



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 12th May Seventh Sunday of Easter (page 273 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

### From *He Leadeth Me* by Walter J. Ciszek

By its very ideology, Communism concerns itself with the question of humanity; to this end it directs all its efforts. No social system in the world gives such prestige to man as does Communism, at least in theory and in propaganda.

There are slogans everywhere that read, "All for man." Gorky's saying that the word man resounds beautifully is often quoted, and children in school and workers in factories are repeatedly told there is nothing in the world more precious than the human being called man. Special expressions in daily usage have been created to emphasise the goodness of human nature. A whole morality has been constructed on the subject, and it permeates the new social order. When reprimanded by authorities or by a comrade for some failure or wrongdoing, citizens are reminded of their obligation to be human, to be conscientious human beings, honest, men of their word. These basic characteristics of human nature are constantly instilled in the minds of children and all Soviet citizens with a fierce insistence. The Communist man, the man of the new social order, must be superior to all human beings, for on him depends the conversion of the world to Communism, to freedom and brotherhood and justice for all. The goal is to provide for the common good of all, to do for humanity what mankind has never yet succeeded in doing...

Some people were curious and would question me further, some would just shrug, and some would bitterly attack religion and the Church. Their attacks would always center on the abuses that are the high light of all atheistic propaganda against religion: the greed of the Church and how the priests and monks sell candles and icons for money, the sexual perversions of priests and nuns, the political influence and power politics of the Church under the tsars, the weird ascetical practices and penances of "holy men," even the tortures of the Inquisition. Every charge that the Church or churchmen have ever left themselves open to by their human failings is recounted in great detail in the courses on atheism in the schools and displayed in the public museums of atheism. That is the only side of the Church the ordinary citizen of this generation has ever heard about, so his antipathy to the Church and to religion, based on these half-truths and distortions, is understandable...

I talked about God as I believed in him, about creation and God's plan for man and the world. I talked about the Fall and about sin, of man's rejection of God and his plan, of the disorder that had come into the world and the evils that had plagued the human race because of this disorder we call sin.

I echoed Saint Augustine's saying that man's heart was made for God alone and it is restless until it comes to rest in him...

Man was created to praise, revere, and serve God in this world and to be happy with him forever in the next.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office will be closed next Monday and Tuesday (13th/14th May) due to staff annual leave. *Stephanie will be in the office on Thursday and Friday next week. Many thanks.*

### Mass Intentions This Week

#### 11 May: Saturday

10:00 Bernard Rookard & Kate Keating RIP  
10th Anniversary

18:00 Andrew Starnes RIP

#### 12 May: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara

11:30 Margot Evans RIP (Birthday) \*\*\*

\*\*\* With 1st Holy Communion \*\*\*

*Please attend an alternative Mass if you are not part of this celebration, to avoid overcrowding.*

#### 13 May: Monday

10:00 Fr Francis Donovan RIP

#### 14 May: Tuesday SAINT MATTHIAS

10:00 Tom Corduff RIP

#### 15 May: Wednesday SAINT JOHN STONE

10:00 Ann Daly & Gerald Mason RIP

#### 16 May: Thursday SAINT SIMON STOCK

10:00 Aurelia Romeo RIP

19:30 Wellbeing of Natalia Cabrera

(With Rosary)

#### 17 May: Friday

10:00 Intentions of Ursula & Anthony Kennedy

#### 18 May: Saturday

10:00 George Lazarus RIP Anniversary

18:00 All Parishioners ~

#### 19 May: PENTECOST SUNDAY

08:30 Scotty DiVincent RIP ~

10:00 José Fernandez RIP ~

11:30 John Boswood RIP ~

~ With Foodbank Sunday

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

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

### MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 14th at 8pm (PRC)



#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

#### OFFERTORY

27th/28th April      £2404.09

4th/5th May      £2490.20

### COLLECTIONS

The Diocesan collection for *The Maintenance of St George's Cathedral* amounted to £740.41. Many thanks.

This week there is a Diocesan collection for *World Communications Sunday*.

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

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall & all others*

*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, Ida Monteiro, Owen O'Hara, Catherine Keating, Sheila Quieros, Fay Earl, Kit Bradley, John Daly, Jerzy Klos, Carmel Denny, Marie Savy, Ruth Peazold, Kathleen McNaghten, Dominic Rowe, Gerald Maguire, Gail Conn, John Foley, Josephine Sweeney, Kathleen Hennessy, John Flanagan, Anna Tsakalis, Jim Orbell, Eunice Bambery, Nilda Acosta, Teresa Flanagan, Bartholomew McGuane, Michelle Berry, Margaret McSorley, Daphne Andrews, Baby Beatrice Wallace, Kathleen Hurst*

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

12th May: The Duets

26th May: Frank Nelson

2nd June: Theresa Rodgers

9th June: TR Dallas

16th June: Shane & Mervyn Owens

23rd June: Kieran White

30th June: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

- The winners of the 200 Club Across Draw for April 2024 are:

£100: Mags Doherty

£50: Eileen Purcell

£50: Ethel Corduff

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.anerleyacross.org.uk](http://www.anerleyacross.org.uk)) and download an application form.

- Thank you to the Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of the *Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance*. The event was a magnificent success: £4,000.00 was raised & these proceeds will be given to the *Royal Marsden Hospital*, Sutton.

- The *Strictly Come Dancing Evening* takes place on Friday, 17th May. Entertainment will be Kieran White. This will be a *Fun Evening & entries will be taken on the Night*. To reserve tickets - Members: £5.00 & Guests: £6.00, please call Pat Winston on 07734 250375

**RECENT DEATH:** We are sad to announce the recent death of **Derek Bentley**. His funeral will take place here at *Our Lady's* on **Friday 24th May at 10am**. Please keep Derek, his wife Paula, and all the family in your prayers at this time. May he *Rest In Peace*.

**ROSARY:** There will be a rosary said before 7.30pm Mass on Thursdays until the end of the month. On 30th May we will have a rosary procession at 7pm before the evening Mass.

**RECYCLING COMPUTER PRINTER CARTRIDGES:** Has raised £25.35 for CAFOD. Please continue to recycle your home computer cartridges in the box under the table in the church porch.

### REUNION FOR ST. ANNE'S COLLEGE AT COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL

Reunion for St. Annes's College Sanderstead Old Girls' at Coloma Convent Girls' School, on **Saturday 18th May at 12 Middy**.

Please e-mail [sacoga@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sacoga@hotmail.co.uk) or phone Fiona Kemp on **01883 342421** for details.

### ST THOMAS BECKET OPEN AIR CINEMA Thursday 23rd May 6pm-9pm

As a fundraiser, the STBSA are showing the new Wonka movie! Early bird ticket offer ends next week, so get your tickets now before prices go up to £10pp! Tickets are available here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=79312>

**OUR PARISH ASCENT GROUP:** Is part of *Life Ascending International* in England, which is designed to meet the needs of Catholics, especially older members of the Church.

We have been meeting in our Parish, every second Tuesday, after morning Mass, for 21 years. After tea/coffee, between 10 and 20 of our members attend.

We produce a programme for each meeting and pray to our Heavenly Father for an increase in Faith Hope and Charity. Our programme usually includes prayer to the Holy Spirit, prayers of intercession and ends with a hymn appropriate to the focus of our meeting.

We invite a variety of speakers each year, including the Sisters of Mary and Joseph, who all teach and encourage us in an adult understanding of our faith, and in our personal prayer life.

**All are welcome 10.45am in the Small Hall.**

21st May: Sr. Sheila Moloney - "An Hour With Our Blessed Lady"

*For Collection: K Duignan, C Sciberras*

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

*Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (May) Readers (May/June)*

### CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

*Fr Tomasz is away next week. Talks resume on 22nd May.*

Excerpts of documents, spoken about by Fr Tomasz during this catechesis, are now available to read on our website, under the **Adult Catechesis** tab.

### YOUR PARISH WEBSITE NEEDS YOU!

Our Lady's website team needs new members to help update the parish website, [addiscombecatholicchurch.com](http://addiscombecatholicchurch.com). If you know your way around a *Wordpress CMS*, fantastic – but **full training will be given**. The role involves uploading the newsletter and children's liturgy, plus any other documents required, on a rota basis.

For more information, please email Sarah Stone: [sarahmarystone@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahmarystone@hotmail.com)

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2024-25

The 219 numbered boxes and small 2nd collection sets will be available for the Scheme members at all Masses this weekend. Please collect your envelopes and put them in a *memorable* safe place.

As happens every year some people will find their number has changed and therefore no unused envelopes from this year can be counted as Gift Aid offerings from the beginning of June. Any old envelopes can be recycled. Many thanks.

### YOU'RE INVITED!

Dear Parishioners, you, your family and friends are warmly invited to our community celebration on **Sunday 2nd June**. Beginning with a special 11.30am Mass marking the feast of Corpus Christi, one blood; one body; one family. This will be followed by our collaborative **Big Lunch** in the large hall from **1-4pm**. The theme is **'Greenest Big Lunch yet'**! You are encouraged to wear recycled or renovated outfits; bring a dish to share and say what it contains; swap planet friendly recipes; exchange household items; move around, chat and make new friends. If possible bring your plates and cutleries that you will take home with you after. Text **Agnes on 07904 426545** or **Sylvia on 07375 824615** for more information. *See you then!*

*Our next planning meeting is on Sunday 19th May at 12.30pm (after Mass) in the hall. Please attend if possible.*

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORIE:** Please see the poster in the porch regarding the pilgrimage in September to Medjugorje with Fr Tomasz. For more information, and to book please contact Malcolm Fernando - [mjfernando@gmail.com](mailto:mjfernando@gmail.com).

### HOPE HEALTH ACTION CHARITY APPEAL

HHA is a local charity based in Coney Hall, for which I, Sarah Nash (parishioner), volunteer.

*We will be holding a quiz night in our church hall on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, all are welcome! Do come for an evening of fun and quizzing.*

Contact [carol@hopehealthaction.org](mailto:carol@hopehealthaction.org) to book a place.

See poster in the porch or the newsletter online for full information

### COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR 2025 CALENDAR

**Stage two is now in progress!** We are requesting memories and photos for the calendar. If you have any photographs representing any events, the buildings, Sacramental, groups activities from the past to the current year, we would love to see them and consider them for the calendar. If they are not included, we are hoping to put on a display of all photos received, next year.

*If you were part of the old youth club, are past and current members of the SVP, the Cana group, the Young Wives, The Unity Club, The Seniors' Christmas Lunch organisers, Uniformed Groups and any groups we have not mentioned or know about, then we would love to hear from you as well as current groups.*

Please put any hard copies in an envelope with details of the event, the date and contact details so they can be returned to you after the celebrations.

If you can, we would like to receive as many as possible digitally.

The email is [addiscombercchurch@gmail.com](mailto:addiscombercchurch@gmail.com)

Please note this is NOT the office email, Rachel & Stephanie have been so supportive and helpful but we do not want to give them any extra work if it can be avoided.

*Thank you! The Calendar Girls*

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who attended the Easter vigil, or one of the Sunday Masses in Lent when five of the 2023/24 RCIA group were formally introduced to the Parish, you will have been part of their initiation into the Catholic Church.

Soon **RCIA** in our Parish will start again for another year. Those involved in helping with the programme always find it to be an inspiring and rewarding experience.

What is the **RCIA**, and could you play a part or benefit from joining the process?

The Southwark Diocese website explains what is involved very well...

**[www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/becoming-a-catholic](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/becoming-a-catholic)**

*“Becoming Catholic is an amazing, life-changing journey. Much more than a series of educational classes, it moves through a process of deep reflection, discernment and formation.*

*God offers each of us the grace of desiring and seeking love, truth and meaning. He is the initiator and giver of all faith, who inspires and guides us on our journey. Throughout the process of initiation into the Catholic Church, the people of God accompany those seeking full initiation step-by-step, to support, guide, and help them hear God’s call in their life.”*

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is the name which has been given to the journey taken by people who seek to become Christians and be confirmed participants in our Catholic Church. Essentially this process allows adults and older young people to enquire, and if they wish, to be prepared for three sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation and The Eucharist.

In our parish it normally takes about 10 months, and culminates in personal decisions being made in the new year, a formal welcome by the Archbishop at Southwark Cathedral in Lent and in celebration of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The group meets every two weeks (excluding school holidays), starting Wednesday 22nd May at 8pm.

Parishioners are asked to encourage friends and relatives to consider joining RCIA this year and indeed anyone wishing to follow the process can be a great help in the Journey to Faith. You will be very welcome to join and accompany this year’s candidates. You do not need any particular skills or training. If you might be interested, or would like more information or perhaps have been through the process in the past, please contact one of the priests after Mass on Sundays.

## Hope Health Action Charity Appeal

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This May, Hope Health Action are running one of their biggest ever fundraising campaigns, with the aim of raising £60,000 for their disability projects in Haiti, Uganda and South Sudan.

To find out more about the charity or to donate throughout May visit [hopehealthaction.org](http://hopehealthaction.org).

Thank you!



# QUIZ

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF QUIZZING, FOOD  
AND FUN-DRAISING FOR OUR PROJECTS!**

**FRIDAY 31ST MAY  
7PM - 10PM**

OUR LADY OF ANNUNCIATION  
CHURCH HALL, 147 BINGHAM RD  
CR0 7EN

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS**

ENTERTAINMENT WILL INCLUDE QUIZ (MAXIMUM 10 PEOPLE PER  
TEAM), RAFFLE AND POUND GAME

**BOOK YOUR TEAM'S PLACE BY EMAILING  
[CAROL@HOPEHEALTHACTION.ORG](mailto:CAROL@HOPEHEALTHACTION.ORG)**

