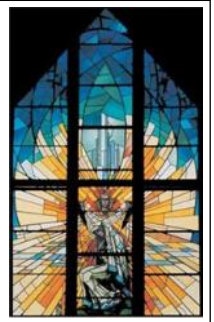




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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7th January 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord (page 90 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

The days were passing as usual,
 The nights spent dreaming as always.
 The sea was watching the stars,
 Yet amazed by the brightest one.

Those with a deep hunger for more
 Looked into the sky with tears.
 Something has moved high above,
 Their hearts were filled with desire.

They chased the star with conviction,
 And have found a poor little Babe.
 They knew that He was the One,
 So they knelt and bowed their heads.

God led their hearts from afar
 To reveal His love to us all.
 To draw us close to the Light,
 To bring end of sin and of night.

Let us gaze at that little Babe,
 The Lord and Saviour of hearts.
 Let us find in His presence our rest
 And stay there in peace till the end.

Fr Tomasz Margol

*A million thanks to each and everyone of you for all your prayers, greeting cards, wishes, gifts and offerings to your priests at Christmas and New Year. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, and fill you with His love and Peace...
 Fr Keith & Fr Tomasz*

Mass Intentions This Week

6 January: Saturday
 10:00 David Warner & John Boswood RIP Ann
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

7 January: SUNDAY - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Peter Enahoro RIP
 11:30 David Warner RIP

8 January: Monday THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 10:00 Roseann Finnegan RIP

9 January: Tuesday
 10:00 Colin Cully RIP 15th Anniversary

10 January: Wednesday
 10:00 David Neaves RIP

11 January: Thursday FUNERAL MASS
 10:00 Brendan Moss RIP
 19:30 Adelio Crovato RIP

12 January: Friday
 10:00 Kevin Hamilton RIP

13 January: Saturday
 10:00 Rachael & Fredy D'Silva RIP
 18:00 Betty McHugh RIP

14 January: SECOND SUNDAY
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Intentions of Francis Bunch
 11:30 Irene Rozario RIP

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 9th Jan at 8pm (PRC)
Ascent Group: Tuesday 9th Jan at 10.30am (Small Hall)
Adult Catechesis: Wed 10th Jan at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)
Young Catholic Adults Fellowship: Fri 12th at 7pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

OFFERTORY
 23rd/24th Dec £ 2818.64
 30/31st Dec £2370.60

***** DEFIBRILLATOR *****
 A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

COLLECTIONS

Your **Christmas Offerings** to Fr Keith and Fr Tomasz amounted to £8169.86. Many thanks for your generosity. Next week there will be a second collection for **Pax Christi**. Please see the note overleaf and pick up an envelope in the porch.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Michael Hewish, Ann Page & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: William Mullins, Dolores Cumbo, David Warner, John Boswood, Anthony McCloskey, Theresa Bhanji, Robert Phelan, Assunta Farina, Douglas George Chesher, Terence McGuire, Molly Gordon, James Kelly, Patrick Flanagan, Vivian Rowland, Mitzi Carrara, Colin Cully, Paddy Fitzgerald, Julia Sheila Weetman, Jennifer Jones, Betty Reynolds, Eileen Andrew, John Ellicott, Gaetano Mansi, Louisa White, Colm Folan, Irene Foley, Maura Brophy, Daniel Gibbs, Peter Rooney, Monica Grant, Brendan Moss, Cynthia Hadfield, Denise Pepper, Anne Overton, Doris Corazzo, Luis Fernandez, John Fowley, Dorothy Rowland, Alfred McSweeney, Agnes Solle, Elsie Keane, Cynthia Forage, Agnes Donlon, Elizabeth McHugh, Mark Murphy, Claire O'Dwyer, Eric Stammers, John O'Flaherty, Valerie Cotta

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

7th January: Kieran White

14th January: Theresa Rodgers

21st January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

28th January: Cross Keys

4th February: Finbar & Paul

11th February: Shane & Mervyn Owens

18th February: Kieran White

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

- On Friday, 19th January, there will be a **Quiz Night with a Fish & Chip Supper**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Critical Care Centre at King's College Hospital to provide **Music Therapy for patients recovering from serious head injuries**. To reserve tickets at £15.00 each, please call **Sheila Jordan on 07921 235141**.

- **J & M Country Dance Classes** commence in the Church Hall on Sunday, 21st January from 2:00pm for five weeks. Admission will be £10.00 per class. For more information, call **Michael on 07576 146431**.

- **Ceili Night** comes to the Social Club on Friday, 26th January from 7:30pm. **The Parish Ceili Band** will provide the entertainment and there will be a range of dances including Sets, Waltzes et al.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **Pat Gatland** (mother of Paul) who died recently, will take place at **St Mary's Church** (West Croydon) on **Wednesday 10th January at 10am**.

The funeral of **Alfreida Schembri** will take place here at **Our Lady's** on **Thursday 1st February at 10am**.

Please keep Pat, Alfreida and both families in your prayers at this very sad time. **May they Rest In Peace**.

ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL

From 9.30am every Monday - Saturday

UCM COFFEE MORNING TODAY!!

Please join members of our UCM in the large hall **after 10am Mass** today for tea, coffee and cake!

PAX CHRISTI

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Please pick up an envelope from the porch.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING TRAINING

www.thelisteningear.org.uk

Do you have a listening ear? Do you have some spare time to give as a volunteer? Are you aged between 18 - 90?

Why not join our 50 hour training course starting in January!

Contact us for an information pack now! Woodside Bereavement Service, Waterside Centre, 26 Avenue Rd, London SE25 4DX.

020 3256 2009

wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

28th January 2024 - St Georges Cathedral

Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating this event at St George's Cathedral at the 10am Mass. **Come in traditional attire or costumes and even bring a flag of your country of origin**. Refreshments will be available after Mass at Amigo Hall.

COME ALONG TO OUR SOCIAL GROUP!

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 1 - 3pm

In the Small Hall

There is:

Tea/Coffee & Biscuits / Raffle / Singing / Bingo / Quizzes / Day trips

Come along, bring a friend and spread the word -

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our next session is on **Wednesday 10th January**

Please contact Ellen on 07947 120568 or email ellenwhelan@londonirishcentre.org

Organised by The Irish Centre in Camden - OPEN TO ALL

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

A new rota is up in the church porch for anyone wishing to sign up and run one. Thank you.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

This group will be meeting *fortnightly* on a **Friday evening in the PRC at 7pm**. Our next meeting is on **12th January**. Please come along and join us!

** REPOSITORY SHOP **

2024 Diaries (with order of Mass) are now in stock! Look out for some great sale items, especially all Baptismal gifts at 50% off!

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP

(Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the SMALL Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

9th January: Review of what Life Ascending is about & Introduction to the Creed

23rd January: To be decided

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz delivers catechesis for adults **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall**.

Topic for this week: Transgenderism

LOST PROPERTY

Please note that in 2 weeks time, the shelves at the back of the church where all lost property is deposited, will be cleared!

Check and see if anything belongs to you on your way out of church today! Many thanks.

ST THOMAS BECKET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Applications for Reception Class 2024

A reminder that the closing date for all applications for Reception 2024 class is **15th January 2024**. This is the deadline for both SIF (supplementary information forms) and the online 'e-admissions form'. To ensure your application is ranked as high as possible, SIF forms should be accompanied by the original baptism cert (child & 1 parent, birth cert, proof of address x 2, and a priest's reference. **If you have any questions about the application process please contact the school office.**

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Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Jan) Readers (Jan/Feb)