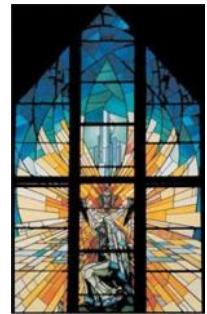


Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
By appointment only

11th April 2021 Second Sunday of Easter YEAR B



OVERFLOWING MERCY OF GOD



The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, "His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, in sending His only-begotten Son to become our Saviour and Lord through His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, instituted to sanctify us.

The first reading, taken from Acts, stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community before the Jews and the Romans started persecuting them. Practicing the sharing love, compassion and the mercy of God as Jesus taught, this witnessing community derived its strength from community prayer, "the Breaking of the Bread" and the apostles' teaching read at the worship service. The second reading: taken from John's first Letter, deals with practicing both corporal and spiritual works of mercy by obeying God's Old Testament commandments and focusing on Jesus' commandment of loving others as He loves us, with selfless, sacrificial, agape love. Loving others as Jesus loves us also demands that we treat others with God's mercy and compassion. Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28), the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed Divine mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Our young people at St Thomas Becket school have done some exceptional work in the build up to Holy Week and Easter. You can benefit from their reflections by visiting:

<https://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk/stations-of-the-cross/>

<https://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Lent-2021.pdf>



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is
LIVE STREAMED
through our Facebook page.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Your **Easter Offerings** for Fr Keith & Fr Jackson amounted to approx. £4235. Many thanks for your kind generosity.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Mary Rayner, Jonathan Leiper, Sheila Quieros, Brian Kearney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Iso Halata, Glyn Jones-Davis, Archie White, Tony Sollé, Paul Boateng, John McCaughey, Catherine A. Charles, Sr Bernadette, Milton Chatelier, John Humphries, Eric Turtle, Chris Hatton, James Brady, Delmira Barcellos, Sheila Minus, Maria Walicka, Julia Hinchcliffe, Paul Geddes

Mass Intentions This Week

10 April: Easter Saturday

10:00 June Cully RIP 1st Anniversary
17:30 Jerome Simons RIP
18:30 Elizabeth McCorry RIP

11 April: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

09:00 Intentions of Brige Sweeney
10:00 Christopher Butler RIP
11:00 Bina Bowen RIP
12:00 All Parishioners

12 April: Monday

10:00 Patrick Larkin RIP

13 April: Tuesday

10:00 Edward Timothy Crowley RIP

14 April: Wednesday

10:00 Victor Joseph RIP

15 April: Thursday

10:00 Michael Semeta RIP
19:30 William Cornabe RIP

16 April: Friday

10:00 James Brady RIP 1st Anniversary

17 April: Saturday

10:00 Wellbeing of Mary Rayner
17:30 Alan Scally RIP
18:30 John Boswood RIP

18 April: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

09:00 Maria Leitao Amorim RIP
10:00 Helen Kassianou RIP
11:00 Tom, Cassie & Christy Jordan RIP
12:00 All Parishioners

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - 07548 868418. Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Thank you for your support of the *Irish Shop* during the Easter Season; all of the proceeds from this event will be given to the *Brain Tumour Charity*.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. *No task is too small - please make contact.*

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

RECENT DEATH: We are sad to announce the recent death of *Patrick Carroll*. His funeral will take place here at Our Lady's later this month under COVID restrictions. Please remember Patrick and his family in your prayers at this sad and difficult time.

LIVE SIMPLY

'What sort of world do we want to leave our children?' This is the final Easter reflection of the Global Catholic Climate Movement. The topic is on Hope for the Future and Live Simply, which is a Catholic response to the environmental crisis.

Watch this session at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nqRMuD-ymE

ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As you may be aware from our recent update, community sponsorship programmes were abruptly halted in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Further to recent correspondence with the Home Office, we are now actively getting ready to welcome a family into our community.

In preparation, we are:

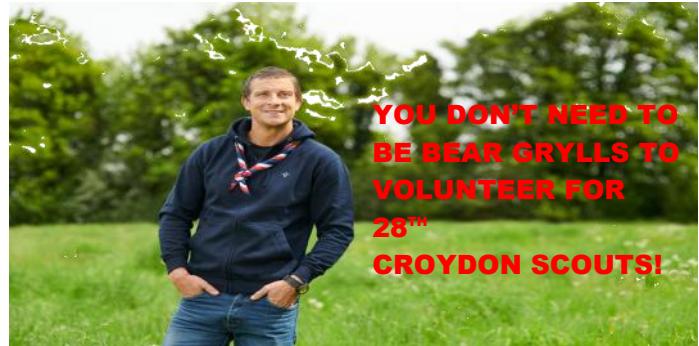
1) Seeking volunteers to join the steering committee in the following roles:

- **Interpreter Lead:** you will ensure that the family have access to high quality translation and interpretation services.
- **Treasurer:** you will have financial oversight of the group's budgets, accounts and financial statements; ensure appropriate financial systems and controls are in place; have experience of record-keeping and account.

2) Resuming our search for a 3-bed, self-contained property. If you are a landlord who may have a suitable house available to rent in the next couple of months, please get in touch! Landlords will benefit from guaranteed rental income for two years.

If you would like to join the group or are a landlord who might have a suitable property to let, please contact us:

addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com / 07711 791729



We've already got one Chief Scout, and he's brilliant! What we need now are smilers and inspirers, activity planners and Zoomers - all round team players to support our young people.

The good news is you shape what you do and decide how much time you give. Scouts happens when a lot of us give a little (and no, you don't have to be a Scout or outdoors expert to volunteer). In particular, we are urgently looking for people to help on a Tuesday at our Beaver Colony (6 to 8 years old).

Contact groupscoutleader@28thcroydon.org.uk

*** REPOSITORY SHOP REOPENING ***

Our shop will be reopening NEXT WEEKEND after all Masses.

*** UPDATE ***

UCM: IN MEMORY OF BINA BOWEN

We are pleased to announce that our wine tasting fundraiser and donations in memory of Bina Bowen raised £500!

We would like to thank all those who attended and those who donated with such love for a great cause. All monies will go to Dementia UK.

GIFT AID BOXES

The new Gift Aid boxes for the year beginning in June 2021 will be prepared shortly.

If there are any changes to your requirements, membership or address details, please notify me, *Jenny Mitchener*, through the parish office email address, addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk, as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian has stepped down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith.

Many thanks.

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150th ANNIVERSARY

1872



2022

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR FORMER PUPILS, PARENTS, STAFF, GOVERNORS AND FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION OF ST JOSEPH'S JUNIOR, INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOLS

In preparation for the 150th anniversary of the opening of St Joseph's School, we invite the submission of recollections, photos and memorabilia, which can be displayed in anniversary publications and at events. Please include a description of any items sent, name people in photos and add a date or occasion when the photograph might have been taken.

During the celebratory year, beginning in September 2021, there will be many opportunities to visit St Joseph's and to meet with other Alumni to mark this special milestone. Please help us spread the news to all those associated with St Joseph's.

To share memories of your days at St Joseph's, or to receive more information as the plans for the anniversary year unfold, please email your name and contact details to:

alumni@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you back to our wonderful schools.

The Federation of St Joseph's Junior, Infant & Nursery Schools, Crown Dale, Upper Norwood, London SE19 3NX

<https://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/>

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. **Many thanks.**

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, **please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary Magdalene Church** in **Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.**

All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

In order to provide our secretaries with a **COVID SECURE** working environment, the Parish office **REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.** Rachel and Stephanie continue to work in isolation answering your calls and emails, **however please do not go to the office without an appointment or calling to notify us in advance.**

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

VACANCIES AT THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

We wish to appoint a

- SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER**
(Maternity Cover 9 - 12 months in the first instance)

Application forms are available to download on our website at www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities where you can also find further information on the school. Completed application forms should be emailed with a covering letter to Mrs H Palmer, Office Manager, at h.palmer@johnfisherschool.org by the **closing date** of noon on **Thursday, 22nd April.**

HELPING CATHOLICS TO RETURN: Do you know a friend or relative who has been away from the church and would like support or encouragement to return? We invite them to contact a team that offers a **non-judgemental forum** to help them reconnect with their Catholic faith at: landingsbeckenham@gmail.com

Lord Jesus,

*When you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.*

*We place in your loving care all
who are affected by Coronavirus.*

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

*Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.*

*We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.*

Amen.

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Class Teacher Required for St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School

Dates: Apply by **19th April 2021** (*Job start September 2021*)

Salary: MPS / UPS

Contract Type: Full Time

Location: Croydon

Class Teacher Required for EYFS or KS1 or KS2

We are an inclusive and successful school seeking to appoint teachers who wish to develop professionally in a caring, supportive environment. **This is an outstanding opportunity for both experienced teachers and those in the early years of their career or Newly Qualified.**

The successful candidate will be able to support the Catholic ethos of the school.

Closing Date: Monday 19th April 2021

Interviews: W/C 19th April 2021

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and this post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

All applicants will be considered on the basis of suitability for the post regardless of sex, race or disability.

Further details and application forms can be obtained via the School Office:

E-mail: admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk

Or by visiting our school website to download the application pack: **<https://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk/>**

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