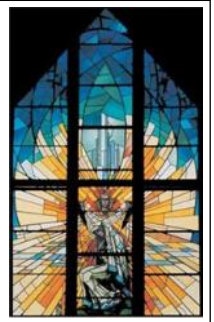




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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## 10th March 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent (page 162 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

During World War II, Pope Pius XII made numerous appeals for prayer. These appeals took root in the heart and mind of Padre Pio and inspired him to establish prayer groups. He motivated his spiritual children to be the first responders to the Holy Father's pleas for prayer in troubled times, and he encouraged them to "do something about it."

In August of 1950, an official request for the formation of the prayer groups was made: "It is time to unite! It is time to unite both intentions and actions: To offer our Lord collective prayers imploring His mercy for a humanity that appears to have forgotten Him; to feel in the collective participation of the Divine Sacrifice of the Mass the wonderful mystery of love that Jesus bestows on humanity for their redemption; to adore God in the most Holy Sacrament – the greatest mystery of our faith, the marvellous gift which God has given humanity for their salvation, for their elevation toward Him who is their father; to live in a state of Grace so as to feel like God's own children."

Padre Pio envisioned the Prayer Groups as God's instruments of relief for a suffering world. He once commented: "Today's society does not pray, that is why it is falling apart." Perhaps we can all agree that this holds true even in our time. Padre Pio defined the purpose of the Prayer Groups: "The cultivation of the faith; the germination of love, where Christ Himself will be present at every prayer meeting; the fraternal agape under the guidance of a pastor or spiritual director."

His spiritual children from near and far quickly responded by gathering as faith communities in churches to pray, and the prayer groups were born! During the lifetime of Padre Pio, the movement quickly grew not only regionally, but nationally and internationally as well.

So, let us accept the invitation of our dear Saint Pio to come together regularly and offer to God prayers for ourselves, others, and especially our Holy Father. "Let's roll up our sleeves," and, with hearts full of gratitude, give God the glory and thanks He rightfully deserves.

The program established by Padre Pio which is still followed is: Rosary; Holy Mass with Reflection; Catechetical Teaching; Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament; Confessions; and Closing Benediction.

The Prayer Groups were approved again by Pope Saint Paul VI. The group's prayers have opened many hearts to a true appreciation of the special graces granted Padre Pio and the efficacy of intercession made in his name.

*We would like to encourage you to join our parish prayer group. The First meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th of March at 10.45am.*

*fr Tomasz*

### MEETINGS

**SVP:** Tuesday 12th at 8pm (PRC)  
**RCIA:** Wednesday 13th at 8pm (PRC) *Scripture - The Story of Holy Week*  
**Young Adults' Fellowship:** Friday 15th at 7pm (PRC) *See note overleaf*



**Hearing Loop**  
 Switch hearing aid to T-coil

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 460.78
Loose cash	£ 774.48
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2525.26</b>

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 9 March: Saturday

10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP

18:00 Breda Mitchell RIP

### 10 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners \*

*(With 2nd Scrutiny - pg 165 of Mass book)*

10:00 Molly Bowen RIP Ann. \*

11:30 Sarah & Owen O'Hara RIP

### 11 March: Monday

10:00 Sherva Coorey RIP

### 12 March: Tuesday

10:00 Thanksgiving for Phong Tran

### 13 March: Wednesday

10:00 Bernard Canavan RIP

*15:45 Stations of the Cross*

### 14 March: Thursday

10:00 Intentions of Josie Brady

19:30 Caroline Koch RIP

### 15 March: Friday

10:00 Private Intention

### 16 March: Saturday

10:00 100th Birthday Wishes for

Josie Brady

18:00 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP ~

*(With 3rd Scrutiny - pg 172 of Mass book)*

### 17 March: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 John & Eveleen McBride RIP ~

10:00 All Parishioners ~

11:30 Joan McHugh RIP ~

\* *With Children's Liturgy*

~ *With Foodbank Sunday*

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

## COLLECTIONS

Next week there will be a Diocesan second collection for *Poor Parishes*.

**\*\* 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, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Michael Hewish, Ann Page, Arthur Hughes & all others*

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

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

10th March: Glen Flynn

17th March: **St Patrick's Day** - Frank Nelson

24th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

31st March: **Easter Sunday Special** - Kieran White

7th April: Theresa Rodgers

14th April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

21st April: TR Dallas

28th April: Cross Keys

- The winners of the 200 Club Across Draw for February 2024 are:

£100: Eamon Maher

£50: Mary Daly (Snr)

£50: Tom Denning

Cheques have now been sent to all of the winners. If you would like to join **the 200 Club**, please go to the website ([www.anerleyacross.org.uk](http://www.anerleyacross.org.uk)) and download an application form.

- **Our St Patrick's Celebrations include:**

**Sabrina Fallon & Shane Moore** appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 15th March from 7:30pm. There will also be a display of Dancing by the **Keady Academy of Dance**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Place to be Cafe, Purley**; a Social Club for older people living with **Dementia** and **their Carers**. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling **Pat Winston on 07734 250375**. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

**Frank Nelson & Michael Howard** will be with us on St Patrick's Day: Sunday, 17th March from 7:30pm. The Castlerea Brass & Reed Band will also give a display of Music. Admission will be by Ticket: Members - £5.00 & Guests £6.00. **To reserve Tickets call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

### RECENT DEATH & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent deaths of **Georgina Donoghue** and **Antonio Fernandes**.

**Antonio's** funeral will be held here at Our Lady's on Thursday 4th April at 10am, and **Georgina's** funeral will also be here on Friday 5th April at 10am. Please keep them both in your prayers at this time.

Also, our sympathies go to the family of **Merle Rosemeyer**, who died peacefully on Friday 8th March. Merle was very well known in the parish, and details of her funeral will be published shortly.

May their gentle souls all **Rest In Peace**.

The funeral of **Bill Yates** will be held on Monday, 18 March at 2.30pm at St John the Evangelist Church, Shirley Church Road, CR0 5EE. Refreshments after at Shirley Park Golf Club, Addiscombe Road. *It would be helpful if you could let Angela know if you intend on coming 020 8654 3041.*

**THE INTERFAITH GROUP:** Will meet on Wednesday March 20th from 1.30 to 3pm in the Hinsley room next to Westminster cathedral, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP to discuss the last two chapters of Pope Francis' Laudate Deum. Refreshments available and all welcome. If you would like to join our day in Cambridge on Wed April 24th please contact [woodhousesopten@btinternet.com](mailto:woodhousesopten@btinternet.com)

### B SYLVIA FITNESS - COMBATX COMING SOON

'CombatX' offers an exhilarating group workout fuelled by martial arts energy, with zero physical contact involved. Engage in dynamic punches and kicks to enhance your fitness level and torch calories effectively. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned fitness enthusiast, you can tailor the workout to suit your requirements. Explore techniques borrowed from Karate, Taekwondo, Boxing, Muay Thai, Capoeira, and Kung Fu. Unwind, enjoy, and experience the empowerment of releasing stress while feeling like a true champion.

**CombatX launches on Monday 15th April - more details coming soon!**

**For Collection:** K Duignan

**Baptism certificates:** COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (March) Readers (Mar/April)

### DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Dear Parishioners, our meeting last Sunday was very productive and inspiring as we appreciated our blessings over the years and resolved, with fresh exciting ideas, to keep our flame alight. Many thanks to all who attended and also sent their apologies. More details to follow as soon as possible. **Meanwhile SAVE Sunday 2nd June for our collaborative Big Lunch.**

So start thinking of what dish you will put on the table and the special outfits you and family will wear. Much love and blessings, Sylvia 07870508790

### COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR 2025 CALENDAR

*Thank you for your continued support.* It has been a successful start to collecting pledges for a date in memory of our deceased loved ones. This is an opportunity for ALL parishioners, new parishioners as well as long term parishioners and past parishioners who still have a connection to Our Lady's, to be part of the start of our centenary celebrations. Your loved ones do not have to have been parishioners.

There are still dates available for £20 per name of a loved one. If you are interested, please contact the parish office by email to [addiscombe@rcaos.or.uk](mailto:addiscombe@rcaos.or.uk) giving the name of the loved one and two preferred dates (to avoid disappointment) to reserve a date.

Payment is by cash or cheque (made payable to Addiscombe Catholic Church) in an envelope marked 100 with the **name of your loved one, preferred dates and your contact number**.

To keep the production of the calendar on target all payments must be received by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to confirm your requested entry into the calendar.

### YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

This group for ages 23 - 35, meets **fortnightly** on a **Friday evening in the PRC at 7pm**. Take a look at the posters in the porch for a better idea of what the group is about.

Our next meeting is on **15th March**. Please join us!

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

My thanks to the majority of Envelope donors who remember to use them every week. So far you have donated approximately £24,000 in the current tax year, which has resulted in £6000 plus being reclaimed from the Inland Revenue. If you have mislaid your set, or no longer wish to use them, please let me know. If lost, I will issue you a new box to keep you going until the 2024-25 boxes are issued in May/June.

An early reminder to all Gift Aid scheme members: your Easter offering to our priests is included in the scheme providing it can be identified by envelope number, or full name/number if given by anyone donating their monthly offertory by Standing Order.

Total claims for 2023-24 to date have added £23,800 to the parish bank balance. Many, many thanks.

**JOSIE BRADY & FAMILY:** Would like to thank everyone for all their kind wishes, cards, gifts and Masses on the occasion of her 100th birthday. You are all in her thoughts and prayers.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - THANKS

This was a beautiful and heartfelt event which allowed those attending an insight into the lives of Palestinian Christian women and the issues they have to face and live with. It was lovely to see several attendees from other churches joining us this year and we hope to see them again in future years.

Thanks to all those who helped in the preparation of the service and those who undertook roles in reading, prayer and individual women's histories. Special thanks go to Jacqueline and the ladies from St Mildred's Choir who helped to make the musical element of the service the heartiest ever. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the women who prepared the service in Palestine and hope that they find some comfort from the worldwide delivery of their call for bearing with one another in love.

### CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz is away next week, therefore talks will resume on **Wednesday 20th March**.

# ADDISCOMBE PARISH'S CENTENARY 2025

*Did you know that next year, 2025, is the Centenary of the opening of the Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation?*

*The first Church opened on 11th October 1925 in the former "button factory" on the corner of Lower Addiscombe Road and Brockenhurst Road. It was a satellite of the Parish of St. Chad's. Our current Church was completed and opened on 8th December 1964, so this year we celebrate 60 years of continuous service in Bingham Road.*

*We are planning to produce a Souvenir Commemorative Calendar celebrating one hundred years of our Parish.*

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- 1. Have you any contacts in companies or work for organisations that would be willing to sponsor a month up to 12 months for advertising their logo?*
- 2. Has anyone got any contacts with a reliable designer and/or printing company that we can use?*
- 3. For costs and with details of the above, please email the Parish office. A letter has been written that can be given to companies and organisations with details of sponsorship.*
- 4. Have you any photos from any past events? Have you any of past Parish Priests? Any memories that you can share?*

*Start searching those albums and attics now!*

***PLEASE HOLD ON TO THEM UNTIL WE ASK YOU FOR THEM!***

*Our plan is to have the calendars available for sale at the Autumn Fayre 2024. All monies raised will be for Our Lady's - decisions on how it will be used will be discussed in due course.*

*There will be other celebrations so watch this space in the months to come!*

*Many thanks*

*Fr Keill.*

*Fr Tamarz*

*and the PPC.*