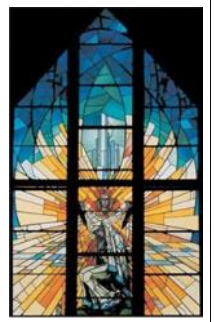




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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8th January 2023 The Baptism of the Lord (page 118 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Our Lord's baptism is a vital moment in our story of salvation, where he joined with humanity in the humble outreach to God, and where the Father and the Spirit are seen and heard to be there with him. Our gospel says that "the heavens were opened," a powerful statement of the point of contact between heaven and earth. Later on, as Jesus completes his life-journey on Calvary, we read how "the veil of the Temple was rent in two," a symbol that we are not completely free to enter the Holy of Holies. Today's gospel has Jesus beginning a journey which each of us is asked to travel. It is a journey full of purpose, a journey of intent. We need a sense of purpose and pattern to our living. St Peter summarised the purpose and pattern of Christ's life when he said, "went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We are each invited, personally, to make this purpose our own.

A million thanks to each and everyone of you for all 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 Jackson

Mass Intentions This Week

- 7 January: Saturday**
 10:00 John Walsh RIP
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP
- 8 January: SUNDAY**
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 08:30 Kathy Attwater RIP
 10:00 Jacinto Mariano Pereira RIP
 11:30 All Parishioners
- 9 January: Monday**
 10:00 Colin Cully RIP
- 10 January: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Christine Brooks RIP
- 11 January: Wednesday**
 10:00 Brendan Moss RIP 2nd Anniversary
- 12 January: Thursday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Maria Sequeira RIP
 19:30 Betty McHugh RIP Anniversary
- 13 January: Friday**
 10:00 Rachael & Fredy D'Silva RIP
- 14 January: Saturday**
 10:00 Derry Nolan RIP
16:00 Michael Cafferkey RIP Memorial Mass
 18:00 Ashley & Dolly Park *
- 15 January: SECOND SUNDAY**
 08:30 Intentions of the Ikpunuekhai Family*
 10:00 Rosalie Hughes RIP 10th Ann. ~ *
 11:30 Domingos C D'Souza + *

~ With Uniformed Groups
 + With Baptism
 * With Foodbank Sunday

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 10th at 11am (Small Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 10th at 8pm (PRC)
PPC: Thursday 12th at 7.30pm (PRC)



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

CHURCH CLEANING
 12th JANUARY - TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 415.61 |
| Loose cash | £ 442.49 |
| S/Os (Approx) | £ 1140.00 |
| Total | £ 1998.10 |

*** 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 Jackson amounted to £8449.50. Many thanks for your generosity.
**** Don't forget - Next weekend is Foodbank Sunday! Please leave donations in the porch. Thank you. ****

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Kevin Moynihan, Baby Noah, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Anthony McCloskey, Theresa Bhanji, Robert Phelan, Assunta Farina, Douglas George Chesher, Terence McGuire, Molly Gordon, Patrick Flanagan, Vivian Rowland, Mitzi Carrara, Colin Cully, Paddy Fitzgerald, 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, Arthur Donegan, Terry McGuire, Richard Harvey, Irene Rozario, Elvira Molda, Randolph Coombs

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

8th January: Kieran White

15th January: Theresa Rodgers

22nd January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

29th January: Cross Keys

5th February: Finbar & Paul

12th February: Kieran White

19th February: The Foot Tappers

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

- There will be a **Ceili Night (Sets, Jives & Waltzes)** on Friday, 13th January commencing at 7.30pm. Admission will be £12.00.

- An introductory **Jiving Class** will take place on Sunday, 22nd January from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. The session would be ideal for both experienced dancers & beginners. There will be an additional four classes on Sunday afternoons in February.

SECOND SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING TODAY!

In the Large Hall - All are welcome.

*** CALLING ALL CATECHISTS ***

We have a need for some experienced Catechists to step up to help us through a shortage.

Fr Jackson is going on holiday and another of our leaders is dealing with a bereavement. We will be facing this shortage through the last weeks of January to the end of Feb.

If you can help please don't wait to be asked again, offer your services to Fr. Keith today!

THANK YOU!

A NEW YEAR - START CLEAR!

Please check the lost property shelves at the back of the church if you have misplaced anything, as there is a growing number of items from a baby's bottle to a pair of sunglasses. If items are not claimed by the end of January, they will be cleared from the shelves.

THANK YOU FROM CROYDON NIGHTWATCH

Dear Our Lady of the Annunciation Congregation,

Thank you for the generous donation of £385, and the further £125 raised by your 'Our Lady's Golden Pennies' collection.

It means a lot to us that you are thinking of us. As you know, we are out every night helping homeless and other vulnerable people with food and other essentials. A lot of our resources go on resettling former homeless people into new accommodation, and helping people into work with such things as work-related protective clothing.

All our work is voluntary and we have no sources of funding except donations, it is support from people like yourself and your members which allows us to do the work we do. Please visit the website for more information where you can also donate online.

www.croydonnightwatch.org.uk

With best wishes, **Jad Adams** Chair, *Nightwatch*

THE WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL INTERFAITH GROUP: Meet on **Wednesday January 18th at 2pm** in the Hinsley room.

We will be studying **Fratelli tutti**. Copies can be bought at St Paul's bookshop or found at **Fratelli tutti (3 October 2020) | Francis (vatican.va)**

All are welcome and there is no charge

*** CONFIRMATION 2022 CERTIFICATES ***

Are now available for collection from the parish office.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low?

We believe that everybody had unique gifts and talents and we want to support you to use these gifts to serve the parish community and our brothers and sisters across the world.

Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Celeste and Sarah: southwark@cafod.org.uk and let's transform the world in 2023 together!

RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent deaths of **Adelio Crovato** and **Anthony McGuane** over the Christmas period.

Anthony's funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on **Friday 27th January at 10am.**

Adelio's funeral will also take place here at Our Lady's on **Monday 6th February at 10am.**

Please keep both families in your prayers at this difficult time.

FAIR-TRADE GOODS - WHY??

Please see the third page of this newsletter (online only via <http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/>)

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.

10th January: we will be looking at the Gospel reading for the day.

24th January: Session One of the Video course 'Beloved Disciples'

3rd/4th WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Many thanks to all those who supported our coffee mornings last year. £350 was collected and given to St Mildred's drop in centre.

WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE (WBS) - VOLUNTEER TREASURER

Following the retirement of their current treasurer, WBS is looking for a volunteer to undertake the role. If you are an accountant, or have a knowledge of finance in a charitable setting and would be able to spare some time to support this well-established charity, WBS would be pleased to hear from you.

For full details of this role, email WBS at wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk or call **020 3256 2009**.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE 6pm on Sunday 22nd January 2023 - St George's in Shirley

The service this year is being hosted by St. George's. Refreshments will follow the service. **You can see the service on offer this year on -line.** St George's is on the 367 bus route. On-site and nearby parking is possible. **Please join us!**

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

Items for collection: *H Carmichael J Coleman, SVP x 2,*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

FAIR-TRADE GOODS – WHY??

“Big business doesn’t care much about the little people, it cares about its profits. It tries to squeeze as low a price as it can get for its raw materials and as high a price as it can get from its consumers.”

(Ruth Coffey, “Why fair-trade matters”, 2018)

Let’s start with a few common questions ...

1. Why should anyone buy an Easter egg for £4.50 when a similar-sized one can be had for under £2?
2. Why would anyone pay £7 for a t-shirt when you can get 3 for £5?
3. Why pay twice the price for fair-trade ground coffee than the lower price in the local store?

Similar questions include

“Why are there so many collapsed or burning sweat-shop factories in south-east Asia?”

“Why do some cocoa farmers achieve yields a third of those they had only a few years ago?”

“Why do so many children in developing countries suffer from water-borne diseases?”

These questions are connected through the fair-trade movement, which aims to treat third world suppliers better by offering them better terms to provide their products. “Better terms” include not just a higher price (the fair-trade premium) but also a guarantee relating to future transactions. For fair traders, the bottom line is not the only criterion ... but can, for example, include protecting the environment and enhancing local living standards. Fair-trade goods cost more because they come through a trade route which adds those things to the grower’s side of the deal and helps crop sustainability. It reflects one aspects of Christianity; Christianity has been summarised as “suffering, sacrifice and salvation”. This fair-trade stuff is the “sacrifice” bit, whereby we in the relatively rich west can care for our neighbours in developing nations.

“Neighbours” include not only those in the next continent but also those in the next century ... which is why fair trade adds a little to the income of communities in developing countries so that they can have a clean water supply, a clinic within reasonable reach, a school – things we take for granted (and, perhaps, therefore don’t value as we should). These things cost money; fair-trade is a way of providing that without it looking like “charity”.

All those things tell us that it’s worth looking for the fair-trade logo in your favourite supermarket, whether it’s for bananas, coffee or whatever – you’ll be helping someone you’ll never meet and who won’t know to whom they could say “thank you!”. At the same time, you get a quality product, evidence the comment from Daniel, 7, on his Real Easter Egg; “it’s the best chocolate I’ve ever tasted!”

It’s also worth looking out for fair-trade goods on sale through our own Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group, as we try to follow the Holy Father’s lead in “Laudato Si’ ”. We will be offering Easter eggs and similar fair-trade goods later this spring; please support us supporting them – watch this space!

Andy Bebington
For the JPIC Group

