

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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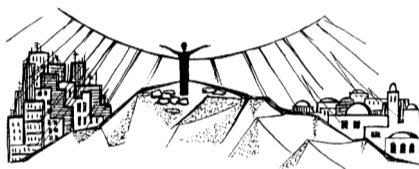
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm Wednesday: Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

10th March 2019 First Sunday of Lent (page 153 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always the story of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. It is intended to make us think not only about Jesus and his struggle but to help us realise that the history of God's people from Adam and Eve to the present day involves a similar story. The essence of the temptation of Jesus was the idea that he could go it alone, that he could be entirely self-sufficient. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on the Father. He knew that he needed to be nourished by God's word and that his true destiny lay in his seeking to do his Father's will. When Satan succeeds in convincing us that we have it in our power to save ourselves then we are on the path to self destruction. Lent is a time for us to humbly take God's hand and to walk the path of faith and love that leads to Easter.



Lent Prose

"Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us,
For we have sinned against thee."

Gospel Acclamation

"Lord we praise you, Christ we give you glory.
Glory and praise to you, Word of God."

Mass Intentions This Week

9 March: Saturday

10:00 Ashley Jacob RIP

18:00 Sarah Tommaney RIP

10 March: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners *

10:00 Croydon Catenian Circle:

Tony Moynihan RIP * +

12:00 James Molamphy RIP

14:00 Igbo Community Mass

11 March: Monday

10:00 Ellen Flanagan RIP

12 March: Tuesday

10:00 Andrew Pisavadia

13 March: Wednesday

10:00 Nora Beck RIP

15:45 Stations of the Cross

14 March: Thursday

10:00 Eddie Gallacher RIP

15 March: Friday

10:00 Peter Vo RIP

16 March: Saturday

10:00 Thanksgiving For Duncan & Flo Pears
60th Year

18:00 Betty McHugh RIP ~ +

17 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Margaret Warnock RIP 1st Ann. ~

10:00 John & Eveleen McBride RIP ~ #

12:00 Michael Joseph Murphy RIP ~

+ With Baptism

* With Children's Liturgy

~ With Foodbank Sunday

With Uniformed Groups

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Ann Marie Christian - 020 8662 0319 or amc@annmariechristian.com

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 12th at 8pm (PRC)

Safeguarding Committee: Tuesday 12th at 8pm (Small Hall)

RCIA: Stations of the Cross - Wednesday 13th at 8pm (Church)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash £ 547.67

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 680.06

S/Os £ 975.00

Total £ 2202.73

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Poor Parishes* amounted to £754.09. Many thanks. Next week there will be a second collection for *CAFOD Family Fast Day*. Please pick up an envelope from the porch for your donation. Thank you.

**** 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, John Boswood, Margarett Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Marc Simpson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: William Larkin, Thomas Godwin, Peter Dunne, Isobel Galley, Mabel Levett, Barbara Joyce, Sr Mary Constance, Melville Pinto, Aaron Grimsley, Zena Winnifred Simpson, Eva Senn, Patrick Farren, John Morrison, George Bunyan, Philip Lavocah, Michael Sayers, Luisa Fernandes, Anna O'Donnell, Marion O'Dwyer, Annie Kingman, Joseph Devitt, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Sandy, Winifred Collins, Baby Matthew Neydorff, Norman Coombes, Patrick Kelly, Eveleen McBride, Margaret Warnock

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

10th March: Sean Wilson
17th March: Kenny Paul
24th March: The Duets
31st March: Gerry Kelly
7th April: Eugene Doonan
14th April: Finbar & Paul

The Social Club programme for St Patrick's weekend will be as follows:

The evening with *Mick Flavin & His Band* on Friday, 15th March is now a complete sell out; *admission will be strictly by Ticket Only*. All proceeds from this event will be given to *Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children*. You can also support this event by donating items for the Raffle & Auction.

Kenny Paul on Sunday, 17th March - St Patrick's Day. The evening will commence at 7.30pm and there will also be a recital by the *Castlereagh Brass & Reed Band*. Admission will be Members: £4.00 and Guests: £5.00.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019

Many thanks to everyone who came along and helped to make this service such a wonderfully prayerful and moving evening. The stories from Slovenia were both thought-provoking and challenging and had a big impact on attendees as reflected in the feedback received. We look forward to sharing in this unique worldwide wave of prayer for many years to come.

MISSING!!

The **5th Addiscombe Rainbows** have lost their flag - it's been missing since the December parade Mass. Could all unit leaders please check that it's not been put away with their own flag or into a cupboard somewhere for safekeeping. If found please contact **Tracie** on **07802 702533**. Thank you.

SUPPORT TO KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL: CRITICAL CARE CENTRE APPEAL

The Hospital are currently extending their Critical Care Centre to 120 beds, which is funded totally by Government.

In addition, the hospital wants to provide additional resources to support the recovery of critically ill patients; these will include a range of new technologies including *a tablet connected to the internet for every patient* and the development of a *roof garden*. Patients will be able to use *Skype* and *Facetime* to send messages to friends, say good morning and goodnight to their children, and be part of the important things that make up everyday life, like birthdays. Going outside can completely change how critically ill patients feel, by giving them something different and positive to focus on. Staff say that patients have an increased drive to get better once they have had a chance to see normal life going around them, outside of a hospital.

These additional resources will cost approx. £2.6 Million, which has to be raised by donations & sponsorship.

To support the fundraising programme, a *Gala Dinner & Dance* will take place at the Bromley Court Hotel on Friday, 5th April. Tickets are now available at £50.00 each or a table of 10 for £475.00. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction. For further information, please call the event coordinator, **Pat Winston** on **07734 250375**.

GRIEF AND LOSS RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND

22 - 24th March

Dealing with the death of a husband or wife is a difficult, painful and lengthy process. This residential weekend at **Aylesford Priory** in Kent is designed to help people who have been bereaved to come to terms with their loss.

More details contact **Elizabeth Partridge** on **01303 670880** or email **mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk**

LENTEN MASSES IN CUH

There will be Mass every **Monday** during Lent, at 12 noon, in the Hospital Chapel. All are most welcome.

REPOSITORY

St Patrick's Day, RCIA and Mother's Day cards are all now on sale in the Repository Shop. Easter cards will be on sale later this month.

28th CROYDON SCOUTS FAMILY BINGO EVENING

Saturday 30th March 2019 - Large Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5's free)

Reserve your place by calling **Andrea** on **07952 664224**.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Require 2 x **Receptionist/Clerical Officers**, each to work 15 hours per week from 7am to 10am or 3pm to 6pm, term time plus 5 days. Also **Exam Invigilators** required from May 2019, hours to be agreed. Please see the school website **st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk/** email **t.bruce@stmaryscroydon.co.uk** or call **Tracie Bruce** on **8686 3837**. Notices are also on the schools board in the porch.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE 12th - 14th April

This is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation or divorce. The venue is Domus Mariae Centre in Chigwell, Essex. For more details contact **Freda** on **01322 838415** or email **johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk**

APPEAL FOR ST MILDRED'S DROP IN

Please can you donate any **reusable carrier bags** for the Homeless Drop In Centre at St Mildred's. There is a collection point in the Church porch. Thank you.

GIFT AID MEMBERS

The new sets of envelopes will be distributed in early May. Prior to that I have to check the list of members and delete names and details for anyone no longer using their envelopes.

There are always deletions for people who have moved away, but sometimes a set has been lost or mislaid and cannot be used.

If this applies to you and you do want to remain a member of the Gift Aid scheme you need to contact me via the parish office and I can issue a new set.

The tax rebate the parish receives on your donations for the offertory, second collections and mass stipends is a very valuable source of income and your willing participation in the scheme is much appreciated.

There are always forms available at the back of the Church for new members as well as forms for those who contribute by Banker's Order, who may be able to implement an annual increase in their offering. **Jenny Mitchener**

Items for collection: *N Akinyemi, 5th Rainbows*

Baptism certificates: *R Dos Remedios, A Jones, B Mead, Neves, J Read*