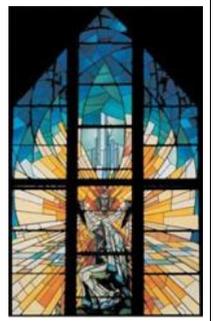




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 By appointment only

12th July 2020 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

We have heard the strong metaphor about how the rain and snow, falling from the sky and soaking the earth, then rise towards heaven as plants, flowers and trees. Divine inspiration is the rain and snow, our inspired lives are the blossoming plants. This image concludes the great section of Isaiah 40-55, some of the most sublime literature of the Old Testament. He has the highest of hopes for the future of humanity

St Paul, in explaining the privileges conferred on by grace, has declared that we are given the spirit of adoption, and are given the spirit of heirs and joint heirs with Christ. He adds a qualifying phrase, "provided that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him." In the following verse, from today's second Reading, Paul, the first (and greatest) theologian of all time estimates that it will all have been well worthwhile. "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us." By the gift of the Spirit and the operations of the Spirit in renewing human beings from the inside out, when God gives us our resurrected bodies, we shall reflect the likeness of Christ. He will be the Firstborn, the elder Brother in the family, all of which bear His image.



*** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION ***

*In order to comply with the government's track & trace guidelines, please bring your phone to Mass and text your name to this parish telephone number - **07548 868418**. This will enable us to keep a record and contact number for those in attendance each day if needed. Many thanks for your cooperation.*



We will continue to livestream the 10.00am Mass each Sunday through our Facebook page.

The link will also appear on our website under the LIVE MASSES tab.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 11 July: Saturday SAINT BENEDICT**
 10:00 Jude Debadass RIP
 17:30 All Parishioners
 18:30 Mr & Mrs Joseph Rasanayagam RIP
- 12 July: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY**
 09:00 Ints. Of The O'Donovan Family
 10:00 Bowen Family's Private Intentions
 11:00 Mr Cao Sil Lieu RIP
 12:00 June Cully RIP
- 13 July: Monday**
 10:00 June Cully RIP
- 14 July: Tuesday**
 10:00 Kathleen Evans RIP
- 15 July: Wednesday**
 10:00 David Warner RIP
- 16 July: Thursday**
 10:00 Kevin Hamilton RIP
 19:30 Thanksgiving for Bella D'Souza's 70th Birthday
- 17 July: Friday**
 10:00 Intentions of Bridie Fowley
- 18 July: Saturday**
 10:00 Isabella Lias Rees RIP
 Birthday Remembrance
 17:30 Ellen Connor RIP
 18:30 Martha Nestor RIP
- 19 July: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY**
 09:00 All Parishioners
 10:00 Intentions of Mr & Mrs Williams
 11:00 Andreas Kassianou RIP
 12:00 Edith Masters RIP 2nd Anniversary

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

Intentions booked for the 6pm Saturday evening and 8.30am Sunday morning Mass times, will move to 6.30pm Saturday and 9am Sunday respectively for the time being. Please contact the office if this is not suitable.

COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

Please see the notice overleaf regarding the offertory.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Reginald Stevens, Bill Jones, Kathleen Pinder, Michael Harry, Frank Tierney, Eileen Stebbing, Pauline Psaila, David Mulrooney, Daniel Spiers, Bridgid Gallagher, Dr. Helene La Rue, Sidney Watts, Frank Stebbing, John Noonan, Bridie McHale, Patricia M. White, Alice Connolly, Ben Kudom, Mary Mohammed, Rita Baxter

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club Committee, I hope that you are all safe and well!

We are continuing to examine the Government guidance for reopening the Social Club; there are still a significant number of steps that will have to be taken before we can welcome Members back. It will not be possible to reopen the Social Club in the next few months. I have made contact with a number of the Bands that provide entertainment for us; they do not expect to return to live performances before the end of the year.

In the early Autumn, I will prepare in partnership with the Committee, a road map for reopening.

St Mildred's Drop In Centre for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed when the Centre reopens.

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. **No task is too small - please make contact.**

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: As the parish office remains closed to the public, if you wish to purchase a Mass card, **you will only be able to do so when the Church is open during the times shown above. Please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

FR JACKSON MUST GET MOTORING!



The Parish is now in a position to purchase a car for Fr Jackson, which he needs sooner rather than later! *Please contact Fr Keith if you know of anything suitable or of someone who can help with this.*

FAITHS TOGETHER IN CROYDON: Black Lives Matter discussion via Zoom on **Thursday 16th July 5.30 - 7p.m.** Register at <http://ftic-events.eventbrite.co.uk> We are particularly keen to have young people telling their stories at this meeting.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Usually around this time, the new sets of Gift Aid envelopes are being handed out after Mass - not this year! We will of course distribute them as soon as we are able, however in the meantime if you have run out of envelopes, please just write **Offertory** along with your **Gift Aid number** on a plain envelope, hand it in and it will be counted accordingly. Many thanks **Jenny**

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that although the Parish Office remains closed to the public the secretaries are back at work and therefore are available to answer email and telephone enquiries.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday 9am – 10.50am

Saturday - 9am - 10.30am and 5pm - 7pm

Sunday - 8am – 12.30pm

The church will close between Mass times for cleaning

Lord Jesus,

*when you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.*

*We place in your loving care
all who are affected by Coronavirus.*

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

*Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.*

We lift our prayer to you Lord,

*and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.*

Amen.

A NOTE OF THANKS!: Fr Keith and Fr Jackson would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed and worked behind the scenes in these challenging times. It has been no mean feat to keep the parish community connected through modern technology (Facebook, streaming, recording music and readings, website updates etc), or to ensure that we can worship together again in church SAFELY.

So to all involved...cleaners, musicians, readers, flower arrangers, FaceBook 'massagers', website technicians, live streaming team, secretaries, MC's, Eucharistic ministers, Sacristans - **THANK YOU!**

DISHWASHER: We have a 6 place setting dishwasher in excellent condition looking for a new home. If you are in need and can make good use of it, please speak to Fr Keith.

OFFERTORY

We have had a number of people ask how to make their weekly offering to church during this time of lockdown. There are a couple of ways you can still do this:

- You can put the money you would normally place in the plate to one side each week, and when we are worshipping together again, hand it all in at once.
- If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme you can post the filled weekly envelope through the Presbytery/Parish Office door, or save up your weekly offering and then place all contributions into the ONE envelope dated for the week the church re-opens. All Gift Aid contributions are entered on individual records for the week they are received and banked and this would save the counters hours of work opening envelopes for individual weeks of lockdown.
- You might consider increasing your standing order at this difficult time for the church. *However if you do decide to do this PLEASE EITHER RING THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO ADVISE US OF IT.*
- If you do not have a standing order but wish to make a **ONE OFF DONATION** via online banking, again *please ring the parish office who can then provide you with the correct details and reference needed to do this.*

An Offertory box is now located in the church porch if you wish to drop off your donation when visiting for private prayer.

**STAY
ALERT** 

**CONTROL
THE VIRUS**



**SAVE
LIVES**