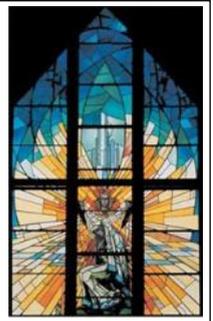




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

## 8th March Third Sunday of Lent (page 158 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

**On the 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A**, the Church invites us to reflect on the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well in Gospel of John 4:5-42.

Like her, we often come to the well carrying silent burdens, thirsting for something we cannot quite name.

I once met an elderly woman who came to church every afternoon, not because she had many friends, but because she said it was the only place where her heart felt understood.

She told me that after losing her husband, she felt invisible, yet in prayer she sensed Jesus sitting beside her, asking gently for a drink of her tears.

Her story reminded me that Christ does not wait for us to become perfect; He meets us in our ordinary routines and hidden loneliness.

The Samaritan woman arrived at the well at noon to avoid others, yet she left as a joyful witness to her town.

In the same way, that widow who once felt forgotten began welcoming neighbors into her home, offering tea and hope drawn from her renewed faith.

Lent teaches us that our deepest thirst is not for success or approval, but for the living water only Christ can give.

When we allow Him to touch the broken places we hide, they become springs of compassion for others.

May this Sunday awaken in us the courage to sit with Jesus at our own wells, to let Him transform our sorrow into a story of grace.

*Fr Cajetan*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please note that the parish office will be unattended on a Thursday and Friday for the next few weeks. Stephanie will be working from home to produce a newsletter and respond to emails etc, but she will only have limited access to documents. Masses can still be booked in the usual way with Rachel on a Monday or Tuesday.

Sorry for any inconvenience, we hope to be back to normal soon!

### MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 10th at 10.45am (Small Hall)

**SVP:** Tuesday 10th at 8pm (PRC)

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



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 694.20
Loose cash	£ 595.26
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2629.46</b>

### Mass Intentions This Week

#### 7 March: Saturday

10:00 Bill O'Sullivan RIP

18:00 Harry, Harold & Michael Sweeney RIP

#### 8 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Molly Bowen RIP

11:30 Intentions of Christina Cahill

#### 9 March: Monday

10:00 Caroline Koch RIP

#### 10 March: Tuesday

10:00 Eurie & Charlotte Green RIP

#### 11 March: Wednesday

10:00 Deceased Members of the Social Club RIP

#### 15:45 Stations of the Cross

#### 12 March: Thursday

10:00 Special Birthday Intentions for Lyn Cully

19:30 Paul Curtis RIP

#### 13 March: Friday

#### 09:00 Stations of the Cross

10:00 James McCay RIP

#### 14 March: Saturday

10:00 Merle Rosemeyer RIP

18:00 All Parishioners ~

#### 15 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Callimus Dara RIP ~ \*

10:00 AYC: Mass of Gratitude for Mothers' Day ~ \*

11:30 Thanksgiving for the Lim Family ~

~ With Foodbank Sunday

\* With Children's Liturgy

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATORS \*\*\*

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

### COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day** amounted to £776.00. Many thanks.

Next week there will be an ACC collection for **Anerley ACROSS (Lourdes)**.

**\*\* Don't forget - Next weekend is Foodbank Sunday! Please leave donations in the porch. Thank you. \*\***

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Casey, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Mary Jayawardena, Peggy Wall, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Westley Adaken, Mervat Nasri & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** John Lennon, Kathleen White, Corrie Templeton, Josephine La Rue, Horace Barrett, Anne Kelleher, John Madden, Merle Rosemeyer, William Larkin, Thomas Godwin, Peter Dunne, Isobel Galley, Mabel Levett, Barbara Joyce, Christopher Johnson, Sr Mary Constance, Melville Pinto, Aaron Grimsley, Zena Winnifred, Eva Senn, Patrick Farren, John Morrison, George Bunyan, Philip Lavocah, Michael Sayers, Patrick Rainford, Luisa Fernandes, Anna O'Donnell, Marion O'Dwyer, Annie Kingman, Jeremiah Murphy

## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm*

8th March: Pat Jordan

15th March: *St Patrick's Celebration* - Glen Flynn

22nd March: *First appearance* - Family Affair

29th March: Kieran White

5th April: *Easter Sunday* - Shawn Cuddy

12th April: Cross Keys

19th April: *Effie Neill* with the Barry Doyle Band

26th April: *First appearance* - Anton

- On Wednesday, 11th March, Mass will be celebrated for *Deceased Members of the Social Club* in Our Lady's at 10:00am. Tea / Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after Mass.

- *Jiving sessions are returning*: J & M will be facilitating Jiving Sessions in the Hall on Sunday 8th March commencing at 5:00pm. For more information, call *Della Reilly on 07403 227935*.

- The *Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance* will take place on Friday, 13th March. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and *Dancing to Frank Nelson* will commence at 8:00pm. *The Keady Academy of Dance* will provide a display of Dance during the evening. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Anerley ACROSS, a charity which will be taking a party of disabled people to Lourdes in June*. To reserve tickets for the above event, please call *Ben Cahill on 07958 903410*

- *Declan Nerney & His Band* will appear in the Social Club on Friday, 24th April. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Brain Tumour Charity*. To reserve Tickets at £20.00 each, please call *Pat Winston on 07734 250375*.

## RECENT DEATH & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT

We are sad to announce the recent death of *Gina Foster*. Gina's funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's on Wednesday 8th April at 10am**. Please remember Gina in your prayers at this time.

## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH – ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Archbishop John Wilson has commissioned a series of short videos and worksheets to answer some of the most important and fundamental questions about our faith. *For further details see page three of the online newsletter or the posters in the church porch.*

## UCM CHARITY EVENT SUPPORTING SARCOMA UK MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

**Saturday 11th April from 7pm** in the church hall

**£15 per ticket**

Bring your own food and drink for your table

To book tickets please contact **Marie Tross 07774 643159**

## I warmly invite you to join me on this year's SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21st - 28th August 2026

A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers. I have also found it a blessing to be able to accompany and to be inspired by other pilgrims, some of whom are sick, elderly or disabled.

Last year, Deacon John Fogarty and I did a short presentation in parishes, which we would be happy to repeat in your parish, if it can be arranged.

Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at:

<https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>

For more information, please contact:

Canon Edward Perera ([edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk))

Deacon John Fogarty ([johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk))

or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks ([paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk))

Diocesan Safeguarding Office:  
[safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk)

## 'TOGETHER' SERVICE AND MARCH

**10.30am, Saturday 28th March, Central London**

Join the Christian Climate Action pre-march church service and / or walk with us to show we stand together for love, hope, compassion and justice in the face of division, hate and the injustice of climate denialism.

The service will take place 10.30 – 11.15am at Oasis Church Waterloo, SE1 7QP. The Together Alliance march assembles at noon on Park Lane in London and is anticipated to finish around 4.30pm.

The Together Alliance is a large coalition including environmental and faith groups.

*This will be a family friendly day filled with welcome, unity and prayer.*

Contact **Gill (07796 340 193)** for further details

## COME CELEBRATE WITH US TODAY!

Our Cultural Diversity Support Group invites Parishioners to our **10th Birthday celebration on Sunday 8th March after 11.30am Mass in the large hall!** We hope to see you all there!

## PARISH FILM SHOW

This year's show will take place in the **Small Hall, at 7.30pm on Saturday 18th April**. Full details will be announced in due course.

## RACE NIGHT – SUPPORTING 28TH CROYDON SCOUTS Saturday 21 March - 7:00pm – 10:30pm

**Church Hall, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bingham Road**

28th Croydon Scout Group warmly invites parishioners and friends to join us for a fun-filled **Race Night** in the Church Hall this March.

It promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable evening with eight exciting races, a final auction race, raffle prizes, and refreshments available. Entry is just **£2 per person**, and each paid entry includes one free bet to get you started.

Race Night is one of our key fundraising events this year. Our Scout Headquarters roof is reaching the end of its life and will not survive another winter. We need to raise **£20,000** to refurbish the building so that it remains safe, warm and dry for the 100+ young people who meet there each week.

Scouting at 28th Croydon continues to grow, with young people from Squirrels through to Scouts developing confidence, resilience and practical Skills for Life. Our HQ is at the heart of that programme — and we are determined to protect it for the future.

There are several ways you can support:

- Come along on the night
- Sponsor a race (perfect for local businesses)
- Donate a raffle prize

Spread the word to friends and family!

If you would like to attend or offer support, please speak to one of our leaders or contact the Group.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting within our parish community.

## PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Are you an Adult Catholic, perhaps already retired, and interested in some up-to-date on-going Faith Formation? Would you like to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

*Could you be free to join us in the Small Hall, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at about 10.45 after 10.00am Mass?*

## AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for **years 1 to 'A' level** On **Sundays** in **Our Lady's small hall** between **1 - 5pm**.

**£25 p/h for years 1 - 9**

**£30 p/h for GCSE & A Level**

To register your interest please contact:

**Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009**

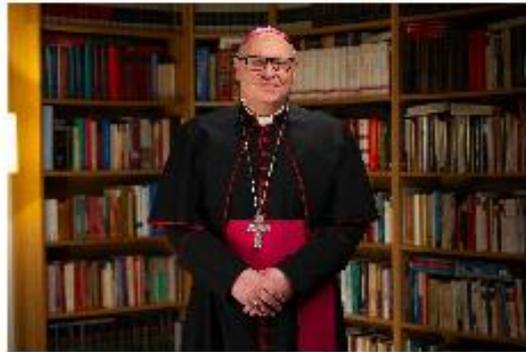
*Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (March) Readers: (March/April)*



# ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK

## Ambassadors for Christ

*Building witnesses for the Lord Jesus and His Church*



**Ambassadors for Christ** is a new year-long video series from the Archdiocese of Southwark, created to help Catholics feel more confident talking about their faith so they can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

As interest in the Catholic Church continues to grow, many people find themselves asking big questions, or being asked them by friends, family and colleagues. This project offers clear, trustworthy answers through 52 short weekly videos, each presented by a Catholic priest and designed to be easy to understand, practical and rooted in the teachings of the Church. (The videos are 5-10 minutes each)

Each video has a supporting worksheet for personal use or for discussions in a group.

Full details are available on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist>

<https://rcaos.org.uk/worksheets>

The videos can also be watched on the Archdiocese You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1>