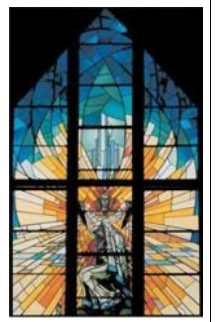


Our Lady of the Annunciation



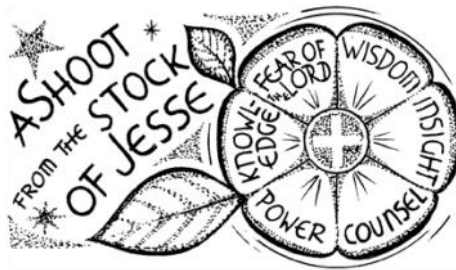
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By appointment only

6th December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent YEAR B

So, one full week of Advent has already passed. One more candle of the Advent Wreath has been lit. Through today's Scripture readings hopefully more light from the gospel has been shed upon us and we are more aware of the need for change within. Hopefully, the outward changes of the Advent season, green to purple, Advent Wreaths, seasonal carols etc, will continually remind us of how we are called during this holy season to "change" within us those aspects of our lives that do not "announce" or "proclaim" Christ in our world. Hopefully we will find many opportunities to be renewed within in the common and ordinary duties of our daily life, whatever we are doing and whoever we are with.

Just as it would be a tragedy to allow the beauty of the change of seasons to pass us by because of distraction or indifference, it would be even more tragic to allow the season of Advent to pass us by this year without striving to "change" within, so as to become more completely configured to Him who loved us to much as to die for us so we could live eternally in the Kingdom of Heaven. We must pray that every external sign of Advent will allow us to pause and ask ourselves the question: what changes must I make within me during this holy season that will make me a herald of Christ in the world today?



*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

The First Holy Communion Parents' meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8th December, at 8pm in Church. Please email the parish office with your email address and permission to add you to a First Holy Communion Monday or Tuesday Group via email and / or WhatsApp. This will make communication between parents and priests so much easier. *Thank You.*

Mass Intentions This Week

5 December: Saturday

10:00 Josef Furrer RIP
17:30 John & Julia Rodrigues RIP
18:30 Martin McCorry RIP

6 December:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

09:00 All Parishioners
10:00 UCM: Margaret Grimsley's Intentions
11:00 Vivian & Allen Sorrell RIP
12:00 Thanksgiving for Margaret & Alfred Menezes 50th Wedding Anniversary

7 December: Monday

SAINT AMBROSE

10:00 Owen Ryan RIP

8 December: Tuesday

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 Intentions of Tobi Arowobusoye

9 December: Wednesday

10:00 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP

10 December: Thursday

10:00 Dec. Mems of the Joseph Family RIP
19:30 Rose Shevlin RIP

11 December: Friday

10:00 James O'Sullivan RIP

12 December: Saturday

10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP
17:30 Thanksgiving for the birth of 'Grandson Jennings'
18:30 Arthur Fairservice RIP

13 December:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

09:00 Intentions of the McHugh Family
10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP
11:00 All Parishioners
12:00 Intentions of the Daly Family



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

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, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney, Baby Chloe Hui, Teresa Savitri

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Joseph Morais, Mary Patterson, Joseph Leaman, Beatrice Michael, Molly Wynne, Ernest La Rue, George Horsley, Maria Tagliarini, David Mahoney, Candida "Peggy" Corner, Baby Martin Moss, Salvatore Parise, Bridget Coughlan, Rodney Burleigh, Ralph Rayner, Mary Sims, Elena Braiotta, Monica O'Donnell, Kazimierz (Charlie) Martynski, Baby Lilly Beaven, Irene D'Rosario, Kathleen Evans

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - 07548 868418. Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** 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

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!

The last six weeks have demonstrated the **Power of the Community!** We have been overwhelmed by the response that we have received for our **Christmas Raffle**. Our Sponsors have been very generous and when the Draw is made there will be 20 Prize Winners. Ticket sales have exceeded expectation with many people purchasing tickets electronically; we have had sales across the UK & Ireland!!

We have gone beyond **our target of £5,000.00**; to date we have raised £5,500.00. All the proceeds from the Raffle will be given to three local charities; the **Lily Pad Appeal** (Children with Cancer) at Croydon University Hospital, **St Mildred's Church** (Women's Refuge Project) and the **Woodside Bereavement Service**.

The Draw will take place on Sunday after the 12.00pm Mass at approx. 12.30pm; it will be live streamed via the Parish website.

<http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/>

When you are in the website go to **Live Masses**.

The list of Prize Winners will be published this evening, copies will be placed in the Porch. We hope to deliver all Prizes over the next 5 Days.

The **Anerley Across 200-Club** Christmas Draw will take place after the Christmas Raffle Draw; the first prize will be £200.00.

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.**

RECENT DEATH

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Shirley Gaunt**. Please keep husband Tony, and daughter Laura in your prayers at this very difficult time. Our sympathies go to all the family and may her soul rest in peace.

TOY SUNDAY - NEXT WEEKEND 12th / 13th DECEMBER

Our annual Toy Collection will take place a little later this year, on 12th/13th December. Please wrap your gifts and use a tag to indicate the age range and gender for which the gift is suitable.

Please place your gift in the appropriate age & gender sacks, which will be located at the back of the church. Many thanks for your continued support.

AYC: Is doing a **Christmas Themed Zoom Quiz and Bingo!** This is a great opportunity to welcome our Year 7's (age 11-12) for an evening of fun and festivities with prizes galore!

To register your interest please email:
Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com

SO, WE GO BACK TO 'COVID NORMAL'!

That is to say, Mass is open to the public and the Covid timetable is restored for Sundays. Mass will be celebrated with restrictions and Communion distributed as the faithful leave the building. The cleaning regime between Masses will be as rigorous as before, masks must be worn, one way system and social distancing guidelines must be observed at all times.

What to do about Christmas? It is a difficult one to call, as under normal circumstances, we might have 16-18 hundred people through the building with family guests and 'once a year' worshippers etc. To accommodate such numbers we would need something like 13 Masses with the church at full capacity and that is not practical. At the same time numbers returning to Mass after the first lockdown are just over a third of our normal attendance.

The Bishop has issued some guidelines on the subject. He asks us to remember that we celebrate the **Octave** of Christmas. To attend any time during the octave would fulfil one's obligation. He then asks us to remember that the obligation remains **rescinded** at this time and will not be restored before the festival or indeed until the pandemic is over and it is safe to do so. Remember also that there continues to be a ban on congregational singing, so the Masses will not be the celebrations we have come to love and cherish as part of our Christmas routines.

However, as Baldrick might say, "I have a cunning plan". The **6pm Mass on Christmas eve**, which is by far the most populated Mass of the festival will be a **'SING-A-LONG' from home celebration**. Mass will be private in church but **live streamed** with all the Carols and music we will not have the opportunity to sing in church over the feast. So you can 'let rip' in your lounges with as many family and friends as you are legally allowed to gather, and as loud as you can get away with before the neighbours start knocking on the wall. In this way I hope we will be able to control the numbers of people who might be attending Mid-night Mass and the 9am, 10am, 11am and 12pm on Christmas morning. The last thing we want is to be turning people away. **The Mid-night and 10am Christmas morning Masses will also be live streamed.** Fr Jackson and I look forward to celebrating Advent and Christmas with you, and thank you for your patient understanding as we continue to consider how to do so under these challenging circumstances. **God bless. Fr Keith.**

GIFT AID: With Christmas in mind, there are still 70+ sets of Gift Aid envelopes uncollected in the parish office. If you would like yours, please ring the office giving your **FULL NAME** and your box will be left on the table in the church entrance for collection.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring to let us know when you will collect.

Many thanks.

HM Government

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OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or 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: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, *please visit the Repository shop at the weekend, or see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Unfortunately we have not been able to hold Children's liturgy for some time, but wanted to remind you of the *Colour and Shape Children's Liturgy* that are available each week on YouTube for young families

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdJNyn5xOrOB5634uplhcQg>

Also, don't forget to print off the weekly children's liturgy page that is uploaded to our website every week.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas.

Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

ST THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL ANNUAL RAFFLE: Has gone online only this year. The link to purchase tickets is: <https://raffall.com/142575/enter-raffle-to-win-lots-of-christmas-goodies-hosted-by-stbsa>

Everyone entering the draw has to answer a simple question. Tickets are £1 each and prizes include Love to Shop vouchers, a portrait by a local artist, hampers, and lots more! Please share this link. Thanks!

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION TO THE HOMELESS

Sadly, due to restrictions imposed on our older members by the COVID pandemic and lack of further volunteers, the Good Shepherd Mission To the Homeless (GSMH) are no longer able to continue our work in distributing food, clothing and toiletries to homeless people in Lincoln's Inn and Waterloo. *Now seems to be a natural ending to nearly forty years of GSMH ministry inspired by Sr. Joan, DMJ, for which we are truly grateful.*

Our remaining funds and assets will be shared amongst other charities that support people who are homeless.

On behalf of GSMH. I would like to thank you for your generous support over the years. Without your contributions, the work could not have continued. *Sr. Sheila Barrett for GSMH*

FRATELLI TUTTI: The new encyclical of Pope Francis, is a message for everyone, not just Catholics or people of other faiths. The Holy Father argues that at a time of pandemic we cannot just return to politics as normal, but need to show fraternity and social friendship to build a better, more just and peaceful world. To find out more about Fratelli Tutti, please follow the links on the parish website.

How can you show fraternity and social friendship in our Parish?

Please contact one of the following groups in our Parish: the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), who visit and befriend parishioners; the Refugee Support group, who are preparing to bring a vulnerable family for resettlement in the UK, and the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation group, who campaign on social issues in line with Catholic social teaching. Details of how to contact these groups can be found on the website or you can contact the parish office.

THE PASSAGE: Is raising funds through the Big Give from 12pm Tues 1st December – 12pm Tues 8th December to support its work Helping Homeless People this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 7592 1886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk

Please generously give online at <https://tinycloud.com/PassageBigGive>

CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH CAFOD

After a year of uncertainty, we all need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. *CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online to pray, reflect and celebrate as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. We even have a virtual Advent Calendar.* Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more.

We can also stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

