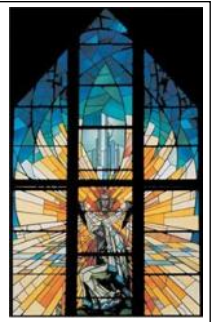




Our Lady of the Annunciation



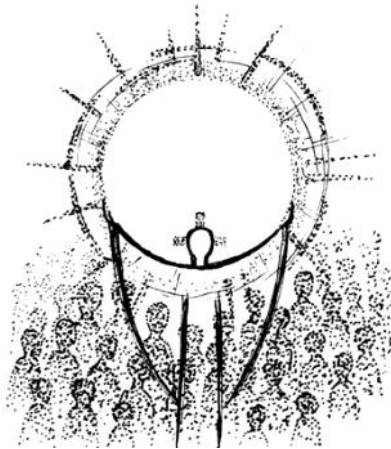
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10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter (page 268 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

In our Gospel today Jesus says: 'I will not leave you orphans.' This echoes the closing words of St. Mathews Gospel where he assures us of his presence always. Today, these words are meant for us. If you're feeling spiritually dry, if you've lost someone you depended on, or if God seems far away, then this message is for you: Jesus is not denying your loneliness. Rather, he's asking you to trust in his presence, without expecting constant proof. The Spirit that Jesus promises us doesn't always make his presence known, for he works silently. But you can be sure that he's always with you. So, let's no longer wonder why God feels so far away. Instead, let's remind ourselves that, wherever we are and whatever our circumstances, 'I am not an orphan.'

We cannot see him, but Jesus is always with us. Always. That is his promise. The love that raised Jesus from the dead is always quietly holding us, even when the night seems very dark.

(Deacon Peter)



Mass Intentions This Week

9 May: Saturday

10:00 Anne France RIP

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

10 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Mary Rayner RIP 5th Anniversary *

10:00 Christy Jordan RIP 9th Anniversary *

1st Holy Communion Family Mass

11:30 All Parishioners

11 May: Monday

10:00 Michael English RIP

12 May: Tuesday

10:00 Margot Evans RIP (Birthday)

13 May: Wednesday

10:00 Marie Wynne RIP

Holiday Vigil Mass

19:30 Bridget Meek RIP

14 May: Thursday

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

07:30 Fr Francis Donovan RIP

10:00 Anne Abbott RIP

19:30 Aiden Holder RIP

15 May: Friday SAINT JOHN STONE

10:00 Gina Foster RIP

16 May: Saturday SAINT SIMON STOCK

10:00 Margaret O'Neill RIP

18:00 Richard Casar

17 May: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara RIP

11:30 Celine Santamaria RIP

* *With Children's Liturgy*

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 12th at 10.45am (Small Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 12th at 8pm (PRC)

PPC: Thursday 14th at 8pm (PRC)

Arts & Crafts Group: Friday 15th May at 2pm (Small Hall)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

OFFERTORY

25th/26th April £2494.15

2nd/3rd May £2481.26

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS:

The recent collection for *The Priest Training Fund* amounted to £1119.49. Many thanks.

Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for *World Communications Sunday*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Lauren Horwood, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Mervat Nasri, John Wright, Holly Bland & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Claude Nasse, Gerald Zampa, Eamonn McPhillips, Wilfred Zampa, Beatrix Ann Martin, Christy Jordan, Mary Rayner, Godelieve Padbury, Tom Moody, Gertrude Smith, Frankie Finigan, Andrew Starnes, Elizabeth McCarthy, Robert McCann, Bernard Ray, Edward Lee, Edith Crowhurst, Anne Fowler, Ida Monteiro, Owen O'Hara, Catherine Keating, Sheila Quieros, Fay Earl, Kit Bradley, John Daly, Jerzy Klos, Carmel Denny, Marie Savy, Ruth Peazold, Kathleen McNaghten, Dominic Rowe, Gerald Maguire, Gail Conn, John Foley, Josephine Sweeney, Kathleen Hennessy

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

10th May: Ally Harron & Marian Curry
17th May: Shane & Mervyn Owens
24th May: **Bank Holiday** - Kieran White
31st May: Kevin Kearney
7th June: TR Dallas
14th June: Cross Keys
21st June: Martin Ruddy
28th June: Pat Jordan

- The winners of the **200 Club Across Draw** for April 2026 are:

£100: Sarah Doherty
£50: Michael McHugh £50: Eugene Biggins

Cheques have been sent to all of the winners.

- Many thanks to the Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of the **Declan Nerney Evening**. The event raised £4,240.00; these resources will be given to the Brain Tumour Charity in memory of the **Late Christy Jordan RIP**.

- **Kathleen & Tommy Moran: The Duets** will be performing in the Social Club on **Friday, 15th May**. During the evening there will be a Raffle/ Auction. All proceeds from the event will be given to the **Anerley ACROSS Charity** to support their forthcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes.

- **Jiving sessions are returning**: J & M will be facilitating Jiving Sessions in the Hall on Sundays, 17th & 24th May and 7th June commencing at 5:00pm. For more information, call **Della Reilly on 07403 227935**.

- **Round Towers GFC** will be holding a **Race Night** in the Church Hall on Friday, 5th June. Doors will open at 7:00pm with the first Race off at 7:30pm. You can support this event in many ways: buying a Horse, sponsoring a Race or donating an item for the Raffle. For more information, please call **Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748**.

Coming soon:

The Radiators - The UK's definitive 60s Band, bringing the authentic sounds of the 60s to the Social Club on Friday, 26th June. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Croydon Nightwatch Charity**.

Shawn Cuddy & Curtis Magee - Singing the Hits of the last 30 years on Friday, 10th July. All proceeds from this event will be given to **The Place To Be Cafe, Purley**: A Social Club for older people living with Dementia & their Carers.

RECENT DEATH & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Bernard White**. His funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's on Tuesday 26th May at 10am**. Please remember Bernard and his family in your prayers at this difficult time. May he *Rest In Peace*.

MASS & SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Sunday 31st May at 1pm

All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass, and our SVP conference will also offer light refreshments (coffee, tea, biscuits) afterwards in the large hall.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Are you an Adult Catholic, perhaps already retired, and interested in some up-to-date on-going Faith Formation? Would you like to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Could you be free to join us in the Small Hall, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at about 10.45 after 10.00am Mass?

On **Tuesday May 12th** we will be Praying & Sharing on Scripture... Colossians 3: 12-17

We are also planning to visit Worth Abbey in May, to experience a day of Benedictine Reflection. More Details to come!! You could come to join us??

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (May) Readers: (May/June)

For Collection: P Stanley

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

We say a big thank you to Father Keith and all who attended the successful filming of an episode of Songs of Praise on Wednesday 15th April when we launched this year's Big Lunch among others. *Please note that it will be aired on Sunday 31st May on BBC 1 at a time to be confirmed.*

This year's Big Lunch is on Sunday 7th June and you are warmly invited to a planning meeting on **Sunday 17th May in the large hall at 12.45pm after the 11.30am Mass**. Come and help make it different this year. Many thanks and blessing, Sylvia

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE WINGS OF HOPE Sunday 17th May after 10am Mass

The Wings of Hope charity, provide free education to children orphaned and/or living in poverty in India and Africa. The charity requires donations to continue to house students, feed them, update their academic supplies and employ temporary young graduate teachers. **All funds raised will go to the charity**. Please come along and support this worthy cause. Thank you! *Neevh*

WEEKLY GIFT ENVELOPES 2026/2027

Thank you to all parishioners who use the weekly gift aid envelopes. **The new boxes are now available**. *Kindly collect your box from the front of the church*. Please note that the special envelopes, for those who donate by standing order, are also available for collection.

We warmly invite any parishioners who are currently not gift aiding to consider joining the gift aid scheme here at Our Lady's. It's an easy and simple way to increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. The additional income makes a real difference to our parish funds and helps us maintain the church, support our ministries and continue serving our community.

If you would like to know more about the gift aid scheme, please speak to Tessa Green, gift aid coordinator, after Mass.

A big thank you to all parishioners who are in the gift aid scheme. Your generosity is much appreciated.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE: Are hoping to offer couple counselling sessions in the Addiscombe area.

To enable this to happen, we need to have a small team of chaperones who would work with the counsellor.

The chaperone role is to be present in a reception area near the counselling room. They would welcome the clients, see them out after their session and be on hand in support of the counsellor and the clients. Training is given.

If you could consider this vital work, please contact teresaweeks@hotmail.co.uk

FREE FURNITURE GIVEAWAY

After a tidy up in the Repository, there are three items of older furniture that are no longer needed. If anyone wants them, please contact the number below.

An arrangement can be made to deliver any of the items if it is not possible for you to transport them.

The items are:

- 1) a bookcase to the left of the gates on entry - w 63cm x h 160cm x d 31cm
- 2) a chest of drawers straight ahead as you enter the repository - w 61cm x h 71cm x d 40cm
- 3) a shelving unit currently on the heater above the chest of drawers - w 57cm x h 92cm x d 26cm.

All measurements are approximate. **All items are free**, however, if you wish to make a donation to the Repository, it would be gratefully received. Donations can be made by credit/debit card.

If you are interested please contact **Mary & Jim 07981 285181**

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH – ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Archbishop John Wilson has commissioned a series of short videos and worksheets to answer some of the most important and fundamental questions about our faith.

For further details see page three of the online newsletter or the posters in the church porch.



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Ambassadors for Christ

Building witnesses for the Lord Jesus and His Church



Ambassadors for Christ is a new year-long video series from the Archdiocese of Southwark, created to help Catholics feel more confident talking about their faith so they can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

As interest in the Catholic Church continues to grow, many people find themselves asking big questions, or being asked them by friends, family and colleagues. This project offers clear, trustworthy answers through 52 short weekly videos, each presented by a Catholic priest and designed to be easy to understand, practical and rooted in the teachings of the Church. (The videos are 5-10 minutes each)

Each video has a supporting worksheet for personal use or for discussions in a group.

Full details are available on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist>

<https://rcaos.org.uk/worksheets>

The videos can also be watched on the Archdiocese You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1>