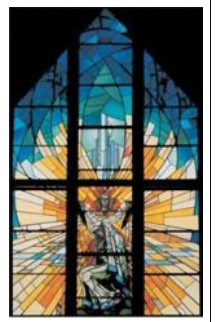


Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 By appointment only

8th November 2020 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

The first reading, from the book of Wisdom, is well chosen. In his story, Jesus calls the maidens who are ready 'wise'. Wisdom is greatly prized by the traditions of the world; it is a knowledge that helps us understand the things that really matter. Wisdom belongs to a set of Old Testament writings that give expression to a spirituality nourished by an outlook that comes from living one's life in harmony with the ways of God. As the parable invites us to ask ourselves whether we are ready to meet our Lord, and to review the loyalties and values that shape our lives, we may well ponder what is offered to us by God's Word in the first reading: the joy and peace that come from being in tune with God is there to be 'found by those who look'.

The first Christians looked forward eagerly to the Lord's return. With the passing of time, it became clear then to their period of waiting would be long. With the Saviour's resurrection, the last moment of God's plan has come; but as the second letter of Peter reminded those concerned about this delay, 'With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years' (3:8). These developments are echoed in the reading from 1Thessalonians. It seems that when they embraced the faith and rejoiced in the union with Christ brought by baptism this community thought that they would not see death before the Lord's return. Some have died, however, and Paul is instructing them to remove their confusion. With them we can look forward to festivities in store for us.



*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

The First Holy Communion Parents' meeting on the 17th November is postponed until Tuesday, 8th December, to take place in Church. If we remain in lockdown, the meeting will take place in the New Year. Please monitor the newsletter and the parish website for updates. Also, please email the parish office with your email address and permission to add you to a First Holy Communion Monday or Tuesday Group via email and / or WhatsApp. This will make communication between parents and priests so much easier. *Thank You.*

Mass Intentions This Week

- 7 November: Saturday**
 10:00 Joseph Dieu Tran RIP
 17:30 Peter You Than Lim RIP
 18:30 Brian O'Brien & Dennis Budhu RIP
- 8 November: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY**
 10:00 Paula & Carmelo Teuma RIP
 11:00 Ints of Mrs T Lee & Family
 12:00 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP
- 9 November: Monday**
 10:00 Holy Souls
- 10 November: Tuesday**
SAINT LEO THE GREAT
 10:00 Wellbeing of Salonge Fernandes
- 11 November: Wednesday**
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
 10:00 Deceased Members of the Heskin & Sweeney Families RIP
- 12 November: Thursday**
SAINT JOSAPHAT
 10:00 Christina Henry RIP
 19:30 Michael Walsh RIP Anniversary
- 13 November: Friday**
 10:00 Catherine Crowley RIP
- 14 November: Saturday**
 10:00 Sheila Kelleher, James Lordan & Kathleen Lordan RIP
 18:30 Mr & Mrs Mathiyas RIP
- 15 November: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY**
 10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP
 12:00 Alasdair Aitchison RIP



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 659.42 |
| Loose cash | £ 430.01 |
| S/Os | £ 975.00 |
| Total | £ 2064.43 |

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Peter Marengi, John Wynne, Denis Hathaway, Frieda Humphries, John Faragher, William Bradley, Mildred Potter, Rosanna Jamieson, Michael Jones, Denis Everest, Catherine Downes, Terence Hayes, Philip Sterling, Sr. Joseph, Samir Nasr, Peter Pender, Dorothy Lloyd-Jones, Muriel McGuinness, Mabel Moniz, Ann Hazell, Mary Gorman, Theresa Morgan, Ezio Giust, John Grove, Joan Cooper, Maud West, Jan Jadcowski

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - [07548 868418](tel:07548868418). Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!

Eugene McKeon's Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's on Wednesday, 18th November at 12.30pm. His body will be received into Our Lady's on Tuesday, 17th November at 4.00pm.

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Raffle which was launched recently. We are supporting three local charities; *The Lily Pad Appeal* (Children with Cancer) at Croydon University Hospital, the *Woodside Bereavement Service* and *St Mildred's Church* (Women's Refuge Project).

To date, we have already raised in excess of £1,700.00; *our Target is £5,000.00+*. To order Books of Tickets send an email to:

patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk or bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk

With the current Covid-19 restrictions, all counterfoils, monies and unsold tickets are to be returned to the Presbytery.

Additional information on the Raffle is available on the Parish website:

<http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/grand-christmas-raffle>

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. *No task is too small - please make contact.*

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

with Fairtrade chocolate and The Christmas Story book

We have a small supply of these, suitable for small people (6-year-old Daniel says that the chocolate is the best he's tasted), but only available from Andy Bebington following our new lockdown. Please contact him (andy.bebington@gmail.com or 8777 4840) to place your order at £4 each and to arrange delivery or collection. First come, first served.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. *Please place the envelope in the secure 'offertory' box at the back of church* or through the parish office letterbox. The list of names will then be placed in our Memorial chapel (in the Lady Chapel) and your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday – Saturday 9.00am – 10.50am

Sunday - 8.30am – 9.30am and 10.50am – 1.00pm

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2021 ENTRY

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the parish office (via the letterbox) by **Sunday 22nd November**, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will run until **Friday 27th November**.

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

Our **Covid Reflections** event last Sunday was a success. We appreciated the presence of The Worshipful the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Maddie Henson who shared her personal experience and words of encouragement. We thank friends who reflected on their challenges as well as others who made contributions including Fathers Jackson and Father James for their prayers and blessings. These are manifestations of the love and trust we have built among us. We hope and pray that we continue to hold fast to these sacred elements as we strive to overcome this dreadful pandemic.

Warmest Regards Sylvia x

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: If you are waiting to receive a Baptism certificate, please ring the Parish office to arrange a suitable time to collect from there. Many thanks.

*Lord Jesus,
when you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.
We place in your loving care
all who are affected by Coronavirus.
Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.
Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.
We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.
Amen.*

HM Government

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HANDS**

**COVER
FACE**

**MAKE
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PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Please remember that *the Parish office remains closed to the public.* This is especially important given the current 4 week lockdown. However, the secretaries are still working and are available to answer calls and emails during the usual office hours. Meetings can also be arranged by appointment. Thank you again for your patience during these difficult times.

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church entrance, or complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, *please visit the Repository shop at the weekend, or see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

AYC UPDATE

It has been a high priority for us to keep our young people filled with hope throughout this very different time we are living in, one day at a time. We had a BBQ with music back in September, and this month we have started our initiative **#kindnessiscontagious**. Making a link that although Covid 19 is contagious - as a community we can follow recommendations and within this be kind. In the coming weeks please look out for our **COVID CROSS**. Download a speech bubble from our website (under the AYC tab) and write your message. For example, this could be about your feelings around Covid 19 or a message of kindness and hope. You can bring them into church to be added to the cross. Also, there are pebbles on display in the Lady Chapel, part of our Kindness Rocks project. More pebbles will be available in the church porch soon, for you to take away and decorate in a similar way.

Our members also enjoyed a session at 'Goals' during half term week.

The young people also shared ideas for a daily kindness calendar. This will be available to download from the website in the next few weeks. Currently we have young people from school years 8 - 10 and are working on year 7 (although COVID 19 makes things a bit tricky). To register your interest or for more information email addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com

ST THOMAS BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admission for Reception places in 2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 and you are considering our school, please visit our website and click the link on the Home Page - **Admissions Information for Reception 2021.**

Here you can find important information including our school admissions policy, a **Virtual Tour** of our school premises and advice on completing your application.

You can also view videos of our school produced by our school council and our digital leaders.

For more information on admissions, please visit our website at www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk and read our **Admissions Policy.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Unfortunately we have not been able to hold Children's liturgy for some time, but wanted to remind you of the *Colour and Shape Children's Liturgy* that are available each week on YouTube for young families

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdJNyn5xOrOB5634uplhQg>

Also, don't forget to print off the weekly children's liturgy page that is uploaded to our website every week.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian is stepping down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith. Many thanks.

HEATING IN CHURCH

Many say that the best of this year's weather is behind us!! This brings us to the sticky subject of the ethics of heating the church through the autumn and winter months. Best practice in times of a pandemic must be maintained; doors open to avoid handling, space well ventilated, etc etc. There will be little point in having the heating on for extended periods before the church is occupied, and it may be that the heating is only effective for those sat right in front of it under these circumstances. To be honest, we just don't know! We do not want to burn gas and money without benefit.

Please be patient with us whilst we experiment, and be prepared to wear an extra layer if you are one who feels the cold. Many thanks.

