



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

11th March 2018 Fourth Sunday in Lent (page 162 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

In our day-to-day struggle just to get on with the business of living it is unlikely that we go around with the image of ourselves as 'God's work of art'. You could say that the purpose of Lent is to consider how our sins reduce us to a 'scribble' at best. There are many forces at work both within us and outside us which tend to pull us down and to leave us with negative feelings about ourselves and those around us. By contrast, at the heart of the gospel message is the wonderful assertion that we are the handiwork of a God who does not make mistakes, and who's creation is most certainly not a hasty scribble. This is the God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, not to bully us into obedience or to threaten us with hellfire, but to bring us to life in its fullness. This is terrific news indeed, the real purpose of Lent, so let us take steps to ensure that other messages do not drown it out.



Lent Prose

"Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us, For we have sinned against thee."

Gospel Acclamation

"Lord we praise you, Christ we give you glory.
 Glory and praise to you, Word of God."

Bidding Prayers.

"O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me.
 O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me."

Mass Intentions This Week

10 March: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Intentions of:
 Poraic Mulvenna and Family

11 March:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Joe Morgan RIP
 10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP
 12:00 Aaron Grimsley RIP

12 March: Monday

10:00 Private Intention

13 March: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Anne Rogers RIP

14 March: Wednesday

10:00 Monica Grant RIP
 15:45 Stations of the Cross

15 March: Thursday

10:00 Mark Aranha RIP

16 March: Friday

10:00 Tony Borfiga RIP

17 March: Saturday SAINT PATRICK

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Eddie Gallacher RIP *

18 March:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners *
 10:00 John Hunt RIP * #
 12:00 David Richardson *

+ With Baptism
 # With Uniformed Groups
 * With Foodbank Sunday

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 546.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 666.14
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2187.14

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Maryhill* amounted to £1120.04. Many thanks.

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

The foodbank team would like to thank you all for your support and very generous donations last month!

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Ted Curry, Margarete Collins, Lauren Horwood, Phyllis Donnelly, Steve Richer, José Fernandez, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *Sr Mary Constance, Melville Pinto, Aaron Grimsley, Zena Winifred Simpson, Eva Senn, Patrick Farren, John Morrison, George Bunyan, Philip Lavocah, Michael Sayers, Luisa Fernandes, Anna O'Donnell, Marion O'Dwyer, Annie Kingman, Joseph Devitt, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Sandy, Winifred Collins, Baby Matthew Neydorff, Norman Coombes, Patrick Kelly, Eveleen McBride, Emma Bowen, Roseanna McKee, Marjorie Collyer, David Hogan, Michael Morris*

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 11th March: Finbar & Bernie
Sunday, 18th March: Ally Harron & Marion Curry
Sunday, 25th March: Walter Kennedy
Sunday, 1st April: *Easter Sunday special* with Pat Hayes
Sunday, 8th April: Eugene Doonan

There will be two events for the St Patrick's weekend. On Friday, 16th March there will be the annual **Bacon & Cabbage Dinner and Dance**; tickets at £12.00 each are now available in the Church Hall. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Children's Ward at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

On Sunday, 18th March, *Ally Harron & Marion Curry* will provide the entertainment. During the evening, there will be presentations to *St Christopher's Hospice* and the *Woodside Bereavement Counselling Service* with proceeds from recent fundraising events.

Coming soon

The Beatles and Elvis Tribute Night on Friday, 13th April

Strictly Come Dancing on Friday, 18th May

RECENTLY DECEASED

We are sad to announce the recent death of Anne Rogers. Her funeral will be held here at Our Lady's on Tuesday 13th March at 10am. Please keep Anne and her family in your prayers at this time.

OUR LADY'S HALLS COMMITTEE

We need some new members to assist the existing team with weekend halls bookings. The role requires the opening and closing of the halls on a rota basis. If you can assist please contact:

Mike Hennessy 07967 141035

A NOTICE FROM GUIDES

Unfortunately 1st Addiscombe Guides (Wednesday evening) is currently full. **Our waiting list has over 26 girls on it and as a result has to be frozen at this time.** We do not expect to have any spaces available until after **October half term 2019** when our eldest girl turns 14, unless someone leaves before then.

That being said, there are spaces available in Shirley, Park Hill, Central Croydon, West Croydon as well as other units in Addiscombe. If you are interested in finding spaces near you please register your daughter online:

<https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/>

The waiting lists are automatically updated. Thank you.

ACCOMMODATION TO LET

Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association has a second floor, one bedroom flat to let in Addiscombe, close to the shops, buses and tramlink. Applicants should be 60+, able to live independently and not a homeowner or have savings / equity over £30,000.

Enquiries (inc contact details): please email secretary@acha.org.uk.

If you do not have access to email, please call the Parish Office on 020 8654 1709 who will pass your information onto the Accommodation Officer.

NURSE REQUIRED FOR ANERLEY ACROSS CHARITY

Nurse required for Anerley Across Charity, for their Lourdes Pilgrimage in June 2018. Dates are Thursday 7th to Saturday 16th.

If interested please ring **Ben Cahill** for more details **07958 903410**
Also, if you would like to join our **200 Club** please get in touch. **£5 a month**, with a draw every month.

First Prize £100 - Second £50 - Third £50

You can visit our website. www.anerleyacross.org.uk

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 13th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: Scripture - The Story of Holy Week
Wednesday 14th - 8pm (PRC)

CULTURAL DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Dear Parishioners, you are warmly invited to attend our next meeting on **Sunday 18th March** in the **small hall** at **1pm**. Items will include updates on mini-projects, finalise action plan for our Sunday June 3rd celebration and to discuss anything else you want. Snacks are welcome for refreshments.

Contact sylvia3k@gmail.com for more information.

Looking forward to see you there. Thanks, Sylvia

28th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP FAMILY BINGO EVENING

Saturday 24th March 2018 - in the Large Hall
7pm for 7.30pm start.

Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5's free)

Reserve your place by calling **Andrea** on **07952 664224**.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

As several people were unable to attend the inspirational service last Friday 2nd March, due to bad weather, there will be copies of the Service booklets at the back of the Church for you to take home if you wish. There will also be envelopes if you want to make a donation to WWDP and these can be dropped off at the Parish Office or Presbytery when filled. Many thanks to those who came on the night and helped make it a wonderful evening. **Anne Barcellos**

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CROYDON Admissions for September 2018

The school reports a significant increase in the number of successful Year 7 applications from Catholic families this year. If parents are disappointed that they have not been allocated a Catholic school for their child, there are now just a few places available at St Mary's for September. Please contact the school for further information regarding admission (0208 686 3837), or visit the school's website.

MONICA GRANT'S FUNERAL

We apologise that unfortunately there were no baskets available at the back of the Church last Saturday for parishioners and friends to show their support for Monica's chosen charities. If you would like to make a donation, please put this in a small envelope clearly marked "In Memory of Monica" and then place it in the bag along with the first collection next weekend. Many thanks.

FAIR TRADE EASTER EGGS

The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group are happy to bring Fair Trade chocolate Easter eggs for sale on **Sunday 18th March**. These may cost a little more than supermarket eggs but by buying Fair Trade goods, you are aiding farmers in disadvantaged parts of the world **and** contributing towards our support of the New Addington Food Bank. And don't forget the words of Daniel (7) "This is the best chocolate I've ever tasted!".

APPEAL FOR FURNITURE

Selsdon SVP Conference have a client in urgent need of the following furniture: 3 piece suite / chest of drawers / bunk bed or single bed / curtains - full length for all windows / bed linen - single and double / towels / bedroom cupboards / lamp shades.

Please get in touch with Andrea (andrealightman@hotmail.co.uk) if you can help with any of these items. Many thanks.

Items for collection: C Buxton, Sr Celia, C Scibberas, M Zukaityte, P Nolan

Rotas: Repository (February-April) Readers (March / April) Servers (March)