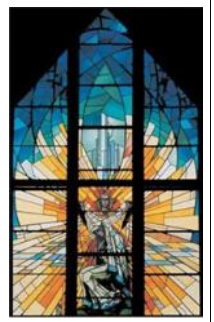




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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12th March 2023 Third Sunday in Lent (page 158 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Today's gospel recounts for us the story of a conversion. The Samaritan woman's conversion doesn't happen all at once but in stages. From her first interaction with Jesus, during which she seriously misunderstands what Jesus is talking about; to the beginnings within her of faith; to full commitment to follow Jesus; and, finally, to telling other people about him. Each stage in her journey of faith involves a decision followed by a choice, at first made internally, then expressed externally.

The Samaritan woman has all the water she needs to quench her thirst. yet, she thirsts for something more in her life. She's searching for that intangible more that will satisfy her dryness and give meaning to her life. She is like us in so many ways; for aren't many of us searching for the who or the what that will help give real meaning to our lives?

What the gospel proclaims to us today is that Jesus Christ is that "something more." It is Jesus Christ who quenches our deepest, driest thirst. But for Jesus to give meaning to our ultimate longings in life, we have to make a decision in our hearts to follow him. That internal decision has to be given expression externally in the concrete choices we make in our daily lives. All of us grow into faith in Jesus in stages, just as the Samaritan woman did. Each stage involves a decision to continue searching and seeking for God in our lives.



Mass Intentions This Week

- 11 March: Saturday**
 10:00 Veronica Kearsley RIP
 18:00 Sheila Phillips RIP
- 12 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
 08:30 Rosie O'Connor RIP
 10:00 Molly Bowen RIP
 11:30 Sean Cullen RIP
- 13 March: Monday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Dulcie Gent RIP
- 14 March: Tuesday**
 10:00 John Devereux RIP
- 15 March: Wednesday**
 10:00 John Walsh RIP
 15:45 Stations of the Cross
- 16 March: Thursday**
 10:00 Nell Kinton RIP
 19:30 John & Eveleen McBride RIP
- 17 March: Friday SAINT PATRICK**
 10:00 Joan McHugh RIP
- 18 March: Saturday**
 10:00 William Cornabe RIP
 18:00 Intentions of Brieger Sweeney #
- 19 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 08:30 Felix Banjo & Martina Oseni RIP #
 10:00 All Parishioners # ~
 11:30 Matt Dolan RIP #

With Foodbank Sunday
 ~ With Uniformed Groups

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 14th at 8pm (PRC)
 PPC: Thursday 16th at 8pm (PPC)



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

CHURCH CLEANING
 16th MARCH - TEAM C

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 458.94
Loose cash	£ 903.10
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
Total	£ 2502.04

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week's second collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** amounted to £1380.65. Many thanks. Next week there will be a diocesan second collection for **Poor Parishes**.

**** 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, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Zena Winnifred Simpson, Eva Senn, Patrick Farren, John Morrison, George Bunyan, Philip Lavocah, Michael Sayers, Patrick Rainford, Luisa Fernandes, Anna O'Donnell, Marion O'Dwyer, Annie Kingman, Jeremiah Murphy, Joseph Devitt, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Sandy, Winifred Collins, Baby Matthew Neydorff, Norman Coombes, Patrick Kelly, Eveleen McBride, Margaret Warnock, Emma Bowen, Roseanna McKee, Marjorie Collyer, David Hogan, Michael Morris, Eileen Flanagan, Philomena Doyle, Joseph Foley, Ida DeSouza, Terence Conn

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

12th March: Frank Nelson with the *Keady Academy of Irish Dance*

19th March: Glen Flynn

26th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

2nd April: Pat Jordan

9th April: Shawn Cuddy

16th April: Finbar & Paul

23rd April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

30th April: Theresa Rodgers

- The winners of the **200 Club Across Draw** for February 2023 are:

£100: Sarah Curley

£50: Gary Lally

£50: Douglas Bush

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.anerlevacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs will commence on Wednesday, 1st February at Trinity School from 5.45pm and concluding at 7.00pm. The sessions 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.

- A **Quiz Night** will take place on **Friday, 28th April**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity**. All Guests will receive a Fish/Chicken or Veggie Burger & Chips Supper. Tickets are £15.00 **MORE INFORMATION & BOOKING FORM TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK**

- The **Bay City Rollers Tribute Evening** on Friday, 19th May. All proceeds from this event will support local Charities including **Children with Cancer at CUH** and the **Critical Care Centre at KCH**. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by sending a Text Message to **Pat Winston at 07734 250375**.

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Walter Claudius**. Details of his funeral will follow shortly. Please keep Walter and family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

COULD YOU BE A RAINBOW LEADER?

The upcoming Easter break brings the departure of Sarah as leader of the 5th Addiscombe Rainbows. As yet, no volunteers have stepped up to take over this very rewarding role, which would mean the unit (*our last remaining Rainbow unit*) would be **forced to shut down**.

Please don't let this happen to our Rainbows! If you think you could be the leader the unit need, please contact Sarah for more information about what is involved, by either:

Emailing oakley50@gmail.com Or texting **07950 381029**

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for a part-time Chaplain (2-3 days/week) from April 2023.

Please visit the school's website for further information.

www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21st -23rd at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on **01322 838415** or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

*** CONFIRMATION 2022 CERTIFICATES ***

Are now available for collection from the parish office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Please note that there will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at **3.45pm**.

*** UCM SPECIAL MEETING ***

DRUG AWARENESS & YOUNG PEOPLE BY DANIEL SPARGO - MABBS FOUNDATION DRUG EDUCATION CHARITY

Wed 5th April Large hall 8pm - Entry Minimum £2 donation

All parishioners are invited but especially parents, carers and youth leaders (18 and over only please)

This is a drug and alcohol awareness workshop which will be led by the foundation's founder and director - Fiona Spargo-Mabbs. This foundation was set up by Fiona and Tim in 2014 after the tragic death of their son, 16 year old Daniel, as a result of taking ecstasy. For more information, please visit their website: www.dsmfoundation.org.uk or contact Marie (UCM) **07774 643159**

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.

21st March: Part 4 of the Video "The Best Is Yet To Come"

BINGO NIGHT

The 28th Croydon Scout Group invite all Parishioners to their Family Fun Bingo evening on **Saturday 25th March** from **7pm until 10.30pm** in the **large hall**.

Line prizes, House Prizes, Heads & Tails game, Children's Quiz, Tuck Shop and Bar open.

Entry Prices: Adults £1.00, Children (6 to 17 - 50p / Under 5's free).

Please reserve your places by contacting **Kevin Moynihan on 07952 752790** or email: kevmoynihnan@msn.com.

Places limited to 100 so don't delay – book today!

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS: A new rota is up in the church porch for anyone wishing to sign up and run one. Thank you.

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES!

We have Baptism certificates dating back pre pandemic that are yet to be collected! Please contact the parish office to pick up this important document (which you require for all faith school applications) as soon as possible! Many thanks.

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 offering a **non-judgemental forum** to help them reconnect with their Catholic faith at: landingsbeckenham@gmail.com

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24th -26th; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone **01622 717272** or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL INTERFAITH GROUP: Will study chapter 3 "Envisaging and engendering an open world" of *Fratelli tutti* (the encyclical by Pope Francis on Human fraternity) on **Wednesday March 15th** from **2 to 3.30pm** in the **Hinsley room Morpeth Terrace**. The document is available online and from St Paul's bookshop. **All welcome and no charge to attend.**

Items for collection: *H Carmichael, JPIC Co-Ordinator*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Readers (March/April) Eucharistic Ministers (March)