



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 By appointment only

9th August 2020 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

CALLED OR NOT, GOD IS PRESENT

Above the office door of the Swiss psychiatrist, Carl Jung (1875-1961), hung a stone plaque inscribed with the words: “**Called or Not, God is Present.**” Jung’s sign encapsulated in a few words what the joint testaments of Judaism and Christianity have put forth in hundreds of thousands of words for centuries, viz., that the Transcendent Almighty God chooses to be with humankind, to commune with us, to love and move among us, to be near, to abide, to be present whether called or not, in peace, as well as in panic. The real question is not, “Is God absent from us.” Rather the real question is: “Are we absent from God?” This Sunday’s first reading relates the experience of the prophet Elijah who sought and realized the presence of God in the peaceful silence of Horeb (Sinai). Peter and the disciples in the gospel experienced the presence of God in the person of Jesus whose power over the sea calmed their panic and fostered their Faith. Paul, in the second reading, taken from Romans, lamented the fact that not all of his fellow Israelites had come to know the saving presence of God as he had, on the road to Damascus.

We all need to call Jesus in the storms facing us in the Church and in our lives. Let us approach Jesus with strong Faith in his ability and willing availability to calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our own lives. Church history shows us how Jesus saved his Church from the storms of persecution in the first three centuries, from the storms of heresies in the 5th and 6th centuries, from the storms of moral degradation and the Protestant reformation movement (later resulting in hundreds of denominations), in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, We need to realize that it is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: the storms of anxiety and worries about the future we are suffering now in the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic (Covid-19), storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations, and storms in family relationships. But this peace flows only from a personal relationship with God, with Jesus,



*** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION ***

*Please text your name to this parish telephone number - 07548 868418.
 Many thanks for your cooperation.*

Mass Intentions This Week

8 August: Saturday SAINT DOMINIC

10:00 Joseph Phokeerdoss RIP

17:30 All Parishioners

18:30 Wellbeing of Michelle Miller

9 August: NINETEENTH SUNDAY

09:00 Gemma Meik RIP

10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP

11:00 Mrs Francis Ryan RIP

12:00 Flor O'Donoghue RIP

10 August: Monday SAINT LAWRENCE

10:00 Ethel Paul RIP

11 August: Tuesday SAINT CLARE

10:00 Marguerite & David Warner (RIP)

58th Wedding Anniversary

12 August: Wednesday

10:00 Concetta Winchester RIP

13 August: Thursday

10:00 Brid White RIP

19:30 Belinda Elahee RIP

14 August: Friday

SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE

10:00 Angela Crovato RIP

15 August: Saturday

10:00 Intentions of Brother Gregory

17:30 Welfare of Christine Brooks

18:30 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP

16 August: SUNDAY

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

09:00 John & Nick Hayward RIP

10:00 Thanksgiving for Michael & Bina Bowen

60th Wedding Anniversary

11:00 Albert Sayers RIP

12:00 All Parishioners



UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO LIVE STREAM 10AM MASS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. THIS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO OTHER PARISH'S LIVE STREAMS IN THE MEANTIME.

COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

An Offertory box is now located in the church porch if you wish to drop off your donation.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Charlotte Agacy, Fr Martin Kensington, Mary Lee, Eileen Turner, Baby Helen Barrett, Ethel Paul, Anne Marie Ryan, Concetta Winchester, Charles Wilson, John Kilkelly, Patrick McKee, Sophia Chesher, Dorothy Bertha Martin, Carolina Lopes, Angela Cravato, Lucy Warnock, Augustine Williams, Bob Woodroffe, Winifred Harrington

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

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

St Mildred's Drop In Centre for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed them when the Centre reopens.

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site including the development of the *Irish Shop*.

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.*

FR KEITH: Is now on his summer break until 23rd August. Fr Jackson is available should you need an appointment etc.

COMPULSORY FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

Due to new government guidelines, as of this weekend (**8th August**) it is **compulsory to wear a face covering during Mass**. We are unable to supply masks for everyone each week, so respectfully ask that people provide their own, and wear them during Mass until further notice. Many thanks.

RECENT DEATHS

We have just received notice that Mr Andrew Martin (husband of Maureen Martin, former Headteacher at Coloma) died on 13th July. Our thoughts and prayers go to Maureen and her family at this very sad time.

Also, please remember Dr Philomena Hoskins in your prayers, (mother of Claire Coleman) who died on Sunday night.

Our sympathies go to both families and may the souls of their loved ones Rest In Peace.

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please 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: As the parish office remains closed to the public, if you wish to purchase a Mass card, *you will only be able to do so when the Church is open during the times shown above. Please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED!

Are you good with flowers, creative, or even just willing to help and learn with supervision? Our flower team is shrinking and we need more volunteers to come and help make our church a beautiful place to worship!

If you are willing and able to assist, please email the parish office at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk and we will pass your information on.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday 9am – 10.50am

Saturday - 9am - 10.30am and 5pm - 7pm

Sunday - 8am – 12.30pm

The church will close between Mass times for cleaning

Sat	5.30pm	Family bubbles only
Sat	6.30pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	9.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	10.00am	Family bubbles only
Sun	11.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	12.00pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY MARGARET ROPER SCHOOL - FROM SEPT 2020

Download the application form on the Margaret Roper School website or see the poster on Our Lady's webpage for more details .

Application deadline midday, Friday 14th August 2020

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2020/2021

APOLOGIES THAT NEW BOXES OF GIFT AID ENVELOPES ARE NOT AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND.

*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.*

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.

OUR LADY'S INVITES YOU TO.....

Do you have any questions or doubts about **FAITH AND SACRED SCRIPTURE?**

Your priests are ever ready to clarify at this moment of pandemic. Send an email to the parish office: addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk marked **ASK YOUR PRIEST**.



"For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty and people seek instruction from his mouth". (Malachi 2:7)

ASK YOUR PRIEST

STAY ALERT

CONTROL THE VIRUS

SAVE LIVES