

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

12th May 2019 Fourth Sunday of Easter (page 268 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

Dear friends the fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.'" Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd, who knows each one of His sheep, who gives His life for them and snatches them from the jaws of the marauding wolf. He is the true shepherd who fulfils Ezekiel's prophecy foretelling for Israel a shepherd from the end of time who was to deliver his people.

Christ's sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His word in the teaching that she gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through her He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls. Appointed to lead the flock, Peter gave his life for those entrusted to his care, and ever since then the priestly ministry has assured the continuous presence in the Church of Him who remains the true Shepherd of our souls.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter marks the 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1964. Parishes are especially encouraged to include prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the general intercessions on that day and the homily may focus on vocations. Pope Francis' message "*The Church, Mother of Vocations*" should be read and taken to heart. May the Good Shepherd lead us all the ever green pastures.

Fr Jackson would like to visit your family and bless your home with new Holy Water according to your convenience in the evenings. Please email him directly on: jacksonmaveli@gmail.com with your contact details.

Mass Intentions This Week

11 May: Saturday

10:00 Michael Considine RIP
 18:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara RIP

12 May: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Deceased Members of the
 Klos & Stanyer Families RIP *
 10:00 Edelmira Orosa RIP *
 12:00 All Parishioners +

13 May: Monday

10:00 Andrew Starnes RIP

14 May: Tuesday SAINT MATTHIAS

10:00 Alwyn Cornabe RIP

15 May: Wednesday

10:00 Fr Francis Donovan RIP

16 May: Thursday

10:00 Dominic Rowe RIP

17 May: Friday

10:00 Liam Moylan RIP

18 May: Saturday SAINT JOHN I

10:00 Intentions of David Nott

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

12:00 Maura Waller RIP
 18:00 Vivian & Alan Sorrell RIP ~

19 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 All Parishioners ~
 10:00 Dec Members of the Cahill Family RIP ~

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

12:00 Ann Hazell RIP ~

+ *With Baptism*
 * *With Children's Liturgy*
 ~ *With Foodbank Sunday*

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 14th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 14th at 8.30pm (PRC)
RCIA: Why Are We Here? - Wednesday 15th May at 8pm (PRC)
Refugee Support Group: Thursday 16th at 7.30pm (Small Hall)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team C

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 727.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 645.14
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2347.14

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Aid to Churches in Need* amounted to £645. Many thanks. This week there is a second collection for *Ecclesiastical Education*. (Gift Aid-able).

**** 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, John Boswood, Margarett Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Godelieve Padbury, Tom Moody, Gertrude Smith, Frankie Finigan, Andrew Starnes, Elizabeth McCarthy, Robert McCann, Bernard Ray, Edward Lee, Edith Crowhurst, Anne Fowler, Owen O'Hara, Catherine Keating, Fay Earl, Kit Bradley, John Daly, Jerzy Klos, Marie Savy, Ruth Peazold, Kathleen McNaghten, Dominic Rowe, Gerald Maguire, John Foley, Josephine Sweeney, John Flanagan, Anna Tsakalis, Jim Orbell, Eunice Bambery, Teresa Flanagan, Bartholomew McGuane, Michelle Berry, Margaret McSorley, Daphne Andrews, Baby Beatrice Wallace

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Ann Marie Christian - 020 8662 0319 or amc@annmariechristian.com

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

12th May: Pat Hayes
19th May: Eugene Doonan
26th May: **Bank Holiday special** with Theresa Rodgers
2nd June: Glen Flynn
9th June: Finbar & Paul

The **Beatles & Elvis Tribute Evening** will take place on Friday, 17th May; all proceeds from this event will be given to three members of our local community who are taking part in the **JFS Rugby Tour to South Africa** this summer. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Auction/ Raffle. Tickets at £10.00 each are now available from the Church Hall on a Sunday evening; they can also be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill** on **07958 903410**.

There will be a training session on the use of the recently installed **Defibrillator** on Sunday, 19th May at 7.00pm. Later in the evening, there will be a presentation to some of our nominated charities of funds raised at recent events.

RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent death of **James Stone** (father of Sarah Stone). Details of his funeral will follow shortly. Please remember Sarah and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

The funeral of **Maureen Burt** (ex parishioner and teacher at St Thomas Becket School) will take place on **Wednesday 22nd May at 11am** at **Our Lady Star of the Sea Church**, Vermont Drive, East Preston, West Sussex BN16 1JU.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY JUNE 2nd CELEBRATION

The slips of paper for you to state your donation and box to put them in are now at the back of the church.

You are warmly invited to a meeting on **Sunday 26th May at 1.15pm** (straight after the 12 o'clock) Mass in the **PRC Room**. The focus will be to finalise plans for our celebrations. Looking forward to seeing you there, thanks. Best regards **Sylvia 07870 508790**

GIFT AID BOXES: LAST CHANCE TO COLLECT YOUR NEW GIFT AID BOXES AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND!!

RCIA 2019 - 2020: The new RCIA group are meeting for the first time this **Wednesday 15th at 8pm** in the **PRC**. Anyone wishing to learn more about the faith.... 'Come and See!'

UCM PROSECCO AND BINGO

Wednesday 5th June at 8.15pm in the Large Hall

Fundraiser in aid of Croydon University children's cancer wing. **£10 entry** includes 2 glasses of Prosecco and 2 games of bingo. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles and drink too. Expect an evening of good fun and entertainment! All ladies welcome - bring your friends!

Email: ucmaddiscombe@gmail.com or call **Chris** on **07535 978010**.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2019

Some places are still available on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Paul Hendricks, 23rd - 30th August 2019. For details please see www.tangney-tours.com/CA and go to their special section for Southwark.

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2019 at 7.30pm: Come and enjoy an evening of sacred and secular music here in our Church with the **Occasional Voices Choir**, a wonderful community choir based in Croydon and Wood Green. Entry is free, but donations to support Woodside Bereavement Service's work are very welcome. Light refreshments will be available during the interval. Any queries, contact anne.barcellos@btinternet.com. See poster in the porch.

COULD YOU READ AT MASS?

It is a privilege to proclaim the Word of God! We are looking to increase the number of readers we have for all weekend Masses. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please speak with Fr Keith after Mass.

JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION SPRING ASSEMBLY Saturday 18th May

'TACKLING POVERTY IN THE DIOCESE' at the parish of Our Lady of Reparation (St Mary's), 70 Wellesley Road, West Croydon. **Mass at 10am**, continuing 10.30am - 4pm Please bring lunch. Teas & Coffees provided. All are Welcome.

See the poster and full programme in the porch.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS CROYDON

Thank you to all who gave their gifts in so many different ways to help to make this event a powerful witness to the residents of Croydon. Please pray that seeds were sown and some may seek and find the love of Jesus. Please see the following link for pictures that were published in the Guardian.

<https://www.yourlocalguardian.co.uk/news/17591937.in-pictures-croydon-easter-sunday-crucifixion-re-enactment/>

ARTHRITIS & JOINT PAIN WORKSHOP - FREE ENTRY Wednesday 15th May 3 - 4pm W. Wickham Baptist Church

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If so, you are invited to **St George's Cathedral** at **3pm** on **Saturday 13th July** for a special Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony, with refreshments afterwards. Places are limited so make sure of your personal invitation from Archbishop Peter Smith by **emailing mflsw@rcaos.org.uk** We need to know your full names, address, phone number, parish and the special anniversary you are celebrating this year: anyone celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ qualifies. Close family are welcome to come with you. **Last date to apply is 10th June.**

BREAKTHROUGH (12A)

A Christian film **BREAKTHROUGH (12A)** opens in UK cinemas on Friday 17th May.

Vue cinemas are assessing how much demand there is likely to be for the film by holding an advance screening in 20 of their 91 cinemas this Sunday. Two of these are in the Croydon area:

Vue Croydon - Grant's at 14 High Street

Vue Croydon - Purley Way in the Valley Park Leisure Complex

Both performances are at **1.30pm this Sunday 12th May.**

Details & to book can be found at: www.breakthroughtickets.com

A helpful review of the film is at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breakthrough_\(2019_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breakthrough_(2019_film))

"Breakthrough" went to number 3 in the USA cinema charts over Easter weekend and is promoted by Disney

Items for collection: Sr Celia, Hera Fernandes, Margaret Grimsley
Baptism certificates: C Porebska-Evans, L Jones, R Ayers, A Klein
Rotas: Readers (May / June)