVENT CALENDARS & FAIRTRADE GIFTS

The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group will be selling The Real Advent Calendars along with a selection of Fairtrade Christmas chocolate goodies, at all Sunday Masses on November 19th and 26th. Remember - "love your neighbour" may refer to someone in your family; but it also refers to someone in the next continent. Support them through fairly traded goods this Christmas.

ST. THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL WINTER FAIR 2017

Our Winter Fair will be on **Sunday 26th November** from **12 -4pm**. We will be delighted to accept donations of tombola gifts and bottles in the weeks leading up to the Fair. If you wish to make a donation please contact **Angela** on **07903338890** or **Candice** on **07734440631**.

We will be selling raffle tickets for our Grand Draw after all masses. There will also be envelopes with tickets for you to take home and sell to your family & friends - please return to ticket sellers by Sunday 26th November.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Forms are now available to download from the website. Please return the completed form to the presbytery, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments are now underway and will run all through November.

REPOSITORY

A lovely selection of **CHRISTMAS CARDS** is now on sale in the Shop. **DIARIES** are also on sale.

As soon as the Confirmations have taken place, Advent calendars, other calendars, cribs, candles and lots of other lovely Christmas items will be on sale, all very reasonably priced. So please don't do all your Christmas shopping before you have visited our Repository!

DONATIONS OF JARS: Well done to all those who donated jars recently. We are no longer collecting them however, as they were only used for Chutneys and Jams at the Autumn Fair. Many thanks.

PRAYER BREAKFAST AT SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH

On the 2nd Saturday of each month we gather together for breakfast and a time of prayer for our world, our country and our local communities. We start from 8.30am for breakfast and at 9.15 until 10am for prayer.

A few friends from St Johns already share this time with us and we would very much welcome members from any of the other churches in Shirley to join us. **Brian Sherrell**

THE HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: Reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. Why not come and join us and help to hold out God's Hand of Love and Mercy? The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by Father Neil Brett, will be held on **Saturday 18th November** at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 557-559 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. We begin with 9am Mass, then begin our Rosary Procession at 9.40am following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes Abortion Centre, 88 Russell Road, IG9 5QB, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx. 11.30am to the church to recite the Angelus, followed by refreshments.

Full details on poster in church porch or contact tel **01727 763832** or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

Items for collection: T Ward, A Farrelly, S Turner, D Sayeed, A Bebington, C Simpson, 1st Rainbows, 5th Rainbows

Bapt Certs: Allen

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (November) Readers (November / December) Servers (November)