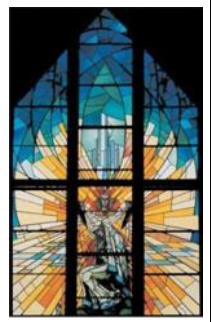




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
By appointment only

7th March 2021 Third Sunday of Lent YEAR B

All four Gospels tell the story of the cleansing of the temple, but the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark & Luke) place it near the end of Jesus' life, whereas John's Gospel places the cleansing at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. So why does John put it at the start?

Firstly, we need to remember that for the Gospel writers chronology was of little importance in comparison to the theological message which they were intending to convey. John wants to make his Gospel about Jesus as the fulfilment of the religion of the Jews, hence phrases such as 'Passover of the Jews.' The point being of course, that Christians no longer had need of such a festival. The Passover has been fulfilled in Jesus. The incident takes place at Passover, a time of death and sacrifice, because it is the death of Jesus which brings the need for a Passover to an end. Humankind would no longer need to purge guilt by placing onto animals the blame for their own sins.



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This Week's Saints:

Mon - St John of God, Religious.
Tues - St Francis of Rome, Religious.

Saturday marks the 8th anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis in 2013.

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday. The young people in our church community will be taking a more active part in the celebration of the 10am Mass, offering the readings and presenting their 'Covid Cross'. We very much look forward to the contribution they will make to our worship on that day.

There are a few online options for Free Lent Courses. They vary in theme and structure. Take a look at them and choose the one best suited to you.

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme>

<https://comeandsee.org/lent>

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>

Mass Intentions This Week

6 March: Saturday

10:00 *Eucharistic Service*

17:30 Personal Intentions of the Tavares Fam.
18:30 All Parishioners

7 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

09:00 All Grandparents of Felix & Ruthi RIP
10:00 UCM: Bina Bowen RIP
11:00 Josephine Joseph RIP
12:00 Anthony McClosky RIP

8 March: Monday

10:00 Wellbeing of Christine Brooks

9 March: Tuesday

10:00 Ints. Of Mr & Mrs S Shears & Family

10 March: Wednesday

10:00 Harold (Harry) Sweeney RIP
15:45 *Stations of the Cross*

11 March: Thursday

10:00 Private Intentions of the Bowen Family
19:30 *Stations of the Cross*

12 March: Friday

10:00 Pat Ryan RIP

13 March: Saturday

10:00 *Eucharistic Service*
17:30 Wellbeing of Adam Franklin
18:30 Kathleen Keehan RIP

14 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

09:00 All Parishioners
10:00 Doreen Hart RIP
11:00 Best Wishes for Josie Brady
12:00 Charles Sciberras RIP



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 808.51
Loose cash	£ 335.00
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2118.51

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, Patrick Murphy

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Mary Anne Byrne, Carlton Quieros, Joseph Pinder, Mena Hicks, Ashley Shafton, John Lennon, Kathleen White, Josephine La Rue, Horace Barrett, Anne Kelleher, William Larkin, Thomas Godwin, Peter Dunne, Isobel Galley, Mabel Levett, Barbara Joyce, Christopher Johnson, Sr Mary Constance, Melville Pinto, Aaron Grimsley, Zena Winnifred Simpson, Eva Senn, Patrick Farren, John Morrison, George Bunyan, Philip Lavocah, Michael Sayers, Luisa Fernandes, Anna O'Donnell

***** 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!

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.**

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

FUNERAL ARRANGMENTS: The body of **Bina Bowen** will be received into church here at Our Lady's on **Monday 8th March at 4pm**. Her funeral will take place on **Tuesday 9th March at 3pm**. Both services will take place under COVID restrictions but will be **LIVE STREAMED** through our Facebook page if you wish to join the family remotely.

AYC NEWS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

The **10am Mass** on Mothering Sunday (**14th March**) will see the '**COVID CROSS**', created by the young people of our parish as part of their **#kindnessiscontagious** initiative, be brought into church. Download a speech bubble from our website (under the AYC tab) and write your message. For example, this could be about your feelings around Covid 19 or a message of kindness and hope. You are then invited to place this message on the cross for all to share. Members of the group will also be reading the liturgies at this Mass.

**SHARING SUCCESS TO INSPIRE -
YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING LOCKDOWN**

- Are you aged 60+ and living in the Croydon CR0 area?
- Have you achieved something positive during lockdown?
- Does that achievement make you feel better about yourself?
- Would it inspire others to feel better about THEMSELVES?

If your answer is YES, then this is for you!

Wellbeing You would like to offer a unique opportunity for you to send us a write up on your achievements during lockdown, giving you the chance to share successes and strengthen confidence and hope in others.

All entries will be acknowledged and handled confidentially. Those selected will receive one to one coaching, have direct expenses covered, be on a team led by a television producer and have their story writing and presentation skills sharpened!

You can participate by sending your brief story by email to Sylvia Wachuku-King at:

swk@wellbeingyou.org or **infor@wellbeingyou.org**

With copy going to **sylvia3k@gmail.com**

Deadline for entries is **Friday 19th March**

Event organised by **Wellbeing You** and funded by **Near Neighbours**

LENT AT OUR LADY'S

During Lent, Fr Keith will give a themed homily at the **10am Mass** each **Wednesday morning**. There will also be **Stations of the Cross** every **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT 3.45pm & THURSDAY EVENING AT 7.30pm**.

RECYCLING PILL "BLISTER PACKS"

Sending waste to landfill costs money; and many of the items takes centuries, if not millennia to decompose. Some don't, they fragment and the resulting micro- or nano-particles get into the water table and from there into the wider environment and especially into the oceans. Some of this ends up in our food. It is estimated that we put 80 million tonnes of plastic into the oceans each year. Clearly this is not good.

Many of us, perhaps especially older members of the Parish, take pills and tablets which come in "blister packs" – combined foil and plastic bubbles designed to protect the pill while giving easy access when we need one. These have been necessarily ending up in landfill. Until now! Now there is a firm able to split the foil from the plastic, enabling the recycling of both. They are arranging for a series of nation-wide dropping-off points through which you and I can send our few blister packs for recycling.

The Parish's environmental group, JPIC, has agreed to join in the recycling of these, as we already do with milk bottle tops. In doing this, we are joining with the environmental groups from other churches locally to maximise the proportion of blister packs which can be recycled from local homes. In fact, it will be a member of a neighbouring parish who will arrange delivery to the nearest "clearing house" – that's ecumenism in action.

So please bring your blister packs to church and put them in the same bin in the porch we already use for milk bottle tops; they will be collected from there and fed "up the line" to minimise landfill, eliminate plastic nanoparticles getting into the food chain, and (through firms making things with recycled materials) enable us to leave minerals in the ground for future generations.

Clearly this is good – so please join in! *Andy Bebington, for the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group*

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian has stepped down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith. Many thanks.

**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 18th Feb – 25th March 7.30 – 8.30pm**

How to join - To register please click [HERE](#)

<https://zoom.us/join/register/tJcvUuuqzsvEtMBwz2hxZbzhvwy0hcgyoEb>

A recording of the first reflection on 18th February can be found on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhBIwXxBhHA&feature=youtu.be>

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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.

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.

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 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.

EXPERIENCED CLEANER REQUIRED

Please contact the parish office **VIA EMAIL** for further details at **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.

AN UPDATE FROM ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES GROUP

The Covid-19 pandemic brought Community Sponsorship programmes in the UK to a halt in March 2020. Having received 'approval in principle' to welcome a family before the pandemic hit, as you'll be aware, our group were actively preparing for their arrival.

The Home Office recently announced that some of the first refugees since the pandemic began will arrive in the UK this month. We have been contacted and asked to get ready to welcome a family, which is a positive indication. We are still waiting for the Home Office to confirm details of who will be coming and when. As soon as we have more information, we will update the parish.

*In the meantime we would like to thank everyone who has helped us reach this point - supporting, donating, advising and encouraging.
Best wishes, and thanks as ever. Sophia*

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.*

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

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Contact email - **addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk**

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