



# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

10th December 2017 Second Sunday Of Advent (page 85 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B



Today is Catholic Bible Sunday and it is themed: 'Welcome the Word.'

Bible Sunday reminds us each year of the gift of the Word of God, God's Word in human language, recorded for us in the pages of the Holy Scriptures, proclaimed in our Liturgy and available for prayer and reflection day-by-day. We know and experience being fed by God's Word and Sacrament at Mass. Christ, the Word made flesh, teaches us directly through the Gospel. Christ, the Bread of Life, nourishes us through Communion. Catholic Bible Sunday reminds us to hear, to be attentive to God's Word through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures in our homes daily. It reminds us too, to seek ways of proclaiming that life-giving Word to everyone that we meet.

How appropriate then that we begin reading the Gospel of Mark on this day! Marks Gospel opens with a dynamic faith-statement about Jesus. He is the Christ. He is the Son of God.

\*\*\* ADVANCE NOTICE \*\*\*

As you will know, Advent 4 falls on Christmas Eve this year, resulting in ten Masses being celebrated at Our Lady's in 40 hours, and leaving just a few hours to decorate the church in moving from Advent into Christmas, before the 6pm Vigil Mass. To ease this situation just a little, there will be

**No 12pm Mass on the 24th December**  
**(That is no midday Mass on Advent 4.)**

And would those coming to the 10am on that day consider staying for a short while to help decorate the church? It should be fun!

## Mass Intentions This Week

**9 December: Saturday**

10:00 Eucharistic Service  
 18:00 Thanksgiving for Nwosu-Damian Family

**10 December:**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP  
 12:00 Christy Jordan RIP +

**11 December: Monday**

10:00 Caroline Koch RIP

**12 December: Tuesday**

10:00 Mary McPhillips RIP

**13 December: Wednesday**

**FUNERAL MASS**  
 10:00 Mary Fernandez RIP

**14 December: Thursday**

10:00 Honorah Montgomery RIP

**15 December: Friday**

10:00 Arthur Fairservice RIP

**16 December: Saturday**

10:00 Eucharistic Service  
 18:00 Martin McCorry RIP ~

**17 December:**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

08:30 All Parishioners ~  
 10:00 Gerry Finigan RIP ~ \*  
 12:00 Michael O'Brien RIP + ~  
 15:00 'Everyone's Nativity' Service

+ With Baptism  
 ~ With Foodbank Sunday  
 \* With Uniformed Groups

**WEEKLY DRAW**

£5 - Vicky Lutchman  
 £50 - Peggy Fairservice  
 £50 - Dulcie Gent

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY**

Loose cash	£ 471.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 588.57
S/Os	£ 975.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2034.57</b>

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
**TEAM A - Mrs Grant**

**COLLECTIONS**

Many thanks for your generosity at our annual **Toy Collection** last weekend. Please keep an eye open for a TOY SORTING date in upcoming newsletters. This week, we have December's ACA collection with proceeds going to **The Friends of the Holy Land**, for children in Bethlehem.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Ted Curry, Margarett Collins, Lauren Horwood, Phyllis Donnelly, Steve Richer, José Fernandez

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Rodney Burleigh, Ralph Rayner, Mary Sims, Monica O'Donnell, Kazimierz (Charlie) Martynski, Baby Lilly Beaven, Irene D'Rosario, Kathleen Evans, Maureen Hayes, Freda Santry, Eugene Baptiste, Martin McCorry, Gerry Finigan, Massimina Oriani, Joseph Cruz, Victor Michael, Louise Carter, Elsie Carpenter, Sr. Elizabeth Craig, Ellen Curry, John Knight, Baby James Naylor, Norah Everest, Dennis Godfree, George Fowler

### SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 10th December: Tom Healy  
Sunday, 17th December: Finbar & Bernie  
Sunday, 31st December: **New Year's Eve Party**  
Sunday, 7th January: Eugene Doonan  
Sunday, 14th January: Kevin keys  
Sunday, 21st January: **Back by popular demand TR Dallas**

Thank you to our members, their guests and the parish community for your support of the Fundraising Event to the support the **Anerley Across**. The event raised £2,825.00 and these resources will be used to take a party of disabled children to Lourdes next June.

The key events for the Christmas & New Year programme are:

- Friday, 22nd December: **Members' Party**
- Wednesday, 27th December: **Tea Dance** with Kevin Keys from 3pm. This event is open to all members of our Parish Community.
- Sunday, 31st December: **New Year's Eve Party** - all guests are requested to bring a plate of light refreshments, sausage rolls, mince pies etc. Tickets at £5.00 each are available from the Church Hall or our coordinator Danny O'Donovan.

**Coming soon** .....

- **Take That & Robbie Williams Tribute Night** on Friday, 26th January

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be an "Everyone's Nativity" held on **Sunday 17th December** at **3pm** here at **Our Lady's**, followed by refreshments in the large hall. If any child OR adult would like to take part please come to the church on the day dressed as a character from the Nativity. It doesn't matter how many Mary's, Joseph's, Donkeys, Innkeepers, Stars, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels and King Herod's we have, everyone will be included!

We look forward to seeing you there!

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**Do something different this Advent**

Every day in Advent, as you open a door in your Advent Calendar, put one item into a box or bag, the contents of which will be donated to a food bank after Christmas.

The usual items of tinned goods are perfect but also toiletries, ladies sanitary products, nappies (size 4,5 & 6) are items greatly needed. Bring the filled box to the Church after Christmas. The boxes will be collected by **1pm** on **Saturday 30th December** and delivered to the Croydon Food Bank.

Remember this is NOT a Christmas box but a way of thinking about others during Advent and seeing that the food banks are well stocked for the coming year. January can be a long and desperate month.

For more information or for a more detailed list of suggested items please contact **Ivonne** on **07906558676**



**Items for collection:** A Callow, T Braim, Mary Walsh, P Fairservice, D Gent, Flora Lobo, Sr Celia, S Gillespie

**Bapt Certs:** Tusiime Kabalega, Loubao, Ssebanakitta

**Rotas:** Repository (December/January), Altar Servers (December), Eucharistic Ministers (December and Christmas)

### MEETINGS

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Monday 10th at 7.30pm  
(Committee Room)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 12th at 8pm (PRC)  
**RCIA:** Mary - Wednesday 13th at 8pm (PRC)

### CHAPERONE REQUIRED

A young disabled season ticket holder of Crystal Palace FC needs a chaperone to take him to home fixtures for the remainder of the season. The Chaperone will meet the young person at Selhurst Park on match days and a ticket will be available for all games. If you could assist in any way, please call **07734 250375**.

### THE CARROLL SINGERS - A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Wednesday 13th December 8pm**

**St Mary's, Help of Christians, Coulsdon Rd**

Come and enjoy an evening of seasonal music to enhance your Christmas preparations, sung by this local choir of ex Coloma pupils, and directed by Norma Carroll.

**ENTRANCE IS FREE!**

Retiring collection for the St Mary's 'New Window Fund'

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

At this time of the year please remember my ongoing appeal for used postage stamps. If you are able to trim these from the envelope, please leave a border of half a centimetre, or otherwise leave for me to trim. The labelled box for the stamps is placed on the counter in the porch. At the end of January the stamps are then given to the hospice "Shooting Star Chase" who are also interested in old stamp collections/albums. Many thanks **David Warner**.

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Friends our meeting will take place on **Sunday 10th December** at **1pm** (directly after 12 o'clock Mass) in the **PRC** room between the large hall and the Parish Office.

Agenda items for the meeting include; the purpose of the group / relationship within the Parish / possible social events / planning of celebratory Masses, and much more.

All interested parishioners are cordially invited.

Contact **Sylvia** for further information

on **07870 508790** or **sylvia3k@gmail.com**. Thank you.

### CAROLING - CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be carol singing around the hospital on the evening of **Thursday 21st December**. We would be grateful if as many singers as possible supported us in spreading some Christmas cheer! We will meet in the hospital Chapel for **7pm**, divide into several 'choirs' and then head off to sing on wards before returning to the Chapel for refreshments. Many thanks, Revd Hilary Fife, Senior Chaplain.

### ADVENT EVENTS

**ST THOMAS BECKET CAROL SERVICE:**

Thursday 14th at 2pm in the Church. All are welcome.

**EVERYONE'S NATIVITY:** Sunday 17th at 3pm - see notice

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:**

Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm with visiting priests

### REPOSITORY

The **REPOSITORY SHOP**, is filled with all sorts of lovely new Christmassy things. **Come and see!!**

Advent Calendars and other Calendars, Candles, Cribs: large and small, Decorations, Gifts, and a **wide selection of cards**.

(Due to lack of space, other things have been put away until January)