



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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5th November 2023 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 149 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

The Gospel today is from the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Here we encounter this teaching: "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." We should always keep this teaching in our hearts and in our minds. We must seek to serve one another, not dominate one another. We should seek to proclaim this word of God in the way we live and relate to one another.

The more humble we become, the more possible it is for God's word and God's presence to be known by others. Jesus gives us the example of those who try to follow the Law but only put burdens on others. It is clear that our challenge is not to judge others nor to tell others what to do. Our challenge is to live the word of God in such a way that others are drawn to God.



Please Pray for our candidates for Confirmation, celebrating this sacrament at the 11.30 Mass.

We pray for their families also on this significant day in their lives.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 4 November: Saturday**
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO
 10:00 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP
 18:00 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP
- 5 November: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY**
 08:30 Birthday Wishes for Cecilia Okeke
 10:00 UCM: Ints of Gemma Gjergji's Family & her mother Sandra RIP
Confirmation Mass
 11:30 All Parishioners
- 6 November: Monday**
 10:00 Alfred & Sylvia Nazareth RIP
- 7 November: Tuesday THE DEDICATION OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Meliora Sumahoro on her Birthday
- 8 November: Wednesday**
 10:00 Jack, Ivy & John Devereux RIP
- 9 November: Thursday THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**
 10:00 Deirdre Bean RIP
 19:30 Holy Souls
- 10 November: Friday**
SAINT LEO THE GREAT
 10:00 Catherine Crowley RIP
- 11 November: Saturday**
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
 10:00 Joseph Dieu Tran RIP
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP
- 12 November: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY**
 08:30 Pauline Throssell RIP
 10:00 All Parishioners *
 11:30 Alasdair Aitchison RIP

* With Uniformed Groups

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

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 7th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 7th at 8pm (PRC)
Fr Tomasz Talk: Wed 8th at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 604.90
Loose cash	£ 713.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2607.90

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **Croydon Nightwatch** amounted to £651.00. Many thanks. This week the second collection is in aid of the charities supported by our Confirmands. Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for **The Archbishop's Appeal**. Note overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary

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, Philip Sterling, Mary Arthur, Sr. Joseph, Samir Nasr, Peter Pender, Dorothy Lloyd-Jones, Muriel McGuinness, Mabel Moniz, Ann Hazell, Mary Gorman, Theresa Morgan, Ezio Giust

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

5th November: Kieran White

12th November: Pat Jordan

19th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

26th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens

3rd December: Theresa Rodgers

10th December: Glen Flynn

17th December: Frank Nelson

31st December: **New Year's Eve Party** with Ally Harron & Marian

Curry

- The AGM of the Social Club will take place on Sunday, 19th November at 6.30pm. There will be a review of activities over the last year followed the proposed programme for 2024.

- The winners of the **200 Club Across Draw** for October 2023 are:

£100: Caroline Doherty

£50: Tessa Green £50: Judith Leaning

Cheques have now been sent to all of the winners. If you would like to join **the** 200 Club, please go to the website (www.anerleyacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

- **The Declan Nerney & His Band evening - is completely SOLD OUT.** No tickets will be available at the door.

- **The Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons Tribute Evening** will take place on Friday, 15th December. All proceeds from the event will support the Anerley ACROSS; a Charity which will be taking a party of disabled children to Lourdes in June '24. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **Raymond Chow** will take place here at **Our Lady's on Friday 17th November at 10am.** May his gentle soul Rest In Peace.

TALK ON BIBLICAL ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST

Fr Tomasz gives a talk **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall.** He looks forward to seeing you there!

Topic for this week: What The Church Teaches About Contraception

Useful books about the Eucharist:

Jesus Our Eucharistic Love - by Fr Stefano M. Manelli

Jesus and the Jewish roots of the Eucharist - by Brant Pitre

The Mystery of Faith - by Fr Tadeusz Dajczer

A Biblical Walk Through The Mass - by Edward Sri

***** SAVE THE DATE - Everyone's Nativity *****

Sunday 10th December, 2 - 3pm

Join us for an interactive and 'family friendly' reading of the Nativity Story. Come dressed up as one of the characters to help bring this special story to life. Your costume can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. We don't mind how many Marys, Josephs, Donkeys, Innkeepers, Stars, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels or Kings we have. Everyone will be included - the more the merrier!

Afterwards, festive refreshments will be served in the church hall, and all children will be invited to take part in arts & craft activities.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. **Please place the envelope in the secure 'offertory' box in the Lady chapel.** The list of names will then be placed in our Memorial basket (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.

For Collection:

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE OR RING TO ARRANGE COLLECTION FROM CHURCH

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Nov) Readers (Nov/Dec)

NEW PROJECT ALERT

Croydon East Wellness Support Network (CrESNT), presents WELDERLIES BRUNETTE MEET-UP

This event aims to support the over 65s achieve their self-care. Join us at the Project Launch Reception on **Thursday 9th November 11am-1pm** at **Ashburton Park Café.**

Find out more about CrESNT and help shape the activities of the meet-ups.

Text **07375 824615** to book for catering plans.

Please note that Croydon Central East includes residents in Addiscombe, Park Hill, Shirley and Woodside

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 November: CaFE Video on St. Therese of Liseaux

21st November: CaFE Video on St. Catherine of Sienna

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION Sat 11th /Sun 12th November

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2023. Every gift is welcome.

Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or:

- Telephone weekdays 9am – 5pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church.

Thank you for your generosity of heart!

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

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

I have a small supply of rings for sale at £4.50 to make the wreaths; please contact me by Wednesday 22nd 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**

** REPOSITORY SHOP **

Christmas cards, 2024 diaries and calendars are on sale at very reasonable prices; boxed cards are the same price as last year!

SOUTHWARK ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON BRETHEN CIO Charity Number 1203417

Previously known as 'The Southwark Brethren' however we are now an incorporated charity known as above. Our aims have grown and we now support all priests, working or retired. Recently we have been able to help with emergency hospital and dental treatment, but this is just the tip of the iceberg, Medical needs present themselves, which are varied and complex and cannot always be supplied by the diocese or priest himself. Therefore we are asking for your generous support to continue our work for priests in whatever way is needed. If you can help please send a donation in one of the following ways:

Cheques, payable to **Southwark Arundel & Brighton Brethren CIO** sent to **3 Birch Way Warlingham CR6 9DA** or by standing order by contacting Frederika or Fr Paul Hough on **07939 654522**, and we will send the account details. **Thank you in advance for your support.**