



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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## 10th January 2021 The Baptism of the Lord YEAR B

*In the first news letter after Christmas Fr. Jackson and I would like to thank you once again for your incredible generosity with gifts, cards & best wishes, and in the Christmas Offerings. We continue to be blessed in serving you through, what is hoped will be a better year for us all. God bless you, your families and all your loved ones.*

I have posted in full on the website the letter received from the Bishops of England and Wales regarding the Covid-19 vaccines developed to date. In short they **encourage us, for our own sakes and the sake of restoring public health, to engage with the vaccination program when we are contacted by the NHS when our time comes.**

That said, the bishops advise that the Oxford Vaccine was developed using aborted 'Foetal Tissue', and that as Catholics this is abhorrent to us. At the same time it is our duty not to endanger our own lives or the lives of others by continuing to be a risk to public health especially as the consequences may prove fatal. The bishops therefore are trusting us to **properly consider** our own situations and to act according to the dictates of our own consciences.

An announcement from the Vatican offers further advice:

"It is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process."

Due to the situation of the ongoing pandemic, "all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive."

For myself, when contacted I will enquire of Pfizer Vaccine and be prepared to wait for it, or to travel if necessary if it is only available through a distribution centre (as this is what I was told by my GP). Local surgeries are likely to be administering the Oxford Vaccine as it is logistically easier.

God bless

\*\*\* **BREAKING NEWS** \*\*\* *fr Keith.*

It has just been announced on the news that the Moderna COVID Vaccine has been approved for use in the UK, meaning there are now **three** vaccines available to us.

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 9 January: Saturday

10:00 Colin Cully RIP

17:30 Adrienne Baptiste RIP

18:30 Mary Rose Farrell RIP

### 10 January: Sunday

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

09:00 All Parishioners

10:00 Intentions of Margaret & John Grimsley

11:00 Anthony McClosky RIP

12:00 Mary Joyce RIP

### 11 January: Monday

10:00 Intentions of Tobi Arowobusoye

### 12 January: Tuesday

10:00 Wellbeing of Paula O'Driscoll

### 13 January: Wednesday

10:00 Rachael & Fredy D'Silva RIP

### 14 January: Thursday

10:00 Best Wishes for Derrick Nelson & Keziah Bramble

19:30 Betty McHugh RIP 2nd Anniversary

### 15 January: Friday

10:00 Andy Buchan RIP

### 16 January: Saturday

10:00 *Eucharistic Service*

17:30 Joan McHugh RIP

18:30 All Parishioners

### 17 January: SECOND SUNDAY

09:00 Intentions Of The Wilson Family

10:00 Thanksgiving for Michael Bowen's 92nd Birthday

11:00 The Boase Family RIP

12:00 Rosalie Hughes RIP



### IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Your *Christmas Offerings* for Fr Keith & Fr Jackson amounted to approximately **£8900**. Many thanks for your kind generosity.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney, Bina Bowen, Patrick Murphy

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Patrick Flanagan, Vivian Rowland, Mitzi Carrara, Colin Cully, Paddy Fitzgerald, Jennifer Jones, Betty Reynolds, Eileen Andrew, John Ellicott, Gaetano Mansi, Louisa White, Colm Folan, Irene Foley, Maura Brophy, Daniel Gibbs, Peter Rooney, Monica Grant, Denise Pepper, Anne Overton, Doris Corazzo, Luis Fernandez, John Fowley, Dorothy Rowland, Alfred McSweeney, Agnes Solle, Elsie Keane, Cynthia Forage, Agnes Donlon, Elizabeth McHugh, Mark Murphy, Claire O'Dwyer, Eric Stammers, John O'Flaherty, Valerie Cotta, Arthur Donegan, Terry McGuire, Richard Harvey, Irene Rozario, Elvira Molda, Randolph Coombs, Lydia Nasse, Isobel Anderson, Fr. Tom Connelly, John Scanlon, Norman Cunningham, Mary Finigan, Kathleen O'Brien, Lena Crinnegan, Juliet Dias, Celino Rodrigues, Rosalie Hughes

**\*\*\* 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.

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you & your Families a very Happy & Prosperous New Year.

The Bonus Draw for the *Christmas Raffle* has taken place. Full results are available on the Parish website.

<http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/>

Thank you to the Parish Community for your support of the Raffle.

*Ally Harron & Marian Curry* invite you to a "*Dancing in the Kitchen Concert*", on Thursday, 14th January at 8.00pm. The Concert will be available via Ally Harron's Facebook site. Please send your requests to Marian [marian.music@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marian.music@hotmail.co.uk).

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.*

**RECENT DEATH:** We are sad to announce the recent death of *Brian August*. Brian (formerly of Addiscombe Rd) was a well know parishioner before moving out of the area and will be sadly missed by many of us. Please keep his wife Mary, and all the family in your prayers at this sad time.

### AYC NEWS

AYC have a brilliant evening planned on the **29th January!** This will be a professionally organised **Sherlock Holmes themed Escape room**. This is to replace the paint balling day we had planned and there is no charge for this event. This is for school years 8-10.

There are limited spaces so please email [Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com). Closing date for registering your interest is **25th January**.

If you have a year 7 young person who would like to join AYC (only zoom sessions at the moment) please email. We need numbers of 10+ to run an activity for them and are very keen to do this.

New Year Blessings from the AYC team

### RESPOND TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONSULTATION TO STOP HOME ABORTIONS!

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women at home. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

The consultation ends on 26 February 2021

**GIFT AID:** There are still 70+ sets of Gift Aid envelopes uncollected in the parish office. If you would like yours, please ring the office giving your FULL NAME and your box will be left on the table in the church entrance for collection.

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

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

In order to provide our secretaries with a **COVID SECURE** working environment, the Parish office **REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. Rachel and Stephanie continue to work in isolation answering your calls and emails, *however please do not go to the office without an appointment or calling to notify us in advance.*

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### ST THOMAS BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2021 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

**We are open to receive your applications for Reception Class!**

Please come to the school office on Becket Close (just off Birchanger Lane) between 9.30am and 2.30pm any weekday.

**The deadline for applications is Friday 15th January 2021**



More information can be found on our website

[www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk)

**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 exit, 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](mailto: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.

### THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT INVITES YOU TO "GLOBAL HEALING"

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we invite YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home.

**When** - Thursdays from 18<sup>th</sup> February – 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 – 8.30pm

**How to join** - To register please click [HERE](#) or email [jane@catholicclimatemovement.global](mailto:jane@catholicclimatemovement.global)

**STAY HOME**

**PROTECT THE NHS**

**SAVE LIVES**