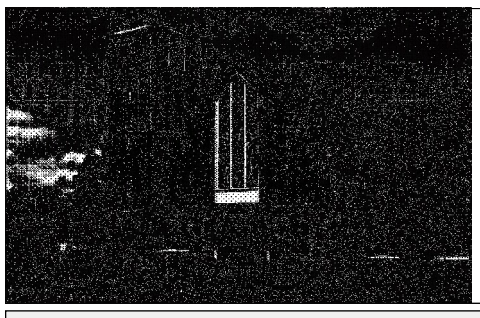

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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Just 14 more sleeps!!

Beautiful readings once again today, looking forward to the coming of the Saviour; the writer of the book of Isaiah trumpeting that the weary should find renewed strength, and the fearful should steady themselves ready to witness the just, awesome and miraculous power of God as he comes to save his people. In the Gospel Jesus steps forward, in response to John's question, to lay claim to the truth that, in him, these Old Testament prophesies are fulfilled and 'happy is the man who does not loose faith in me.'

However, it is the letter of James that outlines for us in plain words our character as those patiently waiting for the Lord to come again. We are those who do not loose heart, who are tolerant of one another, resisting the urge to judge lest we ourselves be condemned, submitting to the example of the prophets. In this way we are faithful to the scriptures that urge us to be awake, watching for the day, and bringing about the Kingdom of God.

In all three reading we have received instruction as we should expect, for it is so easy for us to be swept up (especially at these times) by a society whose main purpose seems to have been corrupted as it seeks to preserve and develop its own self.

We need Sacred Scripture, Mother Church, the clergy and other brothers and sisters in Christ to be reminding us of true society, an attitude of love for God and neighbour. Jesus himself says that on this hangs the whole of the law and the prophets.

Fr Keith.

Mass Intentions This Week

10 December: Saturday
10:00 Gerry Finigan RIP
18:00 Jerry Marshall RIP

11 December:
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
08:30 Michael Sullivan RIP
10:00 All Parishioners
12:00 Michael Garvin RIP +
15:00 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
16:00 Reception of Mary McPhillips RIP

12 December: Monday
FUNERAL MASS
10:00 Mary McPhillips RIP

13 December: Tuesday
10:00 Arthur Fairservice RIP
18:00 Reception of Nuala Fox RIP

14 December: Wednesday
FUNERAL MASS
10:00 Nuala Fox RIP

15 December: Thursday
10:00 Denis Carey RIP

16 December: Friday
10:00 Michael O'Brien RIP

17 December: Saturday
10:00 Ann Stone RIP
18:00 Andy & Nuala Fox RIP #

18 December:
FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
08:30 Dick Walsh RIP #
10:00 All Parishioners ~ #
12:00 Patrick Maher RIP + #
15:00 ADVENT SERVICE

+ With Baptism
 # With Food Bank Sunday
~ With Uniformed Groups

WEEKLY DRAW

£50 - Mrs Catherine King
£5 - Mrs Carolyn Wren
£50 - Miss Alana Connor

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM A - Mrs Grant

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£576.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£706.75
S/Os	£975.00
Total	£2257.75

COLLECTIONS

Many thanks for your huge generosity at last week's Toy Collection. The gifts have now been sorted and will be sent to many grateful refugee children. This week, there will be the usual monthly 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, Margarette Collins, Lauren Horwood, Phyllis Donnelly, Jack Mulcahy, Christy Jordan, Ashley Jacob.*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *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, Paddy O'Connor, Rosaleen Jamieson, Mary White.*

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 11th December: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 18th December: Tom Healy
Friday, 23rd December: ***Christmas Party***
Sunday, 1st January: ***New Year Party*** with Pat Hayes

Anerley Across: thank you to the members of the Social Club, their guests and the Parish Community for your magnificent support of our recent fundraising event. We raised in excess of £5,150.00 for our pilgrimage to Lourdes next summer.

We will be holding our first ***Tea Dance*** on Wednesday, 28th December from 3pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the event and entertainment will be by Kevin Keys. Admission, payable at the door, will be £5.00 with Members at £3.00.

Coming in February - ***Jersey Boys***: the story of Frankie Vallie & The Four Seasons.

RECENT DEATHS: We are sad to announce the recent deaths of Teresa Cleary (mother of Patrick) and Teresa Abreu (mother of Rose Tracy). Teresa Cleary's funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on Tuesday 20th December at 10am.

Please keep both families in your prayers at this time.

OUR LADY'S CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Sunday 11th at 3pm

The Children's Liturgy team invite you all to our Christingle service. The service will start in the large hall where we will make the Christingles for the short service in the Church. Afterwards, please join us in the large hall for refreshments & mince pies. All are welcome; we look forward to seeing you there.

REPOSITORY

Don't miss the great selection of Christmas cards, calendars, cribs, candles, diaries, and all sorts of other lovely little Christmas gifts now on sale in the Repository Shop. It is well worth a visit!

CROYDON GOANS' CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
Saturday 17th December 6pm to 11.15 pm in the Church Hall

Tickets price includes a meal, live music & a visit by Santa
Adults: £12 2-11 years: £5 11-18 years: £8

Contact **Fiona Lobo 07796 238009** (eves) or
Vince Fernandes 07853 132336
For more details please see flyer in porch.

CAROLING AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be carol singing around the hospital on the evening of **Tuesday 20th 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.

LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST APPEAL

Adelina Antelo one of the senior altar servers is cutting 12 inches off of her hair on 16th December and donating it to the 'Little Princess Trust' so it can be made into a wig for a child who has lost their hair to chemotherapy. She would like as many people as possible to sponsor her to do this. All the money raised is going Cancer Research UK.

To sponsor her please go to **www.justgiving.com** and put **adelina-lily-Antelo** into the search engine. Thank you in advance.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 12th at 8.30pm (PRC)
RCIA: 'Mary' - Wednesday 14th at 8pm (PRC)

CHRISTMAS STAMP APPEAL

With Christmas approaching, many of us will be receiving Christmas cards through the post. Can I please ask you to save the postage stamps until the beginning of next year, placing these in an envelope and then in the bottom recycling bin by the exit doors to the church. If you are able to trim them so that there is a 1cm boarder around each stamp that would be very helpful. The stamps will then be passed to Shooting Star Chase, a children's hospice charity caring for children of all ages and their families. The stamps are sold in bulk to raise funds for the charity. Many thanks, David Warner.

YOUTH 2000 NEW YEAR RETREAT: GREATER THINGS
29th December 2016 - 1st January 2017

AN EPIC EVENT TO KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR!

If you're 16 - 35 & would like a fun & meaningful way to start 2017, then GREATER THINGS is for you!

This 4 day **DONATION ONLY** event is at
Maria Fidelis Lower School, North Gower St, NW1 2HR.

It will be jam packed with engaging talks, workshops, prayer, live music & social times. There will be laughter, prayer and most importantly an Encounter with our Great & Loving God!

Www.youth2000.org / Facebook Page Youth 2000 UK
Follow @youth2000uk on twitter

Tel. 01328 821153 or email info@youth2000.org

THE JOHN FISHER CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Thursday 15th December at 7pm in the School Chapel

FREE ADMISSION

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Many thanks to all the confirmation candidates who took part in fundraising activities this year. Your efforts raised an amazing £1065.95 with a further £686.86 being collected at the Confirmation Mass itself.

The monies will be split between their two chosen charities - Children's Hospice Shooting Star 'CHASE' and Addiscombe Neighbourhood Care Association (ANCA).

Please note that any remaining Confirmation Certificates and DVD's can be collected from the Sacristy before or after Mass.

A COFFEE MORNING 'THANK YOU'

Just to say thank you to all those who support the 2nd Wednesday of the month coffee morning after 10am Mass. We raised £162 over the year which will go to the Addiscombe 'Drop In' centre for the homeless. Many thanks again! Emer Cruickshank

ADVENT EVENTS

ADVENT SERVICE: Every Sunday during Advent at 3pm

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: Sunday 11th at 3pm - see notice

ST THOMAS BECKET CAROL SERVICE:
Wednesday 14th at 2pm in the Church. All are welcome.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:
Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm with visiting priests

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHIRLEY: ADVENT STUDY - 'LIVING IN THE LIGHT' at Our Lady's on Tuesdays at 10.45am. For St John's & St George's times, please see the notice board.

Items for collection: *J&P Group, H Munangatire, Nolan, S Turner, C Wren, C King, M Sequeira, I Okugbe, P Winston*
Bapt Certs: *Cox, Upton, Farnon, McCarthy, Cador, Dickson, Watson, Lewis*
Rotas: *Eucharistic Ministers (December & Christmas) Servers (December)*