

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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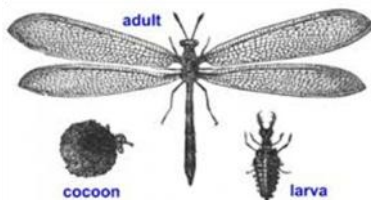
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

8th March 2020 Second Sunday of Lent (page 155 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

METAMORPHOSIS AND METANOIA

As it rightly said by Heraclitus the Greek philosopher, "You cannot step into the same river twice" because it is in a flux, and fluctuation. In the same way we live in a world which radically undergoes serious changes in terms of global warming and other related issues. Time is the changer of seasons. You will recall from 7th-grade science class that metamorphosis is the process by which a caterpillar becomes a butterfly and a tadpole becomes a frog. It's a gradual change on the inside that produces a total transformation on the outside. Holo-metabolism, also called complete metamorphosis, is a form of insect development which includes four life stages – as an embryo or egg, a larva, a pupa and an imago or adult.

This metamorphosis is nothing in comparison to the glorious transformation awaiting us after our death. Here in the gospel of today Jesus takes his beloved disciples to have a special mountain experience with him as he was usual to mountain tops for prayer. When the disciples decided to leave behind all their daily distractions of noisy fish market and fishing nets and sea shore, they could experience a new age exploration of the celestial serenity and joy of life. That was very reason prompted Peter to ask Jesus to prepare three tents. This enchanting feel of the hill top of disciples is also a personal invitation for me to follow the Lord to the zenith of Jerusalem to die with him, where I could be a new person in heart and mind. A transformative change of heart; especially: a spiritual conversion, a total change in my beings, a psycho-somatic renovation. So the season of Lent invites us to undergo such **METAMORPHOSIS AND METANOIA** for the worthy celebration of Easter.



Lent Prose

Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us,
 For we have sinned against thee.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord we praise you,
 Christ we give you glory.
 Glory and praise to you, Word of God.

Mass Intentions This Week

7 March: Saturday

10:00 All Dec. Staff of St Thomas Becket Sch.
Followed By Devotion
 18:00 Kerstin Thomas RIP +

8 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners *
 10:00 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP *
 12:00 Mona Foley Pat, Maura O'Donnell RIP +
 14:00 Igbo Community Mass

9 March: Monday

10:00 Ivan Triggs RIP

10 March: Tuesday

10:00 A M Joseph RIP
Followed by Lenten Bible Study

11 March: Wednesday

10:00 David Warner RIP
 15:45 *The Stations of the Cross*

12 March: Thursday

10:00 The Joyce Family's Intentions
 19:30 Private Intention

13 March: Friday

10:00 Geraldine & Sean Hegarty &
 Mary Kilkelly RIP

14 March: Saturday

10:00 Carole Simpson RIP
 18:00 Audrey Fernandes RIP~

15 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners ~
 10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP ~ #
 12:00 Dec. Mems of the Lamberti Fam. RIP ~

+ With Baptism * With Children's Liturgy
 ~ Foodbank Sunday # With Uniformed Groups

MEETINGS

Diversity Arts & Crafts: Monday 9th at 7.30pm (Small Hall)

Ascent Group: Tuesday 10th at 10.30am (Large Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 10th at 8.30pm (PRC)

RCIA: Wednesday 11th at 8pm (PRC) *The Scrutinies Explained*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 640.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 626.38
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2241.38

LENT AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesdays after Mass - Lenten Bible Study
Wednesdays at 3.45pm - Stations of the Cross
Reconciliation Service - Date to be advised

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day**. Please use the envelopes in the porch. Next week there will be a second collection for **The Barnabas Society**. ** Don't forget - Next weekend is **Foodbank Sunday!** **

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Eihan Patel, Rosa Lobo, June Cully, Archbishop Peter

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Lennon, Kathleen White, Josephine La Rue, Horace Barrett, Anne Kelleher, William Larkin, Thomas Godwin, Peter Dunne, Isobel Galley, Mabel Levett, Barbara Joyce, Sister 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, Marion O'Dwyer, Annie Kingman

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

8th March: Finbar & Paul

15th March: *St Patrick's Celebration* with Frank Nelson

22nd March: *Mother's Day Celebration* with The Duets

29th March: Pete Brazil

5th April: Theresa Rodgers

12th April: Kieran White

19th April: Mary Rose & Her Band

26th April: TR Dallas

The *Mick Flavin Evening* takes place on Friday, 13th March commencing at 7.30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Croydon University Hospital: Lily Pad Appeal (Children with Cancer)*. Tickets at £15 each are now available in the Church Hall or from Pat Winston on 07734 250375. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle or the Auction.

The *Neil Diamond Tribute Evening* takes place on Friday, 27th March commencing at 7.30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the South London U14 Gaelic Football Team to support their Tour to Ireland in June. Tickets at £10 each are now available in the Church Hall or from Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle or the Auction.

Coming soon:

- *Blues Brothers Tribute Evening* on Friday, 8th May

NEW MASS BOOKS FOR INFANTS & CHILDREN: Are now available in the porch for use during Mass. We hope this will help our youngest parishioners to follow and engage more in the Mass. **PLEASE RETURN ALL BOOKS TO THE BOX AFTER EACH MASS SO THAT OTHERS MAY USE THEM. THANKS**

A DAY WITH MARY - HERE AT OUR LADY'S CHURCH
Saturday 14th March from 9.15am see poster for full details

ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB (AYC)

Please email addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com if you wish to register for AYC! Children in school years 7 - 11 can attend.

DIVERSITY ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP

Will be meeting on **Monday 9th March at 7.30pm** in the **small hall**. Please join us to learn new skills (knitting, crochet, sewing etc) or perhaps brush up on rusty ones. We are a friendly bunch, meeting once a month, and we try to have new projects throughout the year.

Call **Dulcie** on: **020 8406 4783** or **07305 779202**

*** REPOSITORY SHOP ***

Easter, RCIA and St. Patrick's Day cards are all now on sale in the shop. First Holy Communion cards and gifts will all be on display immediately after Easter. Please pay us a visit before you leave Mass.

TOY SALE FOR DEMELZA CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

15th March after 10am Mass - Large Hall

Lots of craft items, stationery & toys, all new at bargain prices! Proceeds go to *Children's Hospice Kent / Demelza Hospice Care*.

THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: Will be offering Fairtrade Easter Eggs for sale after Mass on 15th & 22nd March - don't buy elsewhere, please support disadvantaged farmers abroad and secure what 12-year-old Daniel said was the best chocolate he'd ever tasted!

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

Items for collection: Cadar, I Hedger, S Turner, N Vas (SVP), Baptism Team

Baptism certificates: V Conkova, L Taggart, Adams-Grace, G Stevens, A Lawrence, H Carney Garcia, Pires x2

Rotas: Servers (March) Eucharistic Ministers (March) Readers (March / April) Repository (March - May)

*** CORONAVIRUS ***

We are currently following all Diocesan guidelines with regards to Coronavirus. Please see the notice in the porch for further information. Sanitiser hand gels are located near the entrances.

LENTEN MASSES - CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

EVERY MONDAY during LENT at 12 noon, in the Hospital Chapel (Near Woodcroft Road). **ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.**

OLA SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

NSPCC accredited Safeguarding Training for Volunteers who have safeguarding leadership responsibilities or responsibility for leading activities involving children, young people and/or adults who may be vulnerable. **To be held in the small hall on the 10th March from 7.30pm to 8.45pm.**

Please sign the sheet in the porch as there are limited places.

GAELIC FOOTBALL TASTER SESSIONS

Gaelic Football Taster Sessions for Boys born after 1st January 2006 continue on Tuesday evenings at St Mary's RC High School (enter via Tavistock Road) from 6pm and concluding at 7.30pm. The sessions focus on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers. For more information, please call **Danny O'Donovan** on **07796 934748**.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

We currently have two job opportunities available.

Marriage Tribunal Administrator:

Full time based in Tooting Bec, London SW17

Safeguarding Office Administrator:

Based on the Cathedral site London SE1

If you would like more information about either of them, please look on the Diocese's website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

VERY URGENT

Croydon Council have recently notified that Addiscombe Recreation Ground (**Bingham Park**) does not meet the criteria to be protected as a "Local Green Space" unless further evidence can be produced that it is "*demonstrably special*" & of "*particular significance & importance to the local community*". Therefore, to ensure that this much used & well-loved oasis can be preserved, please write **BEFORE 6th APRIL** to:

Jamie van Iersel, Place Department - Croydon Council, Planning & Strategic Transport, Spatial Planning Service, 6th Floor, Zone B, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon, CR0 1EA

Tel: 8726 6000 (Ext: 62192) Email: Jamie.vaniersel@croydon.gov.uk

28th CROYDON SCOUT FAMILY BINGO EVENING

Saturday 28th March 2020 - 7 for 7.30pm start in the Large Hall

Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5's free)

Reserve your place by calling **Andrea** on **07952 664224**.

SVP COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 29th March after 10am Mass

To raise funds to send a child/youth to the DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMP 2020. Come and meet the SVP members and make friends over a cup of coffee or tea with home made cake. Hot toasties and scones also available, fresh milkshakes and fruit juice for children. Win a prize in the raffle! *Everyone welcome*