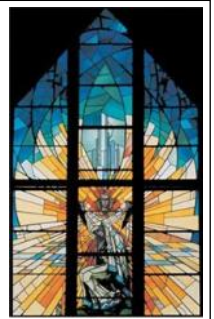




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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**11th February 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 137 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B**

This Sunday's Gospel describes the miraculous cure of a man afflicted with the dreaded disease of leprosy. An outcast of society is brought back to being accepted because of what Jesus does for him. While doing something considered "beyond belief," Jesus nevertheless does not attempt to be seen simply as a miracle worker.

It is important to keep in mind that Jesus did not cure every person who suffered ailments in his time. In fact, only a small number of the afflicted received the healing from the Lord. What does this say? In part, at least, that suffering, sorrow and loneliness are not a sign of being rejected by God. Rather, the Lord is near to all who are broken or weighed down.

Jesus indicates that physical cure is not the only form of healing that God bestows. There is the deeper, spiritual, healing that God confers and that must never be lost sight of or forgotten. All people can obtain this and its effect is even more necessary and lasting than a physical cure.

The man who is cured in the Gospel today was not demanding a miracle, but asking Jesus for compassion and for a personal decision in his favour, something that he believed was a real possibility. Otherwise, the leper would not have asked for help. Moved with compassion, Jesus responds by touching the leper and bringing about the restoration of one who had been an outcast, but now cured. Jesus bonded with the one who was ill, and thereby joy replaced sorrow for the leper, and for all who draw near to the Lord. No one is excluded from the great mystery of the Lord's healing power.



*Please see page 3 of the newsletter (online only) for details of our Centenary Calendar!*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

**If you have double parked in the car park today, please go now and move your vehicle! Many thanks.**

### Mass Intentions This Week

#### 10 February: Saturday SAINT SCOLASTICA

10:00 Barry Braybrook RIP  
 18:00 Paddy & Nora Walsh RIP

#### 11 February: SIXTH SUNDAY

08:30 Christo & Nadia Ghawi RIP  
 10:00 Simon Nolan RIP 1st Anniversary  
 11:30 All Parishioners

#### 12 February: Monday

10:00 Tony Borfiga RIP 10th Anniversary

#### 13 February: Tuesday

10:00 Private Intention

#### 14 February: ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 Miranda Franzon RIP  
 19:30 Seamus Brady RIP

#### 15 February: Thursday

10:00 Bernadette Moynihan RIP  
 19:30 Boase Family RIP

#### 16 February: Friday

10:00 Allan Correya RIP

#### 17 February: Saturday

10:00 Jose Pereira RIP  
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP \*

#### 18 February: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Barbara & Francis Fernandez RIP \*  
 10:00 Bina Bowen RIP 3rd Anniversary \*  
 11:30 All Parishioners + \*

+ With Baptism

\* With Foodbank Sunday

### MEETINGS

**SVP:** Tuesday 13th at 8pm (PRC)

**Adult Catechesis:** Wed 14th at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)

**RCIA:** Wednesday 14th at 7.30pm (PRC) *Ash Wednesday Mass*

**Young Catholic Adults Fellowship:** Friday 16th at 7pm (PRC)



**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	£ 491.09
Loose cash	£ 772.50
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2553.59</b>

### \*\*\* 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 collection for **Clergy Support Fund**. Please see note overleaf.

**\*\* Don't forget - Next weekend is Foodbank Sunday! Please leave donations in the porch. Thank you. \*\***

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Arthur Hughes & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Catherine Winston, Jean Garner, Margaret Blackford, Judy Maharaj, Tony Borfiga, Kathleen Davies, Mary Ann Gomez, David Holder, Maureen Towner, Sarah Rees, Anthony Cummins, Nora McGowan, Hilda Chow, Anthony Curry, Chris Pearce, Jack Mulcahy, Catherine Wilson, Edward Scanlon, Bernadette Moynihan, Patrick Murphy, Giuseppe Oriani, Stanley Earl, Walter D'Cruz, John Scanlon, Gordon Thompson, Patrick Joyce, Sr Felicite, Agnes O'Dwyer, Sarah Wright, Dr. Iolo Williams, Irene Griffiths

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

11th February: Shane & Mervyn Owens

18th February: Kieran White

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

3rd March: Pat Jordan

10th March: Glen Flynn

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

24th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

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

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

£100: Kevin Foster

£50: Breeda Faughnan

£50: Sheila Jordan

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.

- **J & M Country Dance Classes** take place in Church Hall on Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm. Admission will be £10.00 per class. For more information, call **Michael on 07576 146431**.

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs will take place at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon, CR9 7AT. The sessions commence on Wednesday, 7th February from 5:45pm - 7:00pm; they will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- **Sabrina Fallon & Shane Moore** will be appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 15th March from 7:30pm. 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.

### JOIN US FOR ADORATION!

**Saturday 24th February 10am - 12pm**

Mass, Confession, Worship & Prayer Ministry - all are welcome.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AT CUH

There will be MASS on ASH WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> February, in the Chapel at CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL at 12 noon.

*All are most welcome!*

### FOOD BANK SUNDAY

The following items are most needed:

*baked beans, custard, fish paste, jam, honey,  
pasta, pasta sauces, rice, tinned tomatoes & vegetables*

### 2nd SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us in the large hall after the 10am & 11.30am Masses today, for tea, coffee and cake!

*Share The Love!*

### CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz delivers catechesis for adults **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall.**

*Topic for this week:* Biblical Roots of the Eucharist Part 2.

### JOB VACANCY

Administration role for busy construction company. Must have experience and a good telephone manner. Please email your CV to [lee@lmbgrouppltd.co.uk](mailto:lee@lmbgrouppltd.co.uk) or call **07904 484963**

Hours of work: 9-5 pm      Rate of pay: £14 - 16ph

**For Collection:** K Duignan

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

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (Feb) Readers (Jan/Feb)

### ONLY 3 WEEKS TO GO! - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine with a focus on living with each other in love.

There may be nothing we feel we can do for Palestine, but come to our church at **7pm on the 1st March**, and join your prayers with the rest of the world on that day and let them know we care.

*This lovely service, which lasts for an hour, includes music, reflection, bible readings and an insight into life in Palestine. There will be refreshments offered after the service.*

Please contact **Anne.Barcellos@btinternet.com** for more info.

**WELDERLIES PANCAKE WARMERS:** Warmly invites all who are 60 and over, their families, carers and interested service providers, to strengthen relationships with our clinicians through conversations. Come and voice how you feel about our health services. No need to book, just turn up and give peace a chance. See you hopefully on **Tuesday 13th February** at the **Oasis Restaurant, Croydon University Hospital**, from **3.30 - 5pm**.

There will also be a pancake flipping race so don't miss out. Many thanks, Sylvia, **07375 824615**.

### WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Woodside Bereavement Service is a Croydon based charity supporting Children, Young People and adults with their bereavement. **The Service requires a new treasurer.**

If you are interested and would like further information please do contact the office and we will get back to you.

Telephone: **020 3256 2009**      Email: [wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk](mailto:wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk)

### YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

This group for ages 23 - 35, meets **fortnightly** on a **Friday evening in the PRC at 7pm**. Our next meeting is on **16th February**. Join us!

### CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible! Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at:

[www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF)

You can also donate via telephone (office hours Mon - Fri) **020 7960 2504**, or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today in the church porch. *Please continue to keep Priests in your prayers.*

**PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING:** We can only accept the small printer cartridges for recycling. Many thanks.

### LENTEN COURSE

#### 'FULLY HUMAN, FULLY ALIVE IN GOD'

You are invited by Monsignor Malachy, Holy Family parish in Sanderstead, to join this course during Lent. While describing how to be a joyful, peaceful, wise and holy human being, this course will help participants to notice, and then develop and deepen an awareness of the loving presence of God at the heart of their lives. The course will show how we can live as full, happy, growing human beings.

**The course begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February, at 7pm in Holy Family parish, in the 'Olde Forge Cafe' next door to the church.**

The Course will then run for the following four Wednesdays of Lent. Each session will last one hour.

### CAFOD - 'NO FAITH IN FOSSIL FUELS'

CAFOD are supporting the Lent 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels' Vigil outside Parliament from Ash Wednesday for 10 days and nights (14-24th February) including services on Ash Wednesday, Sunday 18th and Saturday 24th Feb.

For further details or to sign up to the vigil rota please visit [www.christianclimateaction.org/events/](http://www.christianclimateaction.org/events/) and scroll down (about 10th event listed) or contact Gill on **07796 340193**

# 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 Taman Marçal*

*and the PPC.*