



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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How do we correct one another? How do we encourage one another to do what is right? These are not easy themes in families or in the wider community. There is so much presumption today that we must trust one another and not judge one another and thus we should leave each other in peace. We also hear statements such as not to speak about religion or politics with other people, because the result will always be a conflict.

This is the wisdom of the world. Jesus Christ gives us a different wisdom as do the Jewish Scriptures, our Old Testament. This teaching of the Scriptures is clear: if we see our brother or sister in Christ doing something that is not right, and we do not try to tell them what is right, then we are responsible. This is a really difficult teaching.

The Gospel today, from Saint Matthew, repeats the admonition of the Prophet Ezekiel. It is also clear that if the other person will not listen to us, we should continue to speak the truth and ask others to be part of this witness to the truth. Again, this is a really difficult teaching, alien to the world and many even in the Church.

The second reading, from the Letter to the Romans, tells us that our only duty is to love. When we love another, then we must speak the truth. When we love another, then we must speak out if that loved one is doing something that harms themselves or others. If we love another, we learn how to listen, to admonish and how to **accept** admonishment.

Difficult yes, but ultimately an act of love.

Fr Keith.



*** 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.

*** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION ***

*Please text your name to this parish telephone number - 07548 868418.
 Many thanks for your cooperation.*



We will once again continue to livestream the 10am Mass each Sunday through our Facebook page.

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

Mass Intentions This Week

5 September: Saturday

10:00 Clare Ramlal RIP
 17:30 Anthony & Mary McDowell RIP
 18:30 Ivy O'Connor RIP

6 September: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

09:00 Cordelia Darnley & Fam. RIP
 10:00 UCM: All Children Returning to School
 11:00 All Parishioners
 12:00 Susan Lightfoot RIP

7 September: Monday

10:00 Mr Vincent Emmanuel RIP

8 September: Tuesday THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 Lucas, Ubaldina & Sylvia DeSouza RIP

9 September: Wednesday

10:00 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP

10 September: Thursday

10:00 Fiona Moore RIP
 19:30 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP

11 September: Friday

10:00 Richard Dineen RIP

12 September: Saturday

First Holy Communion Mass
 10:00 Paul Brady RIP

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17:30 Thanksgiving for the Nazareth Family
 18:30 Thanksgiving for the Aloysius Family

13 September:

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

09:00 Alan Dwyer RIP

First Holy Communion Mass

10:00 Welfare of Brandon Soumahoro
 11:00 Daphne McKenna RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners

COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

An Offertory box is now located in the church porch if you wish to drop off your donation.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Anthony McDowell, James McGreal, Eileen Flanagan, Doreen (Kaye) Abbott, Ivy O'Connor, Veronica Bedminster, Reginald Botell, Ernest Padbury, Kathleen Mary Tatnell, Mae Knight, John McBride, Jean Ansdell, Henry Judge, Matilda Sequeira, Louise Vertannes, Baby Sinead Katie Lynch, Ita Foley, Wasyl Dydyk, Philip Cox, Martin Hayes, Kitty Mooney, James ("J.J.") Tyrell, Ellen Chambers, Francis Ford, Felix McGovern

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!

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the recent death of **Eugene McKeon**. He was a very valued and respected member of the Social Club. In recent years, Eugene was unable to visit the Social Club on a regular basis due to ill health; however, in the past he enjoyed coming to meet his many friends and to take part in the dancing. Please remember Eugene, his family & friends in your thoughts & prayers at this difficult time. We will arrange for Fr Keith to celebrate a Mass for Eugene & his family.

The Annual **ACROSS Golf Classic** (with **Covid-19** restrictions) will take place on Friday, 11th September at the Selsdon Park Golf Club with Tee off times commencing at 11.00am. Coffee on arrival at the Club House, 18 Holes of Golf followed by light refreshments and prize giving. Refreshments will be served outside on the lawn. The cost of the day is £40.00. For more details, please contact Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.

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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion children will meet **in church** on **Friday 11th September at 6 - 6.30pm** for one last session in preparation for receiving the Sacrament during family bubble Masses in September.

WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH GRIEF

A support group for anyone who has been bereaved during the Covid19 Lockdown period, provided by WBS.

For your nearest venue, dates and time please contact:
Woodside Bereavement Service **020 3256 2009**
Or email wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: If you are waiting to receive a Baptism certificate, please ring the Parish office to arrange a suitable time to collect from there. Many thanks.

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. 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.

REPOSITORY SHOP FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Over 40 children will be making their 1st Holy Communion in the next few weeks, and many parents will be wanting to buy cards and gifts for their children. As only 1 person is allowed in the Repository Shop at a time, we are going to have **all** the 1st Holy Communion cards and gifts on display **in the large hall before and after** the meeting at **6pm on Friday 11th September**. This will allow all families coming to any of the 1st Holy Communion Masses an opportunity to see what there is and make their purchases.

It is essential that all the children, accompanied by one parent, attend the meeting. Please wear your masks in the hall, and remember to sanitise your hands before touching anything.

When you have made your selections, there will be one person near the door taking money (**CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY**). Bags will be available. Most importantly, don't forget to bring your purses!

THE REPOSITORY SHOP WILL REOPEN IN OCTOBER

RECENT DEATH: It is with great sadness that we announce the recent death of **Canon John McNamara**. Canon John was a retired priest of the Archdiocese and served faithfully in pastoral ministry, and made significant contributions to education and catechesis. Funeral arrangements will be subject to the Covid 19 restrictions and details will follow as soon as arrangements have been put in place. May he receive the reward of his labours and rest in peace.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS who wish their children to start preparation for First Holy Communion

Application forms for the two year (term time only), First Holy Communion programme for children in years 2 & 3 at non Catholic schools can now be downloaded from our website. Forms should be completed and handed into the Parish office no later than **Sunday 27th September**. The first session and introduction (**WITH PARENTS**) is on **Tuesday 29th September at 5pm promptly** in the **large hall** and will finish at 5.30pm. Late applications cannot be accepted.

COMPULSORY FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

Due to new government guidelines, it is **compulsory to wear a face covering during Mass**. We are unable to supply masks for everyone each week, so respectfully ask that people provide their own, and wear them during Mass until further notice. Many thanks.

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

Sat	5.30pm	Family bubbles only
Sat	6.30pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	9.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	10.00am	Family bubbles only
Sun	11.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	12.00pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

STAY ALERT 

CONTROL THE VIRUS

 **SAVE LIVES**