



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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## 7th February 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

There are two important Days of Prayer this week, firstly on Monday for Victims of Trafficking, then on Thursday a Day for the Sick. We are being asked to pray specifically tomorrow on the memorial of St Josephine Bakhita for:

- 1 Women and children currently trapped in human trafficking.
- 2 Ministries and organizations combating human trafficking.
- 3 Men, women, and children who are recovering from the trauma of trafficking.

Then on Thursday, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes for:

- 1 The many in hospital with Covid-19.
- 2 Those who have experienced delays in vital treatment because of the pandemic.
- 3 The terminally ill.



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We will soon be into the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, the week after next.

Last year Fr. Jackson embarked on a Bible Study which was curtailed when the Pandemic forced us into lockdown mid-season. This year, Fr. Keith is searching the web for an online activity to engage us, as we seek to mark this important spiritual season in the life of all Christians.

At the same time he hopes to deliver via the Facebook page, a series of short sermons around a single theme, probably live streamed on a Wednesday. Both are a 'work in progress', further details will be published in next week's notices.

*Fr Keith.*

## Mass Intentions This Week

**6 February: Saturday**  
**SAINT PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS**

- 10:00 Nora & John McDonagh RIP
- 17:30 Norah Beck RIP
- 18:30 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP

**7 February: FIFTH SUNDAY**

- 09:00 All Souls In Purgatory
- 10:00 UCM: 90th Birthday Wishes  
For Bina Bowen
- 11:00 All Parishioners
- 12:00 John & Megan McKee

**8 February: Monday**  
**SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**

- 10:00 Ints of Mrs P O'Sullivan & Family

**9 February: Tuesday**

- 10:00 Maryla & Sebastian Gomez RIP

**10 February: Wednesday**  
**SAINT SCHOLASTICA**

- 10:00 Adam Coleman RIP

**11 February: Thursday**  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

- 10:00 Thanksgiving for Fr Leszek Gamracy

**12 February: Friday**

- 10:00 Rosemary Dajee RIP

**13 February: Saturday**

- 10:00 *Eucharistic Service*
- 17:30 Very Special Intentions of  
Briege & Harry Sweeney
- 18:30 Anne Byrne RIP

**14 February: SIXTH SUNDAY**

- 09:00 All Parishioners
- 10:00 Private Intention
- 11:00 Patrick & Lena Dowd & Pat Jnr RIP
- 12:00 Intentions of the Daly Family



### IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

### 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.**

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney, Bina Bowen, Patrick Murphy

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Richard Forage, Eileen Scanlon, David Tuckey, Eufemiano Lopes, Maureen Woodcraft, Sheila Merredew, Joan Griffiths, Charles Fowley, David Barwell, Catherine Winston, Jean Garner, Margaret Blackford, Judy Maharaj, Tony Borfiga, Kathleen Davies, Mary Ann Gomez, David Holder, Maureen Mary Towner, Sarah Rees, Anthony Cummins, Hilda Chow, Anthony Curry, Chris Pearce, Jack Mulcahy

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION \*\*\***  
*Please text your name to - [07548 868418](tel:07548868418). 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*

The Social Club introduced an electronic weekly Newsletter - *Keeping in Touch* at the start of the Pandemic. The document includes Latest News, Poetry, Videos et al. This weekend the 47th Edition will be published. If you would like to receive a copy of the document, please send an email to [patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk).

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.**

**REPOSITORY SHOP CLOSURE:** Unfortunately, due to the increased risk of COVID transmission and the need to tighten safety measures, we have decided to close the repository shop once again until the situation improves. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

### CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Please note, that there will **NOT BE A THURSDAY EVENING (7.30pm) OR SATURDAY MORNING (10am) MASS** whilst Fr Jackson is away. These will resume around Easter time upon his return. **However, if a Mass intention was booked for one of these Masses prior to his departure, it will go ahead in the usual way.** Many thanks.

### EXPERIENCED CLEANER REQUIRED

Please contact the parish office **VIA EMAIL** for further details at [addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk) as the office remains closed at this time.  
*Many thanks.*

### GIFT AID BOXES

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.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 5TH MARCH 2021

In view of the ever-changing Covid requirements and in order to minimise risk to our attendees, the above service will not proceed on the 5th March as scheduled. The National Committee will be meeting shortly and will offer some on-line options which I will be happy to pass on to all interested. However I hope that we can hold the service later this year, which will allow us to share prayer and incorporate participation with other Parish groups as in previous years. In the meantime, please include in your prayers the people of Vanuatu who put so much into the preparation of this year's service and who are probably unable to apply the same level of resources to handle the virus that we are blessed with in this country. *Anne Barcellos*

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

In order to provide our secretaries with a **COVID SECURE** working environment, the Parish office **REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. Rachel and Stephanie continue to work in isolation answering your calls and emails, **however please do not go to the office without an appointment or calling to notify us in advance.**

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary's and Saint 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.

### EASTER EGGS

*Please see page 4 for news of how to buy fairtrade Easter eggs and other goods (and how to give some away!)*



**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](mailto: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 see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** This Lent, we can continue to express our shared love and concern as one global Church Family. Our *Family Fast Day* will be on **Friday 26th February**. Please support our appeal online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

### FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE.....

A time for Valentine's Day, and remembering people we care about. St Thomas Becket School Association are selling **wooden hearts**, which people can write the names of loved ones on, and loop them around the school fence on Birchanger Road, Woodside, for the month of February. When the hearts are taken down from the fence they will be put in a special pot in one of the school gardens.

Hearts will cost **£2 each**  
purchased through this site [STBSA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://STBSA(pta-events.co.uk))

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**OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - [addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk)**

#### **ONLINE BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS**

The SDC Bible group meetings are currently taking place online on **Zoom every Friday at 7.30 p.m.** These are meetings for people who want to come together to reflect on the Word of God in the **Bible** and share in the spirituality of SDC and its founder.

Our main theme for this year's meetings is '**JOURNEYS**' in the Bible. Meetings include reflections, readings and prayer.

For more information and to receive the Zoom link ID call the SDC House on **020 8768 5159**, text **07986 533292** or email **sdcmeetings@gmail.com**

#### **ASK YOUR MP TO SIGN A PARLIAMENTARY MOTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE NEW GUIDANCE ON FETAL PAIN**

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

[www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

#### **DEAR HUSBAND & WIFE...**

You are invited to give each other a gift by spending March 13th online between 10am and 1pm exploring and improving your relationship. The event is entitled '**Building A Better Marriage**'. It will provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. Please note that there is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better. That applies whether you have been married five years or 50. Booking is essential: telephone **07983 524727** or email **mflkent@rcaos.org.uk**

Recent 'Building a Better Marriage' courses attracted the following comments from married couples who logged on: 'The topics were chosen well and we could really relate to them... The personal stories you shared were very insightful and helped us to reflect on our own relationships more deeply... It was relaxed and you put us at ease, being friendly and personable... We thoroughly enjoyed attending the course.'

#### **COVID 19 -**

##### **A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR MARRIAGES**

So much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children and housing....Different ways of seeing things, coping with change and managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time brings even more challenges. You just can't cope. Would be better apart you wonder?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Call / text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443**

Email: **retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com**

Visit: **www.retrouvaille.org.uk**

#### **THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT INVITES YOU TO "GLOBAL HEALING"**

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we invite YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home.

**When -** Thursdays from **18<sup>th</sup> February – 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 – 8.30pm**

**How to join -** To register please click [HERE](#) or email **jane@catholicclimatemovement.global**

*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.*

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**A FAIR-TRADE EASTER? AND SUPPORT FOR THE  
NEW ADDINGTON FOOD BANK? READ ON .....**



The parish's Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Group is unable to offer fair-trade Easter eggs *in church* this year for obvious reasons. Instead, we are offering to supply *The Real Easter Egg* (with a children's book about the Easter story) on a payment-with-order-and-we'll-deliver basis.

We promote fairly traded goods because we think that third world farmers get a raw deal from "big business"; and companies like Traidcraft and Café Direct seek to engage with those farmers to offer a fair-trade bonus on price, a guarantee on price (which is perhaps more valuable) and an offer of assistance in achieving local aims (a new school, a clinic, a safe water supply or whatever) in a non-patronising way.

Climate change impacts directly on some countries, by disrupting the rainfall pattern and making crop security more of a gamble than it was; by inducing landslides and floods – or drought! – which make subsistence living, or growing goods for trade, far more difficult and problematic. They don't create the carbon emissions which exacerbate climate change – they merely suffer, far more than we in the western world, the consequences.

This is why JPIC members promote (and use) fairly traded goods. We hope you will join us this Easter!

*For the first time*, and bearing in mind that the Repository is currently closed, *we can also offer Easter cards* on the same payment-with-order basis.

"The best chocolate I've ever tasted" was the verdict of Daniel (9) although the book was a little young for him (didn't stop him eating the chocolate!) – and that was the milk chocolate egg at £4.50 (a white chocolate egg costs the same). There's also the dark chocolate egg at £5.95 with extra chocolate squares and an "Easter sharing book" ... all eggs come in a plastic-free box (result!).

Please visit [traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://traidcraftshop.co.uk) and look for their Easter cards, Real Easter eggs and other goods. We have an agency arrangement with Traidcraft and our rep is **Andy Bebington**. Please send your order and a cheque (to **A P Bebington, please; send or deliver to 79 Shirley Way, CR0 8PL, 020 8777 4840 or [andy.bebington@gmail.com](mailto:andy.bebington@gmail.com)**) by the **end of February**. Don't forget – cash with order, please, and don't leave it to the last minute!!

The agency arrangement allows the parish a discount and we have traditionally donated the surplus to the New Addington food bank. As a new initiative, this year you are invited to consider "buy two, give one away" (or 4 and 2, 6 and 3, so forth) so that you buy twice as many as you want and we deliver the extra one (or more) to the food bank for adding to their food parcels at Easter; that way, we get the Easter books into homes where they might not know what Easter is *really* all about. Please make clear whether your order includes any eggs (and how many) which you wish us to pass on for you.

Remember the saying attributed the St Francis, talking to his Brothers –

*"Go out and preach the Gospel. Use words if you have to".*



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