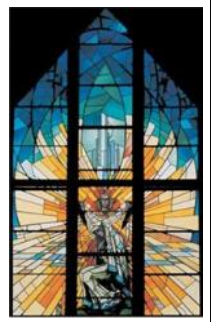




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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**11th December 2022 Third Sunday of Advent (page 88 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A**

## “ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME?”

It's Gaudete Sunday and you'd expect that all the readings be full of joy. And yet in the gospel we are given what seems to be a very sad reading, because the great John the Baptist...

As we said last week that John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, was the precursor of the coming of the Messiah, the long awaited One which all of Israel prayed for, and especially at this time of distress and desperation where they were a fiefdom under the Roman heel, where the majority were poor, where the majority had little hope. — except the *anawim*.

The *anawim* were the group, as we translate it mostly, “the poor.” And there were many poor, and they continued to follow Jesus and to have great hope.

You are not here to command, you are not here to win, you are not here to triumph. You are here to love each other. And that is the task and Jesus shows us the way.

And that is what he says today in this gospel, not just to the *anawim* of his time, the poor of his time.

But you must remember this: if you are going to see as he sees and hear as he hears and do as he does, you're going to have to be one of the *anawim*, because the definition of the *anawim* is “those who know their need for God.”

And if you know your need for God, He will always be there, for He has come to take up His life and give us His love in every step of the way.

### MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 13th at 8pm (PRC)



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Fridays 10.30am - 12pm  
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
15th DECEMBER - TEAM B

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 463.50
Loose cash	£ 503.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2106.50</b>

### Mass Intentions This Week

**10 December: Saturday**  
10:00 Betty Dolan & Ted Rookard RIP 1st Ann  
18:00 Maureen Walsh RIP &  
Dec. Mem. of the Carey Family RIP

**11 December:**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
08:30 Kathy Attwater RIP  
10:00 All Parishioners  
11:30 Jones' Family Ints. (for Baby Wilbur)  
**14:00 Everyone's Nativity**

**12 December: Monday FUNERAL MASS**  
10:00 Carmen Rose Tinglin RIP

**13 December: Tuesday SAINT LUCY**  
10:00 Intentions of Kay Devereux & Family

**14 December: Wednesday**  
**SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS**  
10:00 Greta & George Farrell RIP  
18:30 Thanksgiving Mass for Noel Campbell

**15 December: Thursday**  
10:00 Bridie & Family's Intentions  
19:30 Michael O'Brien RIP

**16 December: Friday**  
10:00 Tony Finnegan RIP

**17 December: Saturday**  
10:00 Granny Anne RIP  
18:00 Andy & Nuala Fox RIP ~

**18 December:**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
08:30 Kathy Attwater RIP ~  
10:00 Joan McHugh RIP ~ #  
11:30 George Hennessy RIP ~

~ With Foodbank Sunday  
# With Uniformed Groups

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

### COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for **Barnabas Aid (Persecuted Church)**.  
**\*\* Don't forget - Next weekend is Foodbank Sunday! Please leave donations in the porch. Thank you. \*\***

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Kevin Moynihan, Baby Noah, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Ralph Rayner, Mary Sims, Elena Braiotta, Iris D'Rose, Monica O'Donnell, Kazimierz (Charlie) Martynski, Adam Coleman, 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, Mary Lane, Edith Smith, Norah Everest, Dennis Godfree, George Fowler, Paddy O'Connor, Rosaleen Jamieson, Mary White, Isabella Rees

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

11th December: Glen Flynn

18th December: Kieran White

1st January: New Year Party with Ally Harron & Marian Curry

8th January: Kieran White

15th January: Theresa Rodgers

22nd January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

29th January: Cross Keys

5th February: Finbar & Paul

- The **ABBA Tribute Evening** on Friday, 16th December is a **complete SELL OUT**. All proceeds from this event will support the **Anerley ACROSS Charity**. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

- We are delighted that all tickets for the **Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner** on Sunday, 18th December have been reserved. Guests are invited to arrive for 12.30pm and Lunch will be served at 1pm.

**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER 1-4pm:** For our **Welderlies Festive Cheer** in Our Lady's large hall! Delicious food, drink, and Christmas themed quiz and raffle. Sing carols, enjoy the fun in good company and dancing music.

Call or text Sylvia **07870 508790**

### \*\* CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY SHOP \*\*

Advent calendars, Advent candles, Christmas cards, Christmas candles and much more, is now available to buy in the Repository. 2023 Church Art Calendars are also in stock.

**THE VINE FOODBANK:** Are now preparing Christmas hampers and need the following:

<i>Jam</i>	<i>Tinned Veg</i>	<i>Tinned Ham</i>	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Tea</i>
<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Juice</i>	<i>Milk</i>	<i>Pasta Sauce</i>	

as well as Christmas specific items:

<i>Pringles (or alternative make in tube)</i>	<i>Box of chocolates</i>
<i>Box/Tin of Biscuits</i>	<i>Carton of Juice</i>
<i>Bag of sweets (sealed with date on)</i>	

### ADVENT COFFEE MORNING TODAY!

In the Large Hall - All are welcome.

### OUR LADY'S PENNY JARS

Please bring your penny jars back to church, ready for collection and counting. They can be left in the porch or handed into the parish office. Many thanks Nike.

### \*\*\* CONFIRMATION 2022 CERTIFICATES \*\*\*

Are now available for collection from the parish office.

### BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING TRAINING

Woodside Bereavement Service are offering a training course for bereavement volunteer counsellors in January. Please see the poster in the porch for full contact details if you are interested.

### JOB VACANCY

St Mary Magdalene with St Martins in Addiscombe is looking for an experienced Deputy manager for a permanent position in their preschool, term time only, (subject to a 6-month probation period). Full details are on a poster in the porch.

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS:** A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one. Thanks for your continued support in hosting these events.

**Items for collection:** B Cronin

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

**Rotas:** Readers (Christmas & Jan/Feb) Eucharistic Ministers (December)

### EVERYONE'S NATIVITY TODAY - Sunday 11th December, 2pm

**Come along this afternoon** for an interactive and 'family friendly' reading of the Nativity Story. Come dressed up as one of the characters to help bring this special story to life. Your costume can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. We don't mind how many Marys, Josephs, Donkeys, Innkeepers, Stars, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels or Kings we have. Everyone will be included - the more the merrier!

Afterwards, festive refreshments will be served in the church hall, and all children will be invited to take part in arts & craft activities.

### \*ANCCG CHRISTMAS REVIVAL AND CAROLS 2022\*

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group invites all parishioners to join in their Christmas celebration and love feast on **Saturday 17th December from 12 noon - 5pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Thornton Heath, Croydon**. Come and celebrate with us the true reason for the season. For more information please visit [www.anccg.co.uk](http://www.anccg.co.uk) or see the poster in the porch.

**EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED:** For the presbytery house, to start as soon as possible. Duties include all usual household cleaning (kitchen/bathroom/dusting/hovering) no laundry or ironing necessary. The job requires 4 hours work, to be done either on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

*Please speak to Fr Keith for more information if interested.*

### THANKSGIVING MASS FOR NOEL CAMPBELL Wednesday 14th December at 6.30pm

This Mass to celebrate the years of service given to St Thomas Becket School by head teacher Noel Campbell, is open to all the Becket family, past and present. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the large hall. We hope to see you there!

## Christmas at Our Lady's

**Advent Reconciliation Service**  
Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm

**Christmas Eve Mass**  
6pm & 11.30pm

**Christmas Day Mass**  
8.30am, 10am & 12pm

## O come, let us adore Him

### OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the Large Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

**10th January:** we will be looking at the Gospel reading for the day.

**ALL PARISHIONER MASSES:** It may have come to your attention recently, that we have not held an 'All Parishioners' Mass every weekend, as is usual. Unfortunately this is due to the number of funerals being held, meaning that other Mass intentions have been moved to accommodate them. In the short term we have used the 'All Parishioners' Masses to pray for those displaced intentions.