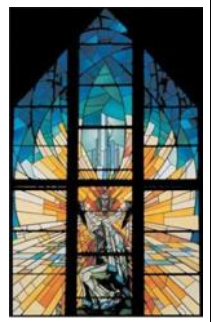




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

6th June 2021 Corpus Christi Sunday YEAR B

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The importance of this Feast:

- 1) The last two precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual mother on Good Friday
- 2) *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel* – God with us – in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist.
- 3) The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist.

We believe in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because:

- 1) Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000.
- 2) Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper.
- 3) Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory.
- 4) "Nothing is impossible for God".

We explain the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by: "transubstantiation" which means that the *substance* of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the *substance* of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its *accidents* (like colour, shape, taste etc.), remain the same.

As mentioned last week, the number of Masses offered will return to normal for the beginning of the holiday season in August, though with one slight alteration. From...

Saturday 31st July: Mass 6pm
 Sunday 1st August: Mass 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am

In moving the last Mass of the day forward the gap between Masses is unified and it allows us to continue to offer Baptism outside the Mass at 4pm on Saturday and 1pm on Sunday, though from August we expect Baptism to be celebrated within the Mass once again.

Fr Keith.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 5 June: Saturday SAINT BONIFACE**
 10:00 Norma Bird RIP
 17:30 All Parishioners
 18:30 Intentions of the Heskin Family
- 6 June: CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY**
 09:00 Angels, Anya & Blyth RIP
 10:00 UCM: Mary Rayner RIP
 11:00 Intentions of the O'Sullivan/Holder Fam.
 12:00 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP
- 7 June: Monday**
 10:00 Joan McHugh RIP
- 8 June: Tuesday**
 10:00 Freiner Fernandes 22nd Birthday Wishes
- 9 June: Wednesday**
 10:00 Johnson Pereira RIP
- 10 June: Thursday**
 10:00 Birthday Wishes for Fr Keith Sylvia
 19:30 Paul Fulop RIP Anniversary
- 11 June: Friday**
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
 10:00 Michael, Harold & Harry Sweeney RIP
- 12 June: Saturday IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 10:00 June Cully RIP
 17:30 Ints. of Mr & Mrs T Corduff & Family
 18:30 Deceased Members of the Sweeney & Heskin Families RIP
- 13 June: ELEVENTH SUNDAY**
 09:00 Tony Borfiga RIP
 10:00 Lucas, Ubaldina & Sylvia DeSouza RIP
 11:00 Jackie Iles RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners



Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

CHURCH CLEANING - 10th JUNE
TEAM C

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 514.60
Loose cash	£ 388.40
S/Os (Approx)	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1878.00

PLEASE NOTE: We now have a QR CODE for the church, which is displayed at all entrances and exits, for use by those who have the NHS COVID19 App. The church mobile number (07548 868418) for Track and Trace is still in use if you do not have the App.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Arthur Fowler, H. John Martin, Henry Ellison, Mary Brown, Kathleen Rattigan, Bernard Masters, Paul Fulop, Mary Deakin, Joan McHugh, Ines Zampa, Mary Perera, Theodore Fernandes, Agustin Hernandez, Christopher Sergiou, Elizabeth Baidoo, Genevieve Czarkowska, Elizabeth Crayford, Sr Kathleen Rathe, Agnes Burns, Jim Duffin, Annette Haines, Jean Waldron, Bernard Peter Smith, Arthur Fairservice

*** POLITE REMINDER ***

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

The Golf Day followed by a Gala Dinner & Dance, with all proceeds going to the Brain Tumour Charity, is now a complete Sell Out. Thank you for your magnificent support!!

You can still support the event by either *Sponsoring a Hole* or *Donating an Item for the Auction or Raffle*. If you can assist in any way, please contact Sheila on:

07921 235141 or email: sheilajordan1@icloud.com

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS - MARY RAYNER RIP

The funeral of Mary Rayner will take place here at our Lady's on **Wednesday 9th June at 12.30pm**. The Mass is open to all parishioners as COVID restrictions on numbers of attendees for funerals has been lifted, however, *please keep in mind that we are limited to the church's 'COVID safe' capacity, and you are still required to sit socially distanced.*

The service will also be live streamed via the link below:

<https://meetupvideo.com/funeral-live-stream/>

1st HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS & CARDS: We have a wonderful selection in our Repository shop at great prices, so please pay us visit **BEFORE OR AFTER** Mass at the weekend!

CONFIRMATION 2021: Bishop Paul has agreed to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for us on **Sunday 7th November, at 12pm**. Those who are in their Confirmation year (**currently in school year 8 or above**) need to watch the newsletter carefully for details of how to sign up for this year's course. Details to follow in the next couple of weeks.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian has stepped down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith. *Many thanks.*

SOME DEFINITE SERVICE: PARISH PLANS

How could your parish benefit from *Some Definite Service*, our response to Archbishop John's call to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese?' No parish is the same and we have a rich and diverse range across the diocese. We want to recognise all the good work that is already being undertaken and then reflect together to see the areas where growth is possible. For more information, please visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds.

VACANCY - LEVEL 3 EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER Laleham Lea Nursery For September 2021

NVQ Level 3/ NNEB/BTEC Nat Dip/ CACHE Dip in Childcare required (plus Paediatric First Aid Training).

Please contact Mrs Strachan for an application pack:
sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk or ring 0208 660 3351

Closing date for applications is **Friday June 11th 2021**

REMINDER - PARISH MEETING ON JULY 21st To discuss the restoration of a Parish Pastoral Council

We would like to invite **ALL** the bodies associated with the parish to give a very brief verbal account (2 mins) of how they have fared through the pandemic, their plans for start-up as restrictions ease and their aspirations and concerns for the future. We will be contacting the leaders directly with an invitation to take part. We hope as many people as possible will take advantage of this opportunity to engage once again with the local church, and it's witness through the satellite activities of our parish, as well as being prepared to commit to new initiatives to insure we continue to function as a dynamic and vibrant community who know they are loved and guided by God.

GIFT AID NEW YEAR!

THE NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES COME INTO USE
THIS WEEKEND!

If you have not yet collected your new box, (or small set for the Standing Order donors) they are available from the table in the porch. ***Please recycle the old yellow envelopes now.*** Many scheme numbers have changed including all between 220 and 260. Many thanks.

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION

If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either visit the parish office, use an 'Intentions' form & envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or download it from our website under the **COVID 19** tab. Please complete the form and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed. Many thanks.

Our Repository shop has an excellent selection of Mass cards.

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at **3pm on Saturday 9th October at St George's Cathedral**. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

RADIO MARIA ENGLAND

This 24hr Catholic Radio Station is set up to broadcast programmes promoting and expressing the Christian Faith. It aims to support Catholics and others in their spiritual life and witness to those who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. It is part of the World Family of Radio Maria, which currently has 85 radio stations across 5 continents with 500 million listeners world-wide. Radio Maria England started life in 2019 in Cambridge and is run as a non-profit organisation by a mixture of professionals and volunteers, lay people, clergy and religious. Radio Maria England broadcasts over the internet. You can listen through our website, on your phone or tablet using the World Family app or **on DAB radio**. To find out more about the programmes, please visit RadioMariaEngland.uk

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. *Many thanks.*

HM Government

**WASH
HANDS**

**COVER
FACE**

**MAKE
SPACE**

NHS

THE NEW NORMAL - WHAT DO WE WANT AS A PARISH?

Much has been said about "the new normal" when the pandemic allows things to settle down. The sort of comments heard have been:

- what did we *used* to do, that (for a year) we haven't and that we miss? How soon can we re-start?
- what did we *used* to do, that (for a year) we haven't and we *don't* miss? Do we *have* to pick them up again?
- what have we done in lockdown that we didn't do before but we want to keep doing?
- what have we done in lockdown that we didn't do before and will happily drop again?

An example of these might be "doing jigsaws was lovely, but after a year it's time to stop", or "having my shopping delivered was lovely but I do miss visiting the high street", or "I really missed hugging the family".

Those are all at a personal level - but what about at a parish level? We haven't had the Mass attendances of yesteryear - do those who've stayed away want to come back? I know that I do ... and the Obligation will be reintroduced at some point. Do we want to have social events again (probably "yes")? What have we missed that we can still do without? What have we done differently that we'd rather do the "old" way (like attending Mass without a mask, or receiving Holy Communion at the "usual" point of the service)?

The time has come, or is soon to arrive, when we will need to address these thoughts both as individuals and as a parish - as Fr Keith has said, it is our parish and we have a responsibility to run things while the Priests undertake their sacramental and pastoral roles. How can we do that? Do we need committees or working groups to coordinate (for example) the summer fair, the worship, the buildings and grounds, outreach and mission, so forth?

If so, who would serve on those groups? A comment has been made that some such groups are seen as parallel to the wider community's view of the Church of England - most of them don't go or get involved *but they feel comfortable knowing that it's there*. If someone in the parish feels that there should be (for example) a worship committee to assist the Priests with preparations for Easter or Christmas, what would they say if no-one stepped forward to serve on that committee?

Putting it bluntly, what only happens now because one or other of the Priests does it? And how would you feel if they stopped doing it (as being outside their sacramental and pastoral role) and it didn't happen? Would you be ready to step forward and say "I valued that; I want to ensure it continues; how can I help?" ... or would you let it die?

It's time to think ...

Andy Bebington

CALLING PARENTS OF 10-12 YEAR OLD GIRLS!

Are you looking for fun, games, excitement, opportunities to make new friends and have adventures for your daughter?

The 1st Addiscombe guides have a few spaces. If you feel your daughter would be interested please register on the girl guiding website (link below) and put 1st Addiscombe guides as the unit choice! [Register your daughter | Girlguiding](#)

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays**. All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

DEAR HUSBAND & WIFE...

You are invited to give each other a gift by spending **July 10th** online between **9am and 1pm** exploring and improving your relationship. The event, entitled '**Building A Better Marriage**', will provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. There is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better - whether you married five years ago or 50! Booking is essential.

Telephone **07983 524727** or Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2022

This event will take place on **Tuesday 6th July**, with sessions starting at **3.30pm, 4.30pm, 5.30pm & 6.30pm**.

For health & safety reasons numbers are restricted, therefore the event is **limited to YEAR 5 FAMILIES ONLY**. One parent and one Year 5 student may attend and the session **MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE** using the booking form on our website. We advise booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

www.stphils.org.uk

LALEHAM LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN WEEK

7th - 11th June 9.30 - 11.30am Call to book **020 8660 3351**

IN THEIR PASTORAL LETTER: The Bishops ask, "Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?" This is basically the question we have been considering in our local Laudato Si' Circle at recent Zoom meetings. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 18th June at 6pm**, when we shall be asking ourselves, in line with the Pastoral Letter, in what ways we have "ignored the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources" and how best we can "each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation".

The meeting is open to all, and the Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806484816?pwd=NUZkQ2VHazuUL2pteFISZW94b2lqdz09>

Meeting ID: 858 0648 4816 Passcode: 476913

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.

