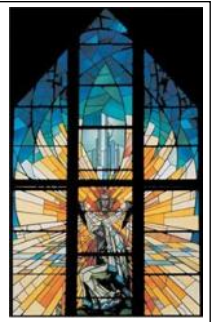




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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12th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 102 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

The Gospel of the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) reminds us that God's Word is like a seed generously scattered into every heart.

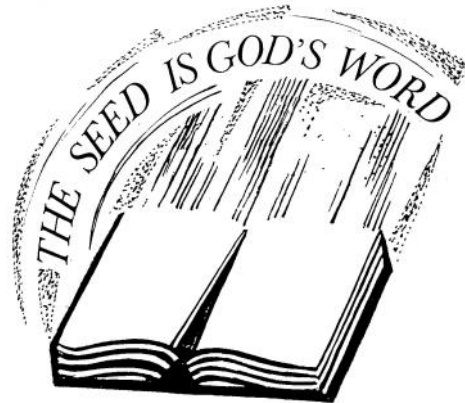
Some hearts are like the path, distracted and closed to God's message. Others are like rocky ground, receiving His Word with joy but giving up when trials come. Still others are like thorny soil, allowing worries and worldly desires to choke their faith. Yet God never stops sowing because He believes that every heart can become good soil.

A little boy once planted a tiny seed in a broken flowerpot that everyone said was useless. He watered it every day with hope, and after several weeks, a beautiful flower bloomed from the cracked pot, surprising everyone who had doubted it. Like that flower, our lives can bear fruit when we allow God's grace to work within us despite our weaknesses.

The Lord does not ask for perfect hearts; He asks for willing hearts that listen and trust. Every prayer, act of kindness, and moment of forgiveness prepares the soil of our hearts for His Word. When we welcome God's Word with faith and perseverance, our lives become a blessing to others.

May we be the good soil that produces a harvest of love, peace, and holiness for the glory of God.

Fr Cajetan



Mass Intentions This Week

11 July: Saturday SAINT BENEDICT

10:00 Intentions of Brieger Sweeney

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

12 July: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners ~

10:00 Rico Fagiani RIP ~

11:30 Ernie Jayawardena RIP (Birthday)

13 July: Monday

10:00 Kathleen & Philip Hennessy RIP

14 July: Tuesday

10:00 Margaret Banjo RIP

15 July: Wednesday

SAINT BONAVENTURE

10:00 Bridget Meek RIP

16 July: Thursday

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

10:00 Kevin Hamilton RIP

19:30 Intentions of Eileen Boswood

17 July: Friday

10:00 Josephine Hart RIP

18 July: Saturday

10:00 Thanksgiving for the Addiscombe SVP

18:00 All Parishioners *

19 July: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Andy Greenhalgh RIP *

10:00 Margaret & Felix McGovern RIP *

11:30 Arthur Fairservice RIP *

~ With Children's Liturgy

* With Food Bank Sunday

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 14th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: Wednesday 15th at 7.30pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 722.12

Loose cash £ 594.42

S/Os (Approx) £ 1340.00

Total £ 2656.54

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be an ACC collection for *Stella Maris*.

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

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Casey, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Mary Jayawardena, Peggy Wall, Pat Joyce, Paddy Ryan, Lorraine Quinlivan, Mervat Nasri, John Wright, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade, Mary-Jane Watson & all others

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

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

12th July: Theresa Rodgers
19th July: The Duets
26th July: Kieran White
2nd August: Kevin Kearney
9th August: Shane & Mervyn Owens
16th August: Martin Ruddy
23rd August: Theresa Rodgers
30th August: **Bank Holiday** - Pat Jordan

Coming soon:

Anerley ACROSS Golf Day followed by an evening with **Effie Neill & Barry Doyle**: Friday, 11th September

The Dreamettes, an evening of **Motown Hits**: Friday, 16th October

The Other Guys!, leading tributes to **Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons**: Friday, 13th November

RECENT DEATH: We are sad to announce the recent death of **Tony Birkby**. Details of his funeral will be published once known. We kindly ask that you keep Tony, his wife Peg and all the family in your prayers at this sad and difficult time. May he **Rest In Peace**.

OUR LADY'S AUTUMN FAYRE & FUN DAY Sunday, 27th September

We are delighted with the tremendous offers of help that we have received from Our Lady's Community.

We have negotiated substantial sponsorship for the Autumn Fayre with **Oaks Estate Agents, Bingham Road**. We need 100 households to display a Sales Board for six weeks; from the beginning of September to mid October. If we reach our target, Oaks Estate Agents will make a contribution of £750.00 to the Fayre. If you can assist, please send an Email to the Parish Office - addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk with your name, address & mobile number by Friday, 7th August.

The **LMB Group, Croydon: www.lmb-lofts.com** (Joanna & Lee Murphy) will sponsor the first prize for the Raffle - £500.00! **Dan O'Donovan: Gardening Services** will sponsor the Cake Stall & **Damian Farnan** will sponsor the Dog Show.

The Fayre will be launched over the weekend of 29th/30th August. **All proceeds from the Fayre will be given to support the major repairs to the Church.**

Over the next few weeks we need assistance in the following ways:

- Sponsorship for the Fayre; this can be from Businesses or Private Donations
- Items for Prizes for the Raffle/ Tombola: Meal Vouchers, Sports Merchandise, Golf Vouchers
- A selection of Fruit: Apples, Rhubarb, Berries for the preparation of Jams, Chutneys, Crumbles et al

If you can assist in any way, please contact:
patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk

Next planning meeting: **Tuesday 1st September 8:15pm** (Small hall)

First Holy Communion 2026/27 NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY

Catechism sessions for children in **NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY** will commence in September 2026.

If your child will be moving into **School Year 3 ONLY** this September, we invite you to email the parish office to register your interest and obtain an application form by **SUNDAY 26th JULY**.

SAFEGUARDING: It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding info can be found on the Diocesan website: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

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Clare George - addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

FAMILY PICNIC AND PARISH REVIEW CELEBRATE OUR PARISH

TODAY after 11.30am Mass

*Bring a picnic, bring the family, maybe bring a rug!
Meet old friends, make new friends, find out about your parish!*

Teas, coffees & soft drinks will be available, & the bar will be open. **Parish accounts are posted in the porch, online with the newsletter, and will be displayed in the hall on the day, along with reports from many of our parish groups.**

The hall displays will be in place in time for the coffee morning after the 10am Mass for those not able to attend the main event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*** CLEANER REQUIRED FOR CHURCH HALLS***

(6hr per week - flexible working across 4/5days)

Cleaning and monitoring of all kitchens & toilets
& washing/sweeping all floors

**Please speak directly to Fr Keith
to express your interest and for further details.**

CONFIRMATION 2026

If you are currently in Year 8 (moving into Year 9 in September) you are eligible to join this year's cohort for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The application form & handbook are posted on the web site, under the Confirmation tab, and you have **until Sunday 19th July to fill it in and deliver it to Fr. Keith or Fr. Cajetan by hand**. We look forward to meeting you all.

Further documents will be posted soon and must be completed and brought to the first meeting on Tuesday 8th September at 8pm.

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

UCM CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT Friday 9th October in the large hall

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start time
Teams of 6-8 people

Bring Your Own Food/Nibbles (no drinks please)
Raffles / Bar will be open

Tickets £7 per person

All proceeds will go to Croydon Nightwatch

Contact Marie Tross **07774 643159**

SUMMER MASSES IN THE HOSPITAL

There will be **NO Weekly Masses** in the Hospital during the month of **AUGUST**.

Wednesday Masses will resume on **Wednesday 2nd September** at 12 noon. *All are most welcome.*

ST JOSEPH'S PEREGRINATION 2/5/26 - 13/3/27

This year, we once again invite our parishioners to entrust all our intentions to St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church.

If you would like to participate in our Peregrination, please sign up on the list in the porch. Kindly leave your name and phone number.

SHRUBLANDS FOOD BANK - AN INVITATION

Shrublands Food Bank have invited us to visit them on **Friday 4th September at 10am** at 7 Broom Road, Shirley, Croydon CR0 8NG. The visit will be about an hour.

Please contact **Chris** on sciberraschris7@gmail.com if you would like to come on the visit or have any questions on other aspects of food banks.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Are you an Adult Catholic, perhaps already retired, and interested in some up-to-date on-going Faith Formation? Would you like to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Could you be free to join us in the Small Hall, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at about 10.45 after 10.00am Mass?

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (July)

Readers: (July/August)

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Addiscombe

Date Printed: 26 May
2026

Profit and Loss

Financial Year Ending: December 2025

	Notes	2025 YTD	Last Year (2024)	Variance	%
Donations and Legacies					
Offertory		178,854	173,634	5,221	3%
Donations	1	33,534	47,014	(13,479)	(29%)
Legacy Income	2	11,153	0	11,153	0%
		223,542	220,647	2,894	1%
Other Trading Activities					
Rent Receivable (occasional lettings)		39,288	31,828	7,460	23%
		39,288	31,828	7,460	23%
Charitable Activities - Income					
Other income from charitable activities		53,820	50,067	3,753	7%
		53,820	50,067	3,753	7%
Other					
Other Income	3	150	30,938	(30,788)	(100%)
		150	30,938	(30,788)	(100%)
		316,799	333,480	(16,681)	(5%)
Gross Profit					
Raising Funds					
Fundraising Costs	4	(1,727)	(13,966)	12,239	88%
		(1,727)	(13,966)	12,239	88%
Investment Income					
Interest and Dividends	5	9,324	9,244	79	1%
Rental Income		21,454	20,268	1,186	6%
		30,778	29,512	1,266	4%
Net gains / losses on investments					
Net gains / losses on investments	6	(342)	43,997	(44,338)	(101%)
		(342)	43,997	(44,338)	(101%)
Net gains / losses on investment properties					
Net gains / losses on investment properties	7	(245,000)	0	(245,000)	0%
		(245,000)	0	(245,000)	0%
Transfers - Income					
Transfers	8	(15,063)	0	(15,063)	0%
		(15,063)	0	(15,063)	0%
Charitable Activities - Expenditure					
Donations		(13,118)	(14,072)	955	7%
Volunteer costs		(916)	(1,067)	150	14%
Parish Ministry	9	(15,191)	(10,699)	(4,493)	(42%)
Clergy Costs		(5,116)	(7,172)	2,056	29%
Stole Fees		(9,355)	(6,582)	(2,773)	(42%)
Christmas and Easter	10	(7,860)	(25,531)	17,671	69%
Clergy Welfare		(1,280)	(1,080)	(200)	(19%)
Property Repairs and Renewals	11	(86,027)	(10,686)	(75,341)	(705%)
Facilities		(34,740)	(39,497)	4,758	12%

House Expenses		(17,058)	(15,609)	(1,449)	(9%)
Church Expenses		(12,326)	(8,017)	(4,309)	(54%)
Office Expenses	12	(4,194)	(1,390)	(2,804)	(202%)
Utilities		(41,862)	(35,645)	(6,217)	(17%)
Insurance		(8,086)	(6,064)	(2,022)	(33%)
Telephone, Courier & Postage		(2,162)	(2,241)	79	4%
Printing, Publications, Books And Stationery		(1,793)	(2,017)	224	11%
Professional Fees	13	(525)	0	(525)	0%
IT costs		(5,925)	(5,870)	(55)	(1%)
Payroll Costs		(38,643)	(37,401)	(1,242)	(3%)
Entertainment Costs	14	(1,578)	(390)	(1,188)	(304%)
Sundry Expenses	15	(4,282)	(41,873)	37,590	90%
Diocesan Assessments		(55,340)	(51,445)	(3,895)	(8%)
Diocesan Collections		(10,422)	(13,521)	3,099	23%
		(377,800)	(337,869)	(39,931)	(12%)
Expenses		(609,153)	(278,327)	(330,827)	(119%)
Net Profit(Loss)	16	(292,354)	55,153	(347,507)	(630%)

Notes

Note 1: 2024 figure includes £10,000 donation / legacy from Kevin Moynihan's estate.

Note 2: 2025 Legacy Income includes £1,000 from Dennis Carpenter's estate & £10,153 from N. Morrison's estate.

Note 3: Income from Refugee project - ceased end of 2024.

Note 4: Donations from 2024 Autumn Fayre spent on different charities; 2025 funds spent on parish costs (repairs etc.).

Note 5: Matches 2025 expectations. However, next year, expect this to be nearly zero as Foundation Masses (Cluniac Funds – notes 8 & 20) have been removed.

Note 6: Diocese revaluation gain of £44k on Cluniac units (& Foundation Masses) at the end of 2024.

Note 7: At the request of the auditors, an independent third party revalued the three flats at 14, Ashburton Road from £850k to £605k. (i.e. £125k, £140k & £340k, respectively).

Note 8: Transfer of Foundation masses to Curia / diocese, per letter dated 21.01.2026.

Note 9: Fr. Cajetan's travel & visa costs (~£5.5k) included in 2025.

Note 10: Christmas offerings in 2025 (of £9,376.24) were included in 2026 figures. But, 2024 figures (of £8,169.86) include Christmas 2023.

Note 11: Hall roof works (~£75k).

Note 12: New printer for parish office (NB: new PCs, iPad, etc. are in IT costs, in both 2024 & 2025).

Note 13: Visa fees Fr. Cajetan.

Note 14: Parish Centenary dinner.

Note 15: Figure for 2024 includes all Refugee project expenses since inception (project ended by end 2024).

Note 16: Difference between £55k gain in 2024 and £292k loss is predominantly due to revaluation of Ashburton property (£245k), roof repairs to hall (£75k) & completion of the Refugee project.

Balance Sheet

Financial Year Ending: December 2025

	Notes	£ - 2025 December	£ - 2024 December	£ - Variance
Current Assets				
Debtors (Loan A/c)	17	49,029	85,151	(36,122)
Bank A/c #1		42,888	33,795	9,093
Bank A/c #2		17,188	15,156	2,032
Bank A/c #4 (Refugee)	18	1,530	720	810
Petty Cash		(164)	(146)	(18)
		110,471	134,677	(24,206)
Tangible Assets				
Land & Buildings		94,716	94,716	0
Investments – Properties	19	605,000	850,000	(245,000)
Investments – Parish Funds		468,310	468,651	(341)
Investments – Cluniac	20	0	15,063	(15,063)
		1,168,026	1,428,430	(260,404)
Creditors Amounts falling due within 1 year				
Creditors Short Term	21	(31,661)	(23,917)	(7,744)
System Accounts		3	3	0
		(31,658)	(23,914)	(7,744)
Net Current Assets(Liabilities)		78,813	110,763	(31,950)
Net Assets(Liabilities)		1,246,838	1,539,193	(292,354)
Funds				
Restricted Funds	22	0	7,629	(7,629)
Parish Funds	22	601,436	593,807	7,629
System Accounts	23	937,757	882,603	55,153
		1,539,193	1,484,039	55,153
Profit & Loss Account		(292,354)	55,153	(347,507)
		(292,354)	55,153	(347,507)
Equities and Reserves		(1,246,838)	(1,539,193)	292,354

Notes

Note 17: Loan A/c (agrees with diocese statement) includes gift aid monies claimed in year less money taken for roof works.

Note 18: NB: Refugee A/c to be closed down in 2026.

Note 19: Property revaluation decrease by £245k (also see note 7).

Note 20: Foundation masses value transferred to Curia (diocese), per letter dated 21.01.2026 (also see note 8).

Note 21: Money owed to diocese (i.e. 2nd collections, payroll, levy, health & safety, insurance, etc.).

Note 22: Internal transfer (processed by diocese) between two funds.

Note 23: Surplus carried forward from prior year.