



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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6th October Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 140 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

The Community answered the call - a magnificent day!

Last weekend we were delighted to welcome 1,200+ guests to our Autumn Fayre, members of our Parish community with their families & friends, & many residents from the local community. The car park & gardens were a sea of marquees! Our guests were delighted to have their Sunday dinner with catering from across the globe; the children enjoyed the many games that were available, and some of our weekly groups (*Ben Sylvia Fitness, Yelo Dance Company, & The Set Dancers*) showcased their activities on the main stage.

Many teams with the parish community worked together to prepare for the fayre. We would like to thank our planning committee, the marketing team, the stall holders, the 28th Croydon Scouts, the transport team, the finance team, and the parish community for supporting the event by donating many items & by their attendance at the fayre. We would particularly mention the UCM & the Girl Guides who leafleted 1000+ homes in the local area, and the Estates team who ensured that the gardens were in first class condition.

We are very grateful to our sponsors; *LMB Group (Lee & Joanna Murphy)* for providing the first prize for the Grand Raffle, *The Cricketers (Brian O'Connell), Animals at Home (Damian Farnan) Shirley Dry Cleaners, Vic Gibson: Butchers, Tina Nails, Addiscombe Youth Club, Eddie's Café, The Tram Stop Café, JJ Dry Cleaners, Bap Sabar Café, Ryan Wine Express, Tesco Express*, for donating vouchers and prizes for the Raffle & stalls, & *All Print Supplies* for providing the promotional banner.

The provisional figures show that the Fayre has raised over £14,900.00; in addition, the Social Club donated £1,680.00 to cover the expenses of the Fayre, and the Commemorative Calendars, the Repository and Confirmation Charity Stalls raised £1700.00. *These resources will be used to support the major repairs to the roof of the church hall.*

Thank you for your unstinting support of our Autumn Fayre and making it a great day for our Parish Community.

Fr Keith, Fr Tomasz & the Autumn Fayre Planning Committee

fr Keith

fr Tomasz

Mass Intentions This Week

- 5 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Bernie Doyle RIP
 18:00 Sandra Patricia Valqui RIP
- 6 October: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 UCM: Brian Kearney RIP & All Members' Loved Ones
 11:30 Kieran Morgan RIP
- 7 October: Monday**
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
 10:00 Alina Aguiar RIP
- 8 October: Tuesday**
 10:00 Intentions of the Winston Family
- 9 October: Wednesday**
SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
 10:00 Charles & Alice Sciberras RIP
- 10 October: Thursday**
 10:00 Aimee Okeke Birthday Intentions
 19:30 Theodora Maria & Henry Edward Lake RIP
- 11 October: Friday**
 10:00 Fredy & Rachael D'Silva RIP
- 12 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Deceased Members of the Lavin Family RIP
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 13 October: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Deceased Members of the D'Souza Family RIP *
 10:00 Dom Hegarty RIP *
 11:30 Birthday Wishes for Gustave Bambi Mavungu

With Children's Liturgy

*** 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.

MEETINGS

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 490.21
Loose cash	£ 771.51
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2601.72

COLLECTIONS

This week there is a Diocesan second collection for **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**. Please see note overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Joan Baker, Joseph Kerr, Enrichetta Clarke, Bernice Lorenzo, John Devereux, Walter D'Rose, Raffaele Farina, Eustace Andrews, Jeanette McCarthy, John Wren, Marcella Griffin, Hazel Rodrigues, Joan Dover, Keith McSweeney, George Dillon, James Duggan, Miguel Brito, Mary Leadbetter, Simon Yong, Josie Reid, Sally Turner, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Hazel White, Thomas Lally, Harry Casey, John Kennedy, Alice Louise Piney, Bridget Bates, Ilana Imregi, Margaret Cameron, Raymond Chow, Elaine Brooker, Elsie Dadswell

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

6th October: Finbar & Paul

13th October: Glen Flynn

20th October: The Duets

27th October: Theresa Rodgers

3rd November: Frank Nelson

10th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

17th November: Cross Keys

24th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens

- The winners of the 200 Club Across Draw for September 2024 are:

£100: Judith Leaning

£50: Pat Winston £50: Bernie Smith

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

- The autumn season of **Tribute Evenings** has now commenced with **A Motown Tribute Evening featuring the Dreamettes** - singing your favourite Motown hits including Diana Ross and The Supremes, Martha and The Vandellas, Tina Turner, Mary Wells and Aretha Franklin on Friday, 11th October. All proceeds from this event will support the Brain Tumour Charity & Beccehamian Rugby FC Big Build.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

- **Ceili Night** will take place in the Church Hall on Friday, 18th October commencing at 7:30pm. The **Parish Ceili Band** will provide the Entertainment. To reserve tickets, call **Della Reilly on 07403 227935**.

UCM COFFEE MORNING TODAY!

After 10am Mass in the Large Hall

The Centenary calendars will also be on sale for £10 (cash) each!

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT: The funeral of **Brian Kearney** will take place here at **Our Lady's on Friday 18th of October**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

APPLICATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES NO APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AFTER 10th OCT

Forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. **Please complete the form fully and return it to the parish office.**

Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available until Thursday 10th October.

Primary school interviews will take place later in the year

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – HARVEST APPEAL: These are the hopeful words of Daniel, a 21-year-old carpenter from Goma, in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Daniel, like many young people in Goma, has faced big challenges. Ongoing instability in the DRC, and poor infrastructure, makes it difficult to get a good education or find work. But Daniel took an opportunity to participate in carpentry classes run by CAJED, CAFOD's local partner in Goma. Thanks to the donations of CAFOD supporters like you, Daniel learned how to make furniture. He now has a small workshop and makes tables, chairs, and doors that he sells in his local community.

Daniel is carving out a better future for himself and his family, standing as a sign of hope for other young people in Goma. Give today so that people around the world can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Or Scan me....



ADDISCOMBE RESETTLEMENT COMMUNITY

It has been just over two years now since our refugee family from Afghanistan arrived in Croydon. While our group will continue to support the family with their integration into life in the UK, our financial support for the family has now come to an end.

We, along with the family, would like to thank all the members of the parish who have offered their support so generously during that period with gifts of money, time, and their prayers. Anyone who has a standing order to donate to the group and wishes to cancel this should do so through contacting their bank or building society.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/2025

If your child is in a **Catholic School** and was 7 years old on 31st August 2024 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website.

Return forms to the Parish office no later than **Sunday 27th October**. The first parents' meeting will be on Tuesday 19th November. **Incomplete/late applications will not be accepted.**

BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS WITH FR TOMASZ

Starting on Wednesday 23rd October, we will have Bible Study sessions after coffee morning in the large hall. We will start with the topic: **'Letter to Philemon - new reality of Christian faith'**.

We will then work through the Old Testament Books focusing on the theme of the 'Faithful love of God'.

All are welcome!

Please bring your Bible; the best translation would be the **Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition.**

EXCITING FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Friday 25th October at 6pm at St Thomas Becket School

Enjoy a stunning show by Frontier Fireworks, renowned for their impressive displays at Beckenham Palace. The event also features a bar, BBQ, DJ, & snacks! It's set to be a night of fun and community spirit! Don't miss out - secure your tickets now to ensure you don't miss this remarkable event. To purchase tickets go to:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa>

ADVENT

Please see page 3 of this newsletter online where there is a note about establishing house groups for Advent, where we will follow a professionally-prepared course of bible study.

THE PARISH ASCENT GROUP: Is for all parishioners, especially those of a certain age with life experience.

As usual, our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8th, in the Small Hall, following 10am Mass**. One of our members will be sharing with us his personal journey of Faith.

Two weeks later, (Tuesday 22nd October), will be a very special occasion. Members of Southwark Life Ascending will be joining us, when we look forward to welcoming again Sister Sheila Barrett DMJ. Sr. Sheila will lead us on the subject of "Prayer"; morning and afternoon.

OUR LADY'S TODDLER GROUP: Has now reopened after the summer break! Come along on a Thursday morning (term time only) 9.30 - 11.30am in the large hall.

Mums/dads/nannies/grandads/aunts/uncles/childminders... All are welcome! So tell your friends & join the fun! (Birth - nursery age)

DAY FOR READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Around the new translation of the Lectionary, soon to be brought into use. **Sat 19th October, 11am – 4pm Sacred Heart Parish Wimbledon**. Their parish Mass is a 10am for those who want it. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee provided.

Register directly via wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk

For Collection:

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Oct) Readers (September/October)

HOUSE GROUPS FOR ADVENT

“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belong to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work”
(2 Timothy, 3:16,17)

From Psalm 119 ... *“O teach me true understanding and knowledge”* (v. 66); *“Give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments”* (v. 73).

Sermons are good – they can be very good – but are they enough?

Did our understanding of our faith come to a halt after Confirmation? If “Yes!!”, does this bother you? Would you welcome a convivial way of deepening and broadening your knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a Christian today?

In times past locally, there have been house groups and Bible study groups (generally of between 6 and 10 members), aimed at enabling us all to learn more, in a guided way, perhaps focused on a short season such as Advent or Lent. Following a short booklet covering (say) four weeks of Advent, groups examine and discuss what relevance to today there might be in (say) the Parable of the Prodigal Son, or The Council of Trent, or the various stories of deaths in the Bible (Goliath, Lazarus, Judas Iscariot and of course Jesus himself), or why and how the Old Testament is a formative element in the Christian faith.

Yes, it may sound daunting – but it isn't. For each week, the booklet might have a suggested Bible reading, a few paragraphs of commentary and several questions. It is these questions which the group leader would focus on with the members, drawing out insights and experiences which help others to see more clearly the important issues of the day in the light of their (we hope now expanded) Christian faith. To have groups at all, we clearly need hosts who can seat up to ten people more or less comfortably, and leaders who are prepared to ensure that a balanced conversation is held, with the discussion including everyone and not dominated by one or two people.

If you believe you could do either (or both) of these, please let Andy Bebington know via **020 8777 4849** or, preferably, **andy.bebington@gmail.com**, giving your name and contact details and an indication of which afternoons or evenings you'd generally expect to be available.

If you think you might like to join a group just as a member, (subject to date, and time of day), please also let him know your “availability” so that the numbers of groups can be arranged.

