



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

8th October 2017 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 137 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

'We believe that prayer is effective! It's been said that 'faith moves mountains but prayer moves God'; that if we pray, God moves and things change for the better. Why else would we do it? We don't pray because it is nice to get together socially, and we're really not convinced by the power of wishful thinking. We pray together and expect things to change. We expect because we believe that 'faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance of what we do not see' (Heb 11:1). Confident and sure.

And now, after forty years of pressing on in prayer to support those affected by prison, Prisons Week has a new look.



The new logo represents a week marked off in strokes in a manner often associated with time measured by those in prison, or isolated in some way. It speaks directly to the role of Prisons Week—to be a week of prayer for those who feel cut off and find themselves marking off the days.

It is for prisoners counting the days until their release, victims wondering how long before time heals their wounds, families waiting to be reunited, prison staff longing to see lasting change in those for whom they care, those involved in criminal justice searching for meaningful solutions to the toughest of challenges, and communities aching for reconciliation and a time of peace.'

Gareth Barton, Spread Creative Ltd

Mass Intentions This Week

7 October: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Nuala Fox RIP

8 October:

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners ~ (Small Hall)
 10:00 James Leigh RIP
 12:00 Matt Dolan RIP

9 October: Monday

10:00 Hannah Duignan RIP

10 October: Tuesday

10:00 Theodora Maria &
 Henry Edward Lake RIP

11 October: Wednesday

10:00 Barney Larkin RIP

12 October: Thursday

10:00 Wellbeing of Mr & Mrs Lumala

13 October: Friday

10:00 Margaret Costello RIP

14 October: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 All Parishioners #

15 October:

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY

08:30 Intentions of the Mullen Family #
 10:00 Sandra Mitchell RIP #
 12:00 Intentions of Fr Joe #

~ With Children's Liturgy

With Foodbank Sunday

WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Ann Callow
 £50 - Gary Lally
 £50 - J P Ryan (c/o Paddy Ryan)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 775.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 578.95
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2329.45

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM D - Mrs Aitchison

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** (Gift Aid-able) - please pick up an envelope from the porch. Next week there will be the monthly ACA collection, with proceeds going to **Sister Carol** to aid her work with Indian street children.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, D Nott, Laila Tambini, Steve Richer, José Fernandez

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Joan Dover, Keith McSweeney, George Dillon, James Duggan, Mary Leadbetter, Simon Yong, Josie Reid, Sally Turner, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Hazel White, Thomas Lally, Harry Casey, John Kennedy, Alice Louise Piney, Bridget Bates, Ilana Imregi, Margaret Cameron, Elaine Brooker, Elsie Dadswell, Daniel W. White, Alan Motts, Syd Wyatt, Lily Margaret Harley

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 8th October: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 15th October: Tom Healy
Sunday, 22nd October: Kevin Keys
Sunday, 29th October: Billy & The North Winds
Sunday, 5th November: *Returning by popular demand TR Dallas*

The Social Club will be holding an *Abba Tribute Night* on Friday, 13th October. Tickets at £12.00 each are available from the Social Club on Sunday evening from 7.30pm. **Admission will be strictly by ticket only.**

Coming in the autumn

- Declan Nerney: Friday, 17th November
- Ally Harron & Marion Curry: Sunday, 26th November

THE AUTUMN FAYRE RAISES ALMOST £7,000.00

A large number of our parish Community and their friends attended last weekend's Autumn Fayre. The planning for the event was thorough and a significant number of the Parish Community assisted in so many different ways. We were delighted that many members of our community became involved for the first time.

We are very grateful for the group of helpers who sold raffle tickets over the weekends in September and to those who prepared items such as the International cuisine, curries, apple pies, jams, chutneys and cakes for the stalls. We had an excellent set of stalls and this was a reflection of the generosity of our community in donating items for them. We also thank the Finance Team for their support on the day.

At the end of the Fayre, the Social Club made a very generous donation of £1,000.00 to support our Refugee Project.

It would not be possible to acknowledge every person who assisted in the success of our Fayre; the success was made possible by the way teams within teams of our Parish Community worked together both in the preparation and on the day itself.

We acknowledge the support of our local sponsors: *LMB Lofts: Lee Murphy, The Cricketers: Brian Connell and the Co-Op, Lower Addiscombe Road* as well as the local businesses that donated items for the stalls.

In conclusion, thank you to our Parish Community for your continued support of our Autumn Fayre and for raising almost £7,000.00 which will be given to the *Community Support programme to help refugees from Syria.*

The Autumn Fayre Committee

WELDERLIES SHADES OF AUTUMN

The over 60s are invited to the 'Welderlies Shades of Autumn', an exciting half term fun health bonanza on **Tuesday 24th October** in **Our Lady's large hall** from **2-5pm**. Chief Guest is NHS South West London to update you.

Send in health questions that you might be shy to ask by 16th October to **Sylvia 07870508790** or email **swk@wellbeingyou.org**

Come in your creative autumn colours, make new friends, enjoy tasty canapés dance and have fun. **Entrance is free.**

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our next meeting, about 'Christian Unity' with guest speaker Robin Orton, is on **Wednesday 18th October** at **8pm**, in the Parish Hall of **St Columba's Church, Selsdon**. Non members are also welcome.

OCTOBER ROSARY

Rosary will be in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Monday - Thursday from 7pm throughout the month of October, all are welcome! We continue with the Rosary Monday - Friday at 9.30am before Mass.

MEETINGS

Confirmation Prep: Sunday 8th at 5pm (Large Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 10th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: The Mass - Wednesday 11th at 8pm (PRC)

FR JOE'S CELEBRATION

Sunday 15th October after 12pm Mass - Large Hall

Don't forget - the celebration of Fr Joe's ministry here at Our Lady's on Sunday 15th October. There will be a shared table in the Hall after 12pm Mass, with refreshments and bar. Please sign the sheet on the table at the back of church if you are able to contribute a dish.

All are invited to attend!

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Forms are now available to download from the website. Please return the completed form to the presbytery, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will begin on **Monday 30th October** and run all through November.

'LOVE IN A BOX'

This year we would like to support the 'Love in a Box' charity by collecting donations of the various items listed below, which will then be packed up into old shoe or boot boxes. These are then posted abroad and taken directly to orphanages for children aged 5 - 15. If you wish, you can make up your own box and mark it either BOY or GIRL with the age range to which it is appropriate. Items needed are:

- Any old shoe box (wrapped in Christmas paper please) - please ensure that the lid can still be removed
 - Small toys for both boys and girls
 - Scarves, gloves and hats (a key item, so the more the better)
 - Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, sponges and flannels
 - Sweets (small bags, lollipops etc)
 - Cuddly toys (a shortage this year)
 - Stationery (pens, paper, colouring pens, small books)
 - Or make a donation to send boxes - it costs £4 per box
- Last date for donations is **FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER**. Please contact a UCM committee member or **Amanda** on **07881 977758** to arrange for your items to be collected or to find out where to leave them.

FOODBANK SUNDAY - CAN YOU HELP?

Next **Sunday, 15th October**, being the third Sunday of the month, is **FOODBANK SUNDAY**. The Vine |Foodbank in New Addington is in desperate need of supplies, and are asking for your help by donating the following items:

LONG LIFE ITEMS, ESPECIALLY: UHT Milk, Pasta Sauces, Sugar, Cereals, Jams/Spreads, Crackers, Rice, Squash/Coffee, Biscuits, Tinned meals/meats/fish/fruit/veg

NON-FOOD ITEMS: Shower Gel, Shampoo, Laundry Tablets, Deodorant, Sanitary Towels, Nappies, Toothpaste, Toilet Rolls, Baby Wipes, Soap, Cleaning Products.

As well as bringing your items to Church, there are also donation boxes at Sainsbury's Selsdon & West Wickham.

Please take the leaflet from the pews home with you - it has lots of information about the Vine Foodbank, & ways you can volunteer to help. Many thanks.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Who wish their children to start preparation for 1st Holy Communion

The last week for registering for the 2 year 1st Holy Communion programme for children at non Catholic schools, will be on **Tuesday 10th October at 5.15pm in the Parish Resource Centre**. Children aged 6 or above on 1st September 2017 are eligible to attend. Full information and details will be available at the meeting.

Items for collection: Sr Celia, G A Gray, L J Toma, A Callow, M Sequeira, P Opoku-Boateng

Bapt Certs: Stevens, Gimenez Von Rusten, Sabatchi, Paredes, Selles, Nwanaji, Ward

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (October) Repository (Sept - Nov) Servers (October)