Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday 9.30am and 5.00pm.

9 November 2014 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (see page 192 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Most people probably think that St Peter's is the pope's main church in Rome. But actually it is the Church of St John Lateran which is the cathedral and hence the Pope's church as Bishop of the Diocese of Rome. On the façade of the basilica there is an inscription in Latin which reads, "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world". We tend to forget that the Pope is primarily a Bishop, a first among equals, and that this church has a special and symbolic importance for the whole Church.

The present Lateran basilica was erected in 1646. It ranks first among the four major basilicas in Rome (with St Peter's, St Mary Major's and St Paul's Outside the Walls) as the Ecumenical Mother Church.

Celebrating the dedication of the Pope's cathedral today is a way of expressing the unity of the whole Church with the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. And the union of each local church with this church is an expression of the unity of all churches both with Rome and with each other.

Today we remember the men and women of the sea, land and air forces who laid down their lives in the two World Wars and all who have perished in combat since then for the cause of freedom and justice. Remembrance Sunday is an occasion for us to deepen our faith in the resurrection of the Lord, and in the resurrection of all those who lost their lives in battle.

At the going down of the sun, And in the morning,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Mass Intentions This Week

8 November: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
10:00 Joseph Dieu Tran RIP
18:00 Bernard Considine RIP

9 November:
08:30 Maurice& Margaret Slattery RIP ~#
10:00 Catherine Crowley RIP ~ #
12:00 All Parishioners # +

Monday: 10 November
10.00 Eucharistic Service

Tuesday: 11 November
10:00 Pat Maher RIP

Wednesday: 12 November
10:00 Michael Mabiala & Family RIP

Thursday: 13 November
10:00 Funeral: Michael Huggett

Friday: 14 November
10:00 Holy Souls
Eucharistic Adoration for vocations
10.30am - 8pm in Sacred Heart chapel

Saturday: 15 November
10.00 Flor O'Dononghue RIP
18:00 Michael Walsh RIP +

16 November:
08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 Ines & Gerald Zampa & Son Godwin
12:00 Tony Borfiga RIP

+ With Baptism
~ With Children's Liturgy
# Foodbank Sunday

WEEKLY DRAW

5 November 2014
£5, Stephen McCarthy
£50, Laura Gaunt
£50, Matthew Rowe

CHURCH CLEANING

Team D: Mrs Aitchison

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£577.10
Gift Aid Envelopes	£625.38
S/Os	£880.00
Total	£2082.48

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a diocesan collection for **Archbishops' administration fund,** this is Gift Aid Eligible so please use your envelopes. On Sunday 23rd November there will be a collection for **Catholic Youth Services.**

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Audrey Moynihan, Baby Amelia Pond, Ted Curry, Baby Harry Stammers, Theresa Kintu*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *William Bradley, Mildred Potter, Rosanna Jamieson, Michael Jones, Denis Everest, Catherine Downes, Sr. Joseph, Samir Nasr, Peter Pender, Dorothy Lloyd-Jones, Mary Gorman, Theresa Morgan, John Grove, Joan Cooper, Maud West, Jan Jadkowski, Alan Crabb, Lydia Collins, Joseph McNaughton, Alistair Aitchison, Phil Hennessy.*

MEETINGS

Confirmation Practice: Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm (Church).

Please keep the Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

RECENT DEATHS: The funeral of Michael Huggett will take place here on Thursday 13th at 10am followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium at 11.30am. All are invited to refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please keep his parents and family in your prayers.

The death has also occurred of former traditional choir member Josie McCulloch, mother of Mary Crinnegan. Her funeral will be held at St Andrew's Church, 45 Brook Road, Thornton Heath at 10am on Thursday 13th November, then at Croydon Crematorium East Chapel at 11.15am. Refreshments at The Surprise Pub, Upper Shirley Rd, Shirley from 1pm.

MOTHERS PRAYERS TALK: Saturday 15th November, 10am-4pm. St John the Baptist, Dale Road, CR8 2EF. contact Beryl on 0208406040604.

THOMAS BECKET CHRISTMAS FAIR: will be on Sunday 30th November, 12noon to 4pm. This year the Grand Draw first prize is £200 Love to Shop vouchers to spend in your favourite stores! – at 50p a ticket, you can't go wrong. There is lots of fun to be had by everyone, there's the traditional festive beverages and hot food to warm you up. Becket Bar will not disappoint either. The tea room will showcase the best works of the acclaimed "Becket Bakers". For £1 only, you can show off your baking skills by entering our new competition – "The Great Bake Off" for a chance to win exciting baking goodies. In addition, the winner will be our first ever "Best Baker". There will be lots of activities for children of all ages, Adults and children's Tombola, Teddy Tombola, Christmas gifts - the list is endless. Donations of Chutneys and bottles can be left in the porch. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass from this weekend

TOWARDS ADVENT: Festival of Catholic Culture, Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1. Saturday 22nd November, starting at 10.30am.

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday, 9th November: **Mary & The New Counties**
Sunday, 16th November: **Mary Darcy**

Help raise £1K + for St Christopher's Hospice: Brendan Shine will be appearing at the Fairfield Hall on Wednesday, 19th November. Tickets can be booked either on-line or direct from the Fairfield Hall. During the interval the Committee from the Addiscombe Catholic Social Club will be holding a raffle in support of St Christopher's Hospice.

The Fundraising Jamboree for ***Anerley ACROSS*** - a charity which takes disabled young people to Lourdes on an annual basis, will take place on Friday, 5th December. Entertainment will be by Pat Hayes with special guests ***The Three Celebrities - The Brush Dancers***. Tickets at £5.00 each will be available on the door. You can also support this event by donating prizes for the raffle or items for the auction.

HOLY SOULS: We invite members of the parish to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of the church, list their family and friends who have died, and place the lists in the envelope. These envelopes are 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.

APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES: Please complete the form which can be downloaded from the parish website and return it to the presbytery, only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Joe. Appointments will finish at the end of November.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING: On Saturday 29th November from 2 - 4pm. I have a small supply of rings for sale to make the wreaths; please contact me by Monday, 24th November if you need one. Bring garden clippers/gloves or scissors, any candles, greenery and decorations you wish to add. *Jo Murphy 8405 2000.*

GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMERMORATIVE SOUVENIR CALENDER: Now available: With pictures and the history of our Church, please buy from the repository or outside after Mass. Cost £5.99. They make a unique Christmas present.

REPOSITORY: A lovely selection of Diaries and Christmas cards are now on sale in the Repository Shop. Other items for Christmas will be on sale soon.

ANNUAL DEANERY MASS: For deceased Priests and people of the Croydon Deanery – All are invited to this Mass which will be celebrated at St Mary's, West Croydon on Wednesday 19th November at 12.10pm.

ORDINATION

to the Diaconate of Keith Sylvia
here at Our Lady's—**Friday 21st November at 7.30pm.**
ALL ARE WELCOME
We invite you to contribute to the reception afterwards. There is a list on the table at the back of the church for you to write what you will bring. Please keep Keith, Jacqueline and family in your prayers. Thank You.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESE YOUTH MINISTRY DAY: 15th November 10.30-4.30pm in Amigo Hall. Free admission, booking required-email info@scys.org.uk or call 01227272900.

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL: Present the Centenary of WW1 on Tuesday 11th Nov, 7.30pm in the school Chapel. Please see the notice board for more information.

HEAVEN'S ROAD CATHOLIC RADIO: Remembrance Day Programmes
We will be broadcasting a full programme of features remembering the fallen on Sunday 9th and Tuesday 11th November. See http://www.heavensroadfm.com/ for details.

STEWARDSHIP
Teresa Keogh, who spoke to us recently on Stewardship, will be coming to the parish on three Monday evenings for follow up meetings. I hope that many of you will make an effort to come – 17th & 24 November and 1st December. It's an opportunity to reflect on the blessings we have received as individuals and as a community, and, with an attitude of gratitude, reflect on how we can use our time, talent or treasure, for the benefit of others.

Items for collection: *D Linehan, L Brewer, S McCarthy, M Rowe (2), L Gaunt, P Burgess, J Harris, Sr. Celia (3).*

Bapt Certs: *E Lippett.*

Rotas: *Readers (Christmas).*