



# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm      Wednesday: Closed

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

**9th February 2020 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 133 of Parish Mass Book)    YEAR A**

## AM I THE SALT AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD?

Jesus said that we are "**the salt of the earth**" and "**the light of the world**". Being salt and light is not optional. Jesus did not say *you can be...or you have the potential to be...* He said *you are*. Everyone who has trusted Christ for salvation and is born again is the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

The value of salt, especially in the ancient world cannot be under estimated. Roman soldiers received their wages in salt. The Greeks considered salt to be divine. The Mosaic Law required that all offerings presented by the Israelites contain salt. (Lev. 2:13) When Jesus told his disciples that they were "the salt of the earth", as recorded in Matthew 5:13, they understood the metaphor. While the universal importance of salt is not as readily apparent in our modern world, the mandate that Jesus gave to his first disciples is still relevant and applicable to His followers today.

In Matthew 5:14, Jesus tells His disciples, "You are the light of the world". As "salt", the Christian is to counteract the power of sin. As "light" we are to illuminate or make visible. Our lives are to be an on-going witness to the reality of Christ's presence in our lives. When we worship God with pure hearts, when we love others as ourselves, and when we do good without growing weary, we are lights shining. It is important, however to know that it is not our light, but the reflection of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ Himself, that people will see in us.

Either we are "salt" and "light" by the grace of God, or we are wilfully disobeying the One who saved us for such a time as this. If we are being "salt" and "light" then we can expect fruit from our faithfulness. If we are not being salt and light, then the New Year is a perfect time to repent and let God have your best for His glory. This is our commission and in His strength we will experience this reality.

## Mass Intentions This Week

**8 February: Saturday**  
 10:00 94th Birthday Wishes to Achille Crovato  
 18:00 Paddy & Nora Walsh RIP

**9 February: FIFTH SUNDAY**  
 08:30 All Parishioners \*  
 10:00 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP + \*  
 12:00 Maryla Gomez RIP  
 14:00 Igbo Community Mass

**10 February: Monday**  
 10:00 Intentions of the Mee Family

**11 February: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Wellbeing & Thanksgiving for Mary Murray

**12 February: Wednesday**  
 10:00 Lai Ching Chang RIP

**13 February: Thursday**  
 10:00 Kevin Hamilton RIP  
 19:30 Ellen Flanagan RIP

**14 February: Friday**  
 10:00 Paddy Joyce RIP

**15 February: Saturday**  
 10:00 Bernadette Moynihan RIP  
 18:00 Thanksgiving For Nadia Ghawi ~

**16 February: SIXTH SUNDAY**  
 08:30 All Parishioners ~  
 10:00 Anne Byrne RIP 1st Anniversary # ~  
 12:00 Con, Mary & Finbar Kelly RIP ~

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

## MEETINGS

**Diversity Arts & Crafts Group:** Monday 10th at 7.30pm (Small Hall)  
**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 11th at 10.30am (Large Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 11th at 8.30pm (PRC)  
**RCIA:** Wednesday 12th at 8pm (PRC) *What is Lent?*

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

## CHURCH CLEANING: Team B

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 692.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 586.17
S/Os	£ 975.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2253.17</b>

## COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for **Racial Justice Sunday** - see note overleaf (Gift Aid-able) .

**\*\* 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, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Rosa Lobo

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Maureen Woodcraft, Sheila Merredew, Joan Griffiths, Charles Fowley, David Barwell, Catherine Winston, Jean Garner, Margaret Blackford, Judy Maharaj, Tony Borfiga, Kathleen Davies, Mary Ann Gomez, David Holder, Maureen Mary Towner, Sarah Rees, Anthony Cummins, Hilda Chow, Anthony Curry, Chris Pearce, Jack Mulcahy, Catherine Wilson, Edward Scanlon, Bernadette Moynihan, Giuseppe Oriani, Stanley Earl, Walter D'Cruz, John Scanlon

**SOCIAL CLUB**  
Sunday Evening Entertainment.

9th February: Theresa Rodgers  
16th February: Sean Wilson  
23rd February: Mustang Showband  
1st March: Eugene Doonan  
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

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 £15.00 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:*  
- *Neil Diamond Tribute Evening* on Friday, 27th March

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:** The funeral of *Carole Simpson* will take place here at Our Lady's on **Monday 17th February at 10am.**

**MARGUERITE AND FAMILY** would like to thank you all for your support during the last two months; the cards, visits, mass cards, and all who came to the requiem mass and celebration in the hall. It was exactly as David wanted it - a parish occasion with many of you contributing amazing food.

Thanks also to Father Keith and all the priests who visited and brought him comfort in his illness. Thank you also for the £1,500 collected at the service and to those of you who donated online. We are indeed blessed to live in such a great parish, so as Tiny Tim in A Christmas Carol would say; God bless us -- every one! *Marguerite and family.*

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 7PM IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH  
WILL YOU BE THERE?**

This year's **World Day of Prayer** service has been composed by the women of Zimbabwe who encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and their hopes for the future and ask us to **'Rise! Take your mat and walk'** with them on their turbulent journey towards reconciliation.

If you would like to help with the service in any way, please contact Anne on [anne.barcellos@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.barcellos@btinternet.com).

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - SDC Bible Study Meetings**

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have declared 2020 to be a year of special focus on the Bible. We are called to explore and celebrate the Word of God through the Scriptures, share the Word with others and respond to the "God who speaks" in the way that we live. SDC would like to invite parishioners to their monthly meetings which take place at 38 Ryefield Road, Upper Norwood SE19 3QU.

The dates for this term are **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February; 13<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April.** All are welcome. We start at **7.30 pm.** The meeting will include reflections, readings and prayer. For more information call the **SDC House** on **8768 5159** or text **John** on **07986 533292.**

**OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER** - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - [addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

*Items for collection: Cadar, I Hedger*

*Baptism certificates: V Conkova, Z Mendoza, J Sweeney, L Taggart*

*Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (February) Readers (January / February) Servers (February) Repository ( January / March)*

**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.**

**CALLING ALL READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

There will be a Day of Recollection on **Saturday 15th February** for readers and Eucharistic ministers. It is being held at **St Columba's, Selsdon**, and will run from **10.15am - 3.45pm.** It is important for the fruitful and effective exercise of your ministry. Bring a picnic lunch: drinks provided. Advance booking is essential: contact **Deacon Philip Pond** on [philippond@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:philippond@rcaos.org.uk) or **020 8651 4653.**

**DIVERSITY ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP**

Will be meeting on **Monday 10th February** 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**

**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!

**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.**

**A GIFT FOR HUSBAND AND WIFE:** Spend **4th April** exploring your relationship in the light of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of Love*, at a marriage-enrichment day entitled *Building A Better Marriage.* Gain valuable insights into your communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no group sharing during the day. **9.45am - 4.30pm** at **St Teresa's** church hall Ashford. Suggested donation of £10 per couple. Booking is essential: call **07983 524727** or email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

**A TIME FOR MOURNING:** This retreat/workshop at Aylesford Priory from March 20-22, is for those suffering from the pain of loss. It offers a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. A space just for you. Call **01303 670880** / email [mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk)

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!**

The next quiz by Andy Bebington - with Liz's famed ploughman's - for Citizens Advice Croydon is on **20th March** in the **large hall.**

Teams of up to 8; **tickets £11 each or 8 for £80** (Form a team! Save money!) from [lizbeb@gmail.com](mailto:lizbeb@gmail.com) or **020 8777 4840.**

Buy before they all go ...

**TREASURER NEEDED:** For 1st Addiscombe Guides. If you think you can volunteer to help in this role please contact **Louise** at [1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com](mailto:1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com) or **07941 006863** for more details. Thank you!