



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday 9.30am and 5.00pm.

7th May 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter (page 262 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Today we join the Church around the world in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious (consecrated) life. There is an apparent 'shortage' of vocations in recent years. Many parishes have closed or amalgamated with others throughout our country and even in our own diocese. 'Someone should do something about it' has been said to me! I agree, but that 'someone' isn't just me, nor Fr. Keith but each one of you as well!!!

Could it possibly be that God has forgotten to call people - being busy with other things? Or could it be that those being called don't hear it?

If God is calling the first task is to listen. 'Speak Lord your servant is listening' would be a good prayer for each of us every day in order to know God's will for us.

Extremes are a bit dangerous and we have to strike a balance between 1) 'pushing' someone into the seminary or convent and 2) never mentioning the possibility that God may be calling them to this way of life. One doesn't have to be a 'saint' or heroic or even feel completely at ease with the idea in order to be called by God - just an open heart to whatever way of life God desires for them. If anyone senses that call directed at them they should have a chat with a priest or religious which can be a joyful chat!

Also if anyone recognizes qualities for a good priest or Sister in someone, don't be afraid to say it to them and let the Lord do the rest!

Fr. Joe

Mass Intentions This Week

6 May: Saturday

10:00 Mary McNally RIP 1st Anniversary
18:00 Raymond Nieslony RIP

7 May:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 UCM: All First Holy Communicants
12:00 Tony Solle'

8 May: Monday

10:00 Intentions of Natalie Lauren Oliphant

9 May: Tuesday

10:00 Pat & Maura O'Donnell and
Mona Foley RIP

10 May: Wednesday

10:00 Mary Stanyer RIP

11 May: Thursday

10:00 Andrew Starnes RIP

12 May: Friday

10:00 Kate & Jim Keating RIP

13 May: Saturday

11:00 Patrick Johnson RIP *
15:00 SVP: Teresa Rowland RIP *
18:00 Fr Francis Donovan RIP

14 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 Sarah & Owen O'Hara RIP
12:00 Winnie O'Rourke RIP *

* With First Holy Communion

WEEKLY DRAW

£50 - Carole Ryan
£50 - Peggy Fairservice
£5 - Gloria Hunneybun

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 569.32
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 403.87
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£1948.19

**CHURCH CLEANING
TEAM B - Mrs Hazel**

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *St George's Cathedral* amounted to £575.30. Many thanks. This week, there is the Diocesan collection for *Ecclesiastical Education*, which helps meet the cost of training students for the priesthood.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Christy Jordan, Sharon Gillett, D Nott, Laila Tambini, Donncha O'Donovan.

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Bruno Laskowski, Johanna Concannon, Lily Hopcraft, Peter Hulme, John Finigan, Norah Fowler, Rosa Piper, Colin Joseph, Claude Nasse, Gerald Zampa, Eamonn McPhillips, Beatrix Ann Martin, Godelieve Padbury, Tom Moody, Gertrude Smith, Frankie Finigan, Andrew Starnes, Elizabeth McCarthy, Robert McCann, Bernard Ray, Edward Lee, Edith Crowhurst, Anne Fowler, Owen O'Hara, Catherine Keating.

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 7th May: Finbar & Bernie
Sunday, 14th May: Walter Kennedy
Sunday, 21st May: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 28th May: **Bank Holiday special** with Tom Healy
Sunday, 4th June: Two Sound Men

The tickets for the Tribute to the **Blues Brothers** on Friday, 19th May have been **sold out**. Admission will be **strictly by Ticket Only on the night**.

The Social Club will make a presentation a representative from the Children's Ward at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton on Sunday, 4th June. These are the proceeds from recent Fundraising Events.

Coming in the autumn

- Sean Wilson & Tony Mac
- Declan Nerney
- Ally Harron & Marion Curry

CULTURAL DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP SAVE THE DATE

Our 1st Celebratory Mass will be on Sunday 18th June at 12 noon. Start putting your cultural attire together and decide what you will contribute towards the diversity lunch. More to come, thanks and God bless. Sylvia.

REPOSITORY: Some lovely 1st Holy Communion CARDS and GIFTS are now on sale in the Shop. We recommend you to come early for the best selection.

EASTER CHOIR

The Choir formed for Good Friday and the Easter Vigil will be gathering for a small social and a chat about the way forward on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Small Hall, . We would also like to invite anyone that was not involved but who would like to be in the future.

MISSING PROJECTOR: Our projector has gone AWOL from the presbytery office. If you have it, or know of it's whereabouts, please inform the office immediately, as it is needed for various meetings. Many thanks.

9th ADDISCOMBE BROWNIES NEED YOU: Two volunteers are urgently required to takeover the running of the 9th Addiscombe Brownie group from September 2017, otherwise the unit faces closure! They meet on a Thursday evening from 6 to 7.30pm. For more information please contact:

Kathy Attwater 07722479668 Lisa Byrne 07808 170906
or **Jackie Humphreys 07808 170906**

MAY DEVOTION: During the month of May the Rosary will be recited at **7pm** each evening from **Monday to Thursday**. The Rosary is also said every **Monday - Friday** at **9.30am** before weekday Masses. All are very welcome to attend.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: Many thanks to everyone who continues to hand in used postage stamps, especially the parishioner who left three carrier bags packed with stamps. I am intrigued to know how you manage to accumulate such a large number. Please give me a call. The stamps are passed onto the children's hospice "Shooting Star Chase" who last year raised nearly £600 from the sale of used stamps. The charity also has a market for old stamp albums and will also take in any current foreign coins. Please contact me if you wish to donate these items. **David Warner 8654 5918**

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 9th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 9th at 8pm (PRC)
Easter Choir: Tuesday 9th at 8pm (Small Hall)
Parish Council: Wednesday 10th at 8pm (Presbytery)

RCIA 2017-2018

The first meeting of the RCIA for 2017-18 will be in the PRC on Wednesday 17th May. If you are an adult wanting to explore the Catholic Faith, or who have been through some aspect of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church or another denomination, and are looking to explore the faith further then do come along. It would be lovely to see you!

READERS' DAY - Saturday 27th May 10am: Please let the Presbytery office know if you can attend by **Monday 8th May**. At present we only have 5 people who are able to attend - unless we have a greater response, the event will be cancelled.

CROYDON ECOLOGY CENTRE: Plant sale today, Sunday 7th May from 12 - 4.30pm. Pantry Cafe open for lunches and teas. Enjoy the Rhododendron display in the gardens at the top of Gravel Hill. **FREE ENTRY** and parking in Ballards Way.

CALLING ALL BAKERS: The Addiscombe Carnival on **Sunday 28th May** in **Ashburton Park**, need donations of cakes for the tea stall - particularly tray bake style cakes, so please donate if you can!

YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th or any later anniversary this year? If so, Archbishop Peter invites you to join him to renew your vows and celebrate a Mass for married couples at **3pm** on **Saturday 17th June** at St George's Cathedral. Close family are welcome too. Enter your names and contact details on the form on the parish noticeboard and you will receive a personal, written invitation from the Archbishop. Don't delay because the cut-off is this weekend.

More details from Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond on **020 8651 4653** or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com.

CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

Post-Easter talks on the Holy Spirit at the Amigo Hall - 7.30pm
11th May - Fr. Benedict Bedingfield CSJ Our Lady & the Holy Spirit
18th May - Piero Finaldi on The Holy Spirit in Art
25th May - Sebastian Morello on Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Mass for New Catholics
Saturday 3rd June at 11am - St Georges Cathedral
Relit
A parish evangelization resource presented by creator, Michael Dopp.
24th May - at the CCF.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM

The Parish AGM will take place in the Large Hall on **Wednesday 24th May at 8pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to share the many successes over the last year as well as our plans for the next year. **Reports from all Parish groups to reach the office before the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10th May please.** Nomination forms for the parish Council and the other AGM papers, are available today on the table in the porch.

NPVS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: On **13th May at 12.30pm** at **St George's Cathedral**, Archbishop Peter Smith will receive, bless and crown the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. On **Sunday 14th May** there will be a **Fatima Symposium** at the Amigo Hall. A registration fee of **£5** is payable.

Contact Oliver Abasolo abasolo35@gmail.com
or Jerry Rivera rivers72uk@gmail.com

Items for collection: G Hunneybun, P Fairservice, D Linehan, D Sreenivasan, L Winfield, Sr Celia x2

Bapt Certs: Cadar, Escrader, Orphanou, Edada

Rotas: Readers (May / June) Eucharistic Ministers (May) Servers (May)