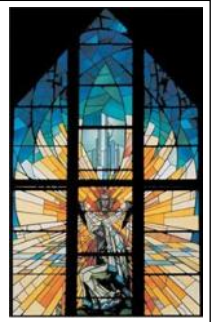




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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6th April Fifth Sunday of Lent (page 176 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

Palm Sunday

Blessing of Palms All Masses.

Tuesday (15)

Service of Reconciliation 7.30pm, with visiting priests.

Wednesday (16)

Chrism Mass 11.30am St George's Cathedral.

Maundy Thursday

Mass 7.30pm, Watch until mid-night.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 9.30am.

Full Liturgy 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 10.00am

Easter Vigil 9.00pm

Easter Sunday

Normal Mass schedule.

Fr. Keith and Fr. Tomasz are God's men, sent to serve.

They are never too busy to see you.

Mass Intentions This Week

5 April: Saturday

10:00 Karol Skorniak RIP

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

6 April: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Mick Semeta RIP 12th Anniversary

10:00 UCM: All Sick Members

& Paul Franklin RIP

11:30 All Parishioners +

7 April: Monday

10:00 Joseph Simons & Rosemary Simons RIP

8 April: Tuesday

10:00 Anthony Simons & Jerome Simons RIP

9 April: Wednesday

10:00 Brendan Curtis RIP

15:45 *Stations of the Cross*

10 April: Thursday

10:00 Brendan Curtis RIP

19:30 Billy Bowdrey RIP

11 April: Friday

10:00 Nora Maher RIP

12 April: Saturday

10:00 Miranda Franzon & Ghirardini Lino RIP

18:00 Mr & Mrs Joseph Rasanayagam RIP*

13 April: PALM SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners *

10:00 Helen Kassianou RIP *

(With procession into Church from large hall)

11:30 Welfare of Coloma &

All Catholic Education *

+ *With Baptism*

* *With Foodbank Sunday*

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 8th at 10.45am (Small Hall)

Book Club: Tuesday 8th at 4pm (Small Hall) reading - *A Case for Christ*

SVP: Tuesday 8th at 8pm (PRC)

Bible Study: Wednesday 9th at 11.30am (Large Hall)

RCIA: Wednesday 9th at 8pm (Church) *Rehearsal for the Easter Vigil*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 547.76

Loose cash £ 1134.06

S/Os (Approx) £ 1340.00

Total £ 3021.82

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be an ACC collection for *The Little Sisters of the Poor*.

**** Don't forget - Next weekend is Foodbank Sunday! Please leave donations in the porch. Thank you. ****

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Michael O'Donnell, Bernard Bennett, Michael Semeta, Mark Carter, Sarah Scanlan, Violet Fahey, Dorothy Morrison, Jerome Simons, Peter White, Dorothy Martynski, Grace McSweeney, Joan Duffin, Blanche Paul, Daniel T. White, Jack Stoyel, Mary Bernadette Nolan, Iso Halata, Glyn Jones-Davis, Nora Maher, Archie White, Tony Sollé, Paul Boateng, John McCaughey, Catherine A. Charles

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

6th April: Frank Nelson + *Castlerea Brass & Reed Band*

13th April: Kieran White

20th April: **Easter Sunday** - Shawn Cuddy

27th April: Kevin Kearney

4th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kenny Paul

11th May: Theresa Rodgers

18th May: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

25th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kieran White

- **The London Irish Centre (Camden) are now bringing their afternoon Social Groups to Addiscombe! There will be Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Raffle, Singing, Bingo, Quizzes, Day trips et al. The group will be facilitating sessions every Wednesday afternoon from 12pm to 3:30pm.**

- The **Addiscombe Dance Weekend** in the Social Club commences on Saturday, 12th April with a **Sean Nos Workshop** from 2 - 5pm (£8 / children free) and a **Ceili** at 7:30pm (£12). On Sunday, there will be a **Jive & Line Dancing Workshop** at 5pm followed by **Social Dancing** with Kieran White at 7:30pm. For more information, call Della Reilly on 07403 227935.

- The **Barry Doyle Band** will be appearing in the Social Club on Friday, 9th May from 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Irish Community Services, Bexleyheath**.

The **Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance** will take place on Friday, 16th May. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm and **Dancing to The Duets** will commence at 8:00pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Anerley ACROSS, a charity which will be taking a party of disable people to Lourdes in June**.

To reserve tickets for the above events, please call **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

RECENT DEATH: Parishioners are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **Celia Sweeney** who died on March 22nd. Her funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's on Tuesday 22nd April at 10am**.

UCM COFFEE MORNING TODAY

After 10am Mass today the UCM will be holding their monthly coffee morning, raising money for **Guide Dogs for the Blind**. All are welcome.

The UCM meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:15pm in large hall, if you would like to join us or find out more, come along!

CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be **NO MASS in Croydon University Hospital** during Holy Week (i.e. Wednesday 16th April) as that is the date of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Parish Ascent Group is part of "Life Ascending International". It is a Catholic movement for men and women who have reached a certain age in life. The three aims are first, developing Friendship, then growing in Spirituality and finally supporting the Church's Mission both at home and abroad.

All parishioners are very welcome to join us. We meet over tea and coffee to share in many different ways our understanding and experience of our Catholic faith, in the **Small Hall after 10am Mass on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month**.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 8th April**

Christine M. will share with us her Personal Journey of Faith

GOLDEN PENNIES JARS

Well done to everyone who sent in their Golden Pennies jar. The total amount came to **£60** this count. **Croydon Nightwatch**, the happy recipients were sent a cheque by the office. We start again, so I will be handing out empty jars. Do take one to fill up!

CENTENARY CALENDARS: Will be on the ends of the pews in church this weekend. **Please feel free to take one!**

For Collection: UCM, M A McGuigan

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

Baptism Certs: Should be collected from the parish office

FOR ALL GIFT AID MEMBERS DONATING BY STANDING ORDER

The members who choose to receive a small set of envelopes for Diocesan 2nd Collections may have noticed that this year no envelope is included for the Easter collection for our Priests. Last year the Parish claimed nearly £1000 from the Inland Revenue as a result of these offerings.

PLEASE would all donors pick up and write their number (or name) on one of the Easter Collection Gift Aid envelopes available in the porch. *Other envelopes will be available for parishioners who are not members of the Scheme.*

Thank you in advance for your help.

The Parish cannot afford to lose income because of a printer's error!

NEXT WEEK IS FOODBANK SUNDAY!

The following items have been requested in particular:

*tinned chick peas, beans, peas, vegetables & tomatoes, dried fruit
fruit juice, rice pudding, tinned or packet soup, washing up liquid*

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY: Thank you for your generous support during the brunch gathering! So far, we have raised **£674** towards Our Lady's Grotto. I am truly grateful for your continued contributions.

Stay tuned for more upcoming brunches, where we can gather and enjoy meals, and chat in a warm environment. *Chimu Brown*

TRADITIONAL POLISH BLESSING OF THE FOOD ON THE EASTER TABLE

Fr Tomasz will be giving the traditional Polish Blessing of the Food on the Easter table on **Saturday 19th April at 10.30am and 11am** in Church. Please come along!

PARISH FILM SHOW: This year's show will be at **7.30pm on Saturday 26th April, in the Small Hall**. A variety of short films will be shown via film projection (not digital). Proceeds will support the national charity **Life**. Tickets £7.50 (adults); £3 (children) will be on sale next weekend, or you can book by emailing **adrianw_8-16@tiscali.co.uk** or phoning **020 8656 0168**.

JOIN US FOR

A SACRED EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

When: Monday, 14th April 2025 – 7:30 pm at Our Lady's

Entering into the Mystery – A Sacred Evening to Begin Holy Week

As we approach the Holy Week of Easter, join us for an evening of prayer, song, meditation, and reflection. Together, we will enter into the mystery of God's love, journeying toward the Cross and the empty tomb, preparing our hearts and minds for the grace of Easter.

Mathew 26:38 Stay here and keep watch with me

Led by the OLA Cecilian choir, we look forward to seeing you there!

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Parishioners all, our Centenary Big Lunch is on Sunday 1st June. No doubt you would want to be part of it. Please complete a short form to capture your country of origin, plus how you would want to be involved at the back of the church and a box to secure them.

Please also remember to complete the online survey on Our Lady's Parish website. **Our next meeting will be on Sunday 13th in the large hall at 12.30pm (after the 11.30am Mass)**. Please contact Sylvia on 07870 508790 for more information, thanks.

SECOND SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks and blessings to everyone who comes for coffee and conversation after Mass. Since our last update, thanks to you:

- £210 went to the Clergy Fund
- £110 to Ovarian Cancer Charity
- £300 towards a borehole in Ile Ife

£250 sponsorship payment for one of our volunteers who is raising funds for Cancer work and will be doing "The Moon Walk London" on 17th May. You can sponsor via the Moon Walk page.

*Thank you and see you at the next Second Sunday Coffee Morning
Nike & team*