



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

7th May 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter (page 265 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Today's readings tell us how the early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive by remaining a dynamic Christian community, bearing witness to Christ by their unity, fidelity in worship and spirit of loving, humble service.

The first reading, taken from Acts, shows us the early Church as a loving, serving, and worshipping community (Acts 6:1-7). Hence, it easily solved a problem of perceived discrimination by instituting the diaconate for the service of the community. In the second reading, St. Peter advises the early Christians to renew the memory of Jesus by allowing God to make of them "living stones" and build them into a spiritual edifice, a community of believers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles his apostles by assuring them that he is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in his Father's House in Heaven. He gives them the assurance that he will come back to take them to their Heavenly abodes. It is then that Thomas says, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus answers Thomas' question with, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." Therefore, we need to accept Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life: 1) We accept Jesus as the Way by walking his narrow way of loving, humble, sacrificial service. 2) We accept Jesus as the Truth by learning and practicing what he has taught us, as given in the Bible and in the teachings of the Church. 3) We accept Jesus as the Life by sharing in the Divine Life of God in His Church, making use of the means Jesus has established.

*** PARISH AGM ***

Wednesday 10th May at 8pm in the large hall

All parishioners are invited.
Please see the notice overleaf.

HOUSE BLESSING

If you would like a priest to come and bless your home, please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 9th at 8pm (PRC)

Parish AGM: Wednesday 10th at 8pm (Large Hall)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 12pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING

11th MAY - TEAM C

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 433.46
Loose cash	£ 720.70
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
Total	£ 2294.16

Mass Intentions This Week

6 May: Saturday

10:00 Betty McNally RIP

18:00 Brian, Ann & Mark Emson RIP

7 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 All Parishioners *

10:00 UCM: All First Holy Communion Children *

11:30 Michael & Seamus Flynn RIP

8 May: Monday

10:00 Adelio Crovato RIP

9 May: Tuesday

10:00 Margot Evans RIP

10 May: Wednesday

10:00 Christy Jordan RIP 6th Anniversary

11 May: Thursday

10:00 Andrew Starnes RIP

19:30 Intentions of Christina Cahill

12 May: Friday

10:00 Margot Evans RIP

13 May: Saturday

10:00 Fr Francis Donovan RIP

First Holy Communion Masses

11:30am & 3pm

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

14 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Christine Brooks RIP

10:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara RIP

First Holy Communion Mass

11:30 All Parishioners

* With Children's Liturgy

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week's second collection for *The Priests' Training Fund* amounted to £1140.19. Many thanks.

The next second collection will be on *21st May* for *World Communications Sunday*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Kevin Moynihan, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy

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, Michael Considine, James Stone, Claude Nasse, Gerald Zampa, Eamonn McPhillips, Beatrix Ann Martin, Christy Jordan, Mary Rayner, 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, Sheila Queros

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

7th May: Kenny Paul

14th May: Mustang Showband

21st May: Shane & Mervyn Owens

28th May: Frank Nelson

4th June: Glen Flynn

11th June: Finbar & Paul

18th June: Cross Keys

25th June: Kenny Paul

- The winners of the **200 Club Across Draw** for April 2023 are:

£100: Michael McHugh

£50: Frances & Sean Loughney

£50: Niall Maguire

Cheques have now been sent to all of the winners. If you would like to join the 200 Club, please go to the website (www.anerleyacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

- Sheila & Garry Jordan would like to thank the Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for their very generous support of the recent Quiz Night. **The event raised approx. £2,000.00 for the Brain Tumour Charity in memory of the Late Christy Jordan.**

- The **Bay City Rollers Tribute Evening** on Friday, 19th May. All proceeds from this event will support local Charities including **Children with Cancer at CUH** and the **Critical Care Centre at KCH**. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by sending a Text Message to **Pat Winston at 07734 250375**.

- **The London Irish Centre (Camden)** are now bringing their afternoon Social Groups to Our Lady's Church Hall, Addiscombe. There will be Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Raffle, Singing, Bingo, Quizzes, Day trips et al. The group will be facilitating a session on Wednesday, 10th May. For more information, please call **Joe O'Driscoll on 07947 120568**.

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Peter Enahoro**. His funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's on Wednesday 7th June at 10am**.

Please remember Peter and his family in your prayers at this time.

*** PARISH AGM ***

Wednesday 10th May at 8pm in the large hall

All parishioners are invited to this annual social community event. It is your opportunity to discover all the voluntary and charitable works that have been carried out and are planned in our parish as well as finding out about our financial situation and plans. Many of the voluntary groups and organisations active in our parish will have representatives present to chat with you informally about their valuable work. This is your chance to be better informed and maybe become more involved with your parish community. Please see page three of the online newsletter or the church notice boards for a copy of the agenda for the meeting. **See you there!!**

NEW RECYCLING BOX FOR PRINTER CARTRIDGES

A home printer cartridge recycling box is now available with the other recycling boxes in the porch under the table. For more info on parish recycling please see the **Recycling Tab** on our webpage.

EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED: For the presbytery house, to start as soon as possible. Duties include all usual household cleaning (kitchen/bathroom/dusting/hovering) no laundry or ironing necessary. The job requires 4 hours work, to be done either on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

Please speak to Fr Keith for more information if interested.

REPOSITORY SHOP: 1st Holy Communion cards and gifts are now on sale in the shop!

Items for collection: N Akinyemi, M A McGuigan

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

At the Vigil Mass this Easter, two of our congregation were received into the Church, having completed the RCIA course.

The new course, that will run until next Easter, will begin on **Wednesday 7th June at 8pm** in the **PRC room**. On this evening anyone interested in becoming a catholic, adults who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation or anyone wishing to find out more about the faith are invited to come along and find out what RCIA is all about. **No obligation - "Come and see"**.

But in the meantime, if you are thinking of coming along, do introduce yourself to Fr Keith after Mass and have a chat!

1st ADDISCOMBE GUIDES ARE 70!

1st Addiscombe Guides invite all parishioners who once attended the unit, to celebrate its 70th Anniversary on

Sunday 28th May at the 11.30am Mass

Join us afterwards in the large hall. Please bring something for a shared lunch. We are also looking for photos of the unit - especially before 2005. Email 1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com

* REFRESHER COURSES FOR READERS & EMS *

All church **Readers** are asked to attend a refresher course on **Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Church** with Fr Keith & Fr Jackson.

All **EMs**' are asked to attend a refresher course on **Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Church** with Fr Keith & Fr Jackson. Thanks.

GIFT AID APPEAL: Many thanks for your response to the Gift Aid appeal. I am very grateful to those who completed forms on the day, and I look forward to receiving the forms back from those who took them away with them! Jenny Mitchener.

Gift Aid envelope boxes will be distributed at all Masses next weekend (13th/14th May)

THE FILM SHOW TEAM: Would like to thank everyone who supported the show on 14 April. A total of **£350** was raised for **Life**.

CONFIRMATION 2023

If you are currently in Year 8 (moving into Year 9 in September) or above, you are eligible to join this year's cohort for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All the information and documents you need will be posted to our website in the next couple of weeks.

KEEP CHECKING THE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS!

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the Large 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.

16th May: Gospel Reading for the day

Please see our Annual Report for 2022/23 on page 4 of the online newsletter, on our website.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - OUR LADY'S TODDLER GROUP

This Toddler Group was set up over 40 years ago by The Young Wives Committee and is a much valued resource in the parish.

We are now looking for someone new to take the helm, as Andrea is retiring from the role of lead co-ordinator IN JULY after 20 years!

If you think you would like this opportunity to work as a volunteer with a great team of helpers, in this very rewarding role, and continue to run this lovely group each Thursday (term time only) 9am - 12pm...please contact **Andrea** on **07952 664224**

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Parish AGM

Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 8.00 pm in the Large Hall

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer:
2. Summary of the past year in our parish by Fr. Keith
3. Parish Financial Statement for year ending 31st December 2022
4. Discover Your Parish Community:
Fr Keith will give a brief overview of plans and initiatives before we break-out to the discovery/discussion section of the meeting:
This will be an informal opportunity to find out about the diversity of groups and committees that operate in your parish. Find out about past and planned events and projects, and maybe become more involved in your parish community.
Many of the groups and organisations within our Parish will have representatives available to provide information and contact details. Members of your PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) will also be present to answer any questions and listen to any suggestions you might have.

If you have any questions in advance of the meeting - please submit them through the Parish Office. Many thanks,

Our Lady's Ascent Group, Addiscombe

Report on our activities in 2022/23

Our Lady's Ascent Group is part of the Life Ascending movement which 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 , stimulates thoughts and discussion.
- It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older.

We meet fortnightly on a Tuesday morning after the 10 a.m. Mass in term time, generally in the Large Hall. Since the Covid 19 Pandemic, we have not had as many visiting speakers as we used to. However, we still have a varied programme and in particular are grateful for the help and encouragement from the 'Daughters of Mary and Joseph'.

- Sr. Annette gave Meditations on 'The Trinity and Us.' and 'Human Being'
- Sr. Sheila Moloney gave talks on 'Women in the New Testament', 'Advent' and 'Journeying towards Easter.'
- Sr. Sheila Barrett led us a couple of times in 'Guided Prayer'.
- Fr. Jackson gave us a talk on 'The Holy Rosary'

From within our own group

- Joseph led a couple of meetings with Images and Quotes on 'Living a Christian life'.
- Pat arranged for and led four video sessions, produced by (CaFE) Catholic Faith Exploration, about accepting the 'Autumn of Life' and learning how to be 'Beloved Disciples'.
- Sally is always the first one to arrive in the Hall to get things ready and she ensures our refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits are on the counter before our meetings.
- Dulcie collects the coffee money, annual subs and keeps our accounts, in addition to representing us on the National Organisation of Life Ascending where she is the Secretary.
- Bodil manages our annual schedule and produces a programme for each of our meetings, often related to the Mass readings of the day.

We are also grateful to the regulars who do the tidying up after every meeting.

On average, 15 people attend on Tuesday mornings after Mass. All our meetings are open to anyone who would like to experience what we do and everyone will be made welcome.

Before the Summer and Christmas holidays we often have a social gathering with shared refreshments.