



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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10th October 2021 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

CAN I BECOME RICH FOR HEAVEN

We must give priority to God in our lives, not to our possessions. Today's readings remind us that we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. These things often possess us, and we become the prisoners of our possessions when we give our "things" top priority in our lives. Thus, we violate the First Great Commandment, "*You shall not have other gods beside me*" which demands that we give absolute and unconditional priority to God.

The first reading advises us to use the God-given virtue of prudence and to seek true wisdom in preference to vanishing realities like riches or political and social influence. Solomon chose Wisdom before everything else. But when he accepted Wisdom, he received everything else along with it. Since Jesus is Wisdom Incarnate, when we put following Jesus ahead of everything else, we receive everything else along with Jesus.

In today's Gospel selection (Mk 10:17-30), we find **three sections**: a narrative about Jesus' encounter with a rich man, Jesus' sayings about wealth as a possible obstacle to discipleship and Jesus' promise of reward for those who share their material possessions with the needy. Reminding the rich man of the commandments that deal with relationships with other people, Jesus challenged him to sell what he had, and to give the money to the poor. The disciples were shocked by this challenge. But Jesus declared that true religion consisted in one's sharing one's blessings with others rather than hoarding and/or getting inordinately attached to them.

We need to accept the invitation to generous sharing. Initially, Jesus, in generous, sacrificial love, gave us His very self; in response, we find rising in our hearts the desire to give Jesus our own total selves, and so to enter the Faith relationship Jesus offers. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but He does ask us to use them wisely in His service not allowing them to gain control over our hearts. God gives us time, talents, health and wealth and riches that we may use them as good stewards in the service of others.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Richard Hearn, Dean of St George's Cathedral, who died following a brief illness on Thursday evening. Details of his funeral will follow once they are confirmed. May he Rest In Peace.

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 12th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 12th at 8.30pm (PRC)



Our 10am Mass each Sunday is **LIVE STREAMED** through our Facebook page and on the 'Live Masses' page of the parish website.

CHURCH CLEANING
 14th OCTOBER - TEAM A

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 432.42
Loose cash	£ 554.76
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
Total	£ 2042.18

Mass Intentions This Week

9 October: Saturday

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
 10:00 Sean Connor RIP

18:00 Thanksgiving for Members of Our Lady's Social Club

10 October: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY

08:30 Theodora Maria & Henry Edward Lake RIP

10:00 All Parishioners
 11:30 Fredy & Rachael D'Silva RIP

11 October: Monday

10:00 Private Intention

12 October: Tuesday

10:00 100th Birthday Wishes for John Minus

13 October: Wednesday

SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
 10:00 Patrick, Lena & Pat Dowd RIP

14 October: Thursday

10:00 Rosy Dohring RIP

19:30 K Somasundaram RIP Birthday Thanks

15 October: Friday ST TERESA OF JESUS

10:00 17th Birthday Wishes for Aimee Okeke

16 October: Saturday

10:00 Wendy & Clement Pereira RIP

18:00 Winifred & Ernest Foster & Emilio Cicco RIP +*

17 October: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY

08:30 Intentions of the O'Sullivan Family *

10:00 Joan McHugh RIP *

11:30 Annie O'Rourke RIP *

+ With Baptism

* With Foodbank Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 3pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

SECOND COLLECTIONS

The next Diocesan second collection will be on **Sunday 24th October** for *Missio*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, Duncan Pears, John Devereux

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Sally Turner, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Hazel White, Thomas Lally, Harry Casey, John Kennedy, Alice Louise Piney, Bridget Bates, Ilana Imregi, Margaret Cameron, Elaine Brooker, Elsie Dadswell, Daniel W. White, Alan Motts, Syd Wyatt, Lily Margaret Harley, Jerry Orpwood, Mary Griffiths, Rudolph ("Rudi") Agacy, Phyllis Chopin, Maurice Baxter, Mary Morrissey, Mary Connolly, Laila Tambini

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

The Social Club reopens this weekend. *Frank Nelson* will provide our entertainment on Sunday evening commencing at 8.00pm.

Sunday evening entertainment

17th October: Finbar & Paul

24th October: Theresa Rodgers

31st October: Pete Brazil

7th November: Kenny Paul

14th November: TR Dallas

21st November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

The *Neil Diamond Tribute Evening* takes place on Friday, 15th October commencing at 7.30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to support Activities for the Youth in Our Lady's Parish. **Tickets at £10.00** each are now available in the Church Hall or from **Ben Cahill** on **07958 903410**. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle or the Auction.

Coming soon:

- *Freddy Mercury Tribute Evening* on Friday, 12th November

- *ABBA Tribute Evening* on Friday, 10th December

As we approach the Christmas Season, the Social Club in partnership with Our Lady's Parish are planning to facilitate a *Christmas Raffle* to support three local charities; *The Alzheimer's Society*, *The Woodside Bereavement Service & Young Minds* (a charity which makes sure every young person gets the mental health support that they need, when they need it, no matter what and to stop young people's mental health reaching crisis point).

There will be three cash prizes of £300, £200 and £100 plus seven additional prizes. Over the next ten days, we are seeking sponsors for the Cash Prizes and we need an additional seven Prizes such as Christmas Hampers, Bottles of Spirits, Cases of Wine/Prosecco, Restaurant Vouchers, Sports merchandise, 4-Ball Golf Vouchers et al. If you can help in anyway or you have any ideas that we should consider, please send me an email to patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk.

**** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Thursday 14th October ****

FOODBANK RESTARTING ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

We are now collecting items again for The Vine, which is the foodbank run by the Salvation Army in New Addington. The collecting Sunday will be on the third Sunday each month. Please leave items on the counter in the porch and these will be delivered to The Vine. The foodbank is looking for non-perishable food and drink items They would especially welcome cereal, milk and jam. They also need toiletries and cleaning products. *The next Food Bank Collection Sunday is on 17th October*. For more details on The Vine see: <https://croydoncc.wordpress.com/2020/12/13/the-salvation-armys-the-vine-foodbank-in-new-addington-seeks-donations-for-christmas-packs/>

FAIRTRADE ADVENT CALENDARS: Once again, the Justice & Peace Group will be offering fair trade advent calendars in November. Please see the Traidcraft page <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/divine-milk-chocolate-advent-calendar> -85g for details. Please let me know (andy.bebington@gmail.com, or 8777 4840) how many you want, by 25th October...Thanks, Andy.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY FOR JOHN MINUS!

When John was able to, he was dedicated server in the Church for many years and has always had a very strong faith in God. On Friday 8th October 2021, John, his 6 daughters, family members and friends celebrated his 100th birthday! Happy birthday John, from us all!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/2022

If your child is in a Catholic School and was 7 years old or older on 31st August 2021 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website. Those who are not at Catholic school, but have completed the first year of preparation should also submit an application form. Forms should be returned to the Parish office **by Sunday 24th October**. A date for the first parents' meeting will follow shortly. **Incomplete/late applications will not be accepted.**

PROPOSED PPC FOR ADDISCOMBE

On Thursday 30th September a small working party met together with Frs. Keith and Jackson to take the first steps towards establishing a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) following the Parish Annual Meeting in July. The purposes of a PPC and how it might operate were discussed at some length, but most of the time was spent discussing and identifying what the membership of the PCC should be.

It was agreed that the membership should be as representative of the parish and its activities as possible while, at the same time, not making the PPC so large that it would prove to be ineffective.

An initial list of the parish organisations and activities was drawn up. These were then grouped into "blocks", linking organisations or activities with similar interests or concerns. It was suggested that at least one representative from each "block" would be a member of the PCC. However, the representative could send a substitute from the block if necessary. Similarly, it would be open for any member of a block to attend the PPC regarding issues of particular concern to their organisation.

It will take some time, given the number of organisations within the Parish, to contact them all about their representation. This will be done as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you would like to help in the process of setting up the PPC, please contact **Arthur Hughes** on **020 8654 3943** or email him at arthur.hughes116@gmail.com

For information, the next meeting of the working party will be at **7.45pm on November 4th in the PRC** when the composition of the PPC going forward will be further discussed.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL TREE

During November we will be setting up a *'Memorial Tree'* in the Lady Chapel to remember all those who have died, especially those who sadly passed away during lockdown periods with our community unable to gather together due to restrictions on funerals and gatherings.

If you have a loved one you would like to add as part of this display please send in a photo by email or in an envelope to the parish office by *Sunday 24th October*. Photos will be glued and possibly cut so please don't send originals as we are not able to return them. Thanks.

THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE ON US

Climate change affects us all. But the poorest communities are suffering the most. Join the CAFOD campaign to help fight the climate crisis and reclaim our common home. Send a card to the British Government asking them to support the poorest communities in the world affected by climate change. Fill in an 'Eyes of the World' card and drop it in the postbox by the church entrance.

THE PASSAGE: A Catholic Charity working with homeless people has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19th October (from 7am to 6.30pm). In order to make the most of this opportunity they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth:

andrew.h@passage.org.uk 020 7592 1886 or 07928 703131

Items for collection: S Turner, Ascent Group, JPIC Co-Ordinator, Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos, James King

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.