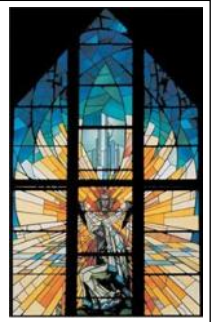




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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FROM JOHN PAUL II HOMILY FOR PALM SUNDAY 2002

The Passion narrative points out the *fidelity of Christ*, contrasted with *human infidelity*. In the hour of his trial, while the disciples and even Peter abandon Jesus (cf. Mt 26,56), He remains faithful, willing to pour out his blood to bring to fulfilment the mission the Father has entrusted to him. Beside him is Mary, silent and suffering.

Dear people of God! Learn from *Jesus* and from his and our *Mother*. The real strength of a man lies in the *fidelity* of his witness to the truth and in his resisting flattery, threats, misunderstandings, blackmail, even harsh and relentless persecution. This is the path on which our Redeemer calls us to follow him.

Only if you are ready to do this, will you become what Jesus expects of you, that is, "*the salt of the earth*" and "*the light of the world*" (Mt 5,13-14). The image of *salt* "reminds us that, through Baptism, our whole being has been profoundly changed, because it has been 'seasoned' with the new life which comes from Christ.

Dear all, *do not lose your flavour* as Christians, the flavour of the Gospel! Keep it alive *by meditating constantly on the Easter Mystery*: may the Cross be your *school of wisdom*. Boast of nothing else save this sublime throne of truth and love.

*Fr. Keith and Fr. Tomasz are God's men, sent to serve.
 They are never too busy to see you.*

Mass Intentions This Week

- 12 April: Saturday**
 10:00 Miranda Franzon & Ghirardini Lino RIP
 18:00 Mr & Mrs Joseph Rasanayagam RIP*
- 13 April: PALM SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners *
 10:00 Helen Kassianou RIP *
(With procession into Church - pg. 184)
 11:30 Coloma & Catholic Education Welfare *
- 14 April: Monday in Holy Week**
 10:00 Ashley Park RIP
 19:30 *Evening of Prayer & Reflection*
- 15 April: Tuesday in Holy Week**
 10:00 William Cornabe RIP
 19:30 *Lenten Reconciliation Service*
- 16 April: Wednesday in Holy Week**
 10:00 Mary O'Sullivan RIP
 15:45 *Stations of the Cross*
- 17 April: MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 19:30 Kathy Attwater RIP (Birthday)
Watch Until Midnight
 23:45 Night Prayer
- 18 April: GOOD FRIDAY**
 09:30 Stations of the Cross
 15:00 Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 16:30 - 19:00 *Church open for quiet prayer and reflection by the tomb*
- 19 April: HOLY SATURDAY**
 10:00 Morning Prayer & First Anointing
 10:30 & 11:00 Polish Blessing of Easter Food
The Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
 21:00 Gustavo Ceccere on his Confirmation
- 20 April: EASTER SUNDAY**
 08:30 Raymond (RIP) & Liz Chow Wed. Ann.
 10:00 All Parishioners
 11:30 Tom Corduff RIP

MEETINGS

- Padre Pio Prayer Group:** Tuesday 15th at 10.45am (Small Hall)
Book Club: Tuesday 15th at 4pm (Small Hall) reading - *A Case for Christ*
SVP: Tuesday 15th at 8pm (PRC)
Bible Study: Wednesday 16th at 11.30am (Large Hall)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 616.01
Loose cash	£ 1011.57
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2967.58

*** 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

Last week's second collection for *Little Sisters of the Poor* amounted to £579.99. Many thanks. There will be a collection for *Holy Places of Palestine* on Good Friday. *Next week (Easter Sunday) is your personal offering to Fr Keith and Fr Tomasz.* Please pick up an envelope from the porch. Can I ask all parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme, including those who pay by standing order, to use their Gift Aid envelopes. Many thanks.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu & all others
We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Archie White, Tony Sollé, Paul Boateng, John McCaughey, Catherine A. Charles, Sr Bernadette, Milton Chatelier, John Humphries, Eric Turtle, Chris Hatton, James Brady, Delmira Barcellos, Sheila Minus, Maria Walicka, Julia Hinchcliffe, Paul Geddes, Olivia Green, Amalorpava Rasanayagam, Kate Gladden, Henryka Starkowski, Mary Anderson, Harold Sweeney, Patrick Walsh, Joseph Brady, Maria Robinson, Peter Philipsz, Aidan Holder

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

13th April: Kieran White
20th April: **Easter Sunday** - Shawn Cuddy
27th April: Kevin Kearney
4th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kenny Paul
11th May: Theresa Rodgers
18th May: Ally Harron & Marian Curry
25th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kieran White
1st June: Cross Keys

- Thank you to the Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of the Shane Moore Evening. The event raised £2,000.00; these resources will be given to the **Place to be Cafe**, Purley, a facility which supports **people with Alzheimer's and their Carers**.

- The **Addiscombe Dance Weekend** in the Social Club commences on Saturday, 12th April with a **Sean Nos Workshop** from 2 - 5pm (£8 / children free) and a **Ceili** at 7:30pm (£12). On Sunday, there will be a **Jive & Line Dancing Workshop** at 5pm followed by **Social Dancing** with Kieran White at 7:30pm. For more information, call Della Reilly on 07403 227935.

- The **Barry Doyle Band** will be appearing in the Social Club on Friday, 9th May from 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Irish Community Services, Bexleyheath**.

The **Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance** will take place on Friday, 16th May. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm and **Dancing to The Duets** will commence at 8:00pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Anerley ACROSS, a charity which will be taking a party of disable people to Lourdes in June**.

To reserve tickets for the above events, please call **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

RECENT DEATHS

We are sad to announce the death of **Irena Pawelczyk**, on the 5th April, (mother of Sofia and Krystyna). Funeral arrangements to follow in due course.

Also, **Raymond Lobo** (father of Flora & Evelyn) on 4th April & **Fr Sunith Nonis** (formerly of this parish) on 7th April.

Please keep **Irena, Raymond, Fr Sunith** and their families in your prayers at this time. May they all **Rest In Peace**.

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP: Parishioners all, our Centenary Big Lunch is on Sunday 1st June. No doubt you would want to be part of it. Please complete a short form to capture your country of origin, plus how you would want to be involved at the back of the church and a box to secure them. Please also remember to complete the online survey on Our Lady's Parish website. **Our next meeting is TODAY, Sunday 13th in the large hall at 12.30pm (after the 11.30am Mass)**. Please contact Sylvia on 07870 508790 for more information, thanks.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Parish Ascent Group is part of "Life Ascending International". It is a Catholic movement for men and women who have reached a certain age in life. The three aims are first, developing Friendship, then growing in Spirituality and finally supporting the Church's Mission both at home and abroad.

All parishioners are very welcome to join us. We meet over tea and coffee to share in many different ways our understanding and experience of our Catholic faith, in the **Small Hall after 10am Mass on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month**.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 22th April** - In addition to sharing our Life Ascending prayers, we are scheduled to hear the Personal Faith Journey which Bella has been following until now

THE SECULAR CLERGY COMMON FUND: ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe secretary@secularclergy.org.uk Closing date 28th April 2025.

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (April) Readers (March/April)
Baptism Certs: Should be collected from the parish office

FOR ALL GIFT AID MEMBERS DONATING BY STANDING ORDER

The members who choose to receive a small set of envelopes for Diocesan 2nd Collections may have noticed that this year no envelope is included for the Easter collection for our Priests. Last year the Parish claimed nearly £1000 from the Inland Revenue as a result of these offerings.

PLEASE would all donors pick up and write their number (or name) on one of the Easter Collection Gift Aid envelopes available in the porch. *Other envelopes will be available for parishioners who are not members of the Scheme.*

Thank you in advance for your help.

The Parish cannot afford to lose income because of a printer's error!

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS WASHING OF THE FEET

Please use the sign up sheet in the porch if you wish to have your feet washed during the Mass.

TRADITIONAL POLISH BLESSING OF THE FOOD ON THE EASTER TABLE

Fr Tomasz will be giving the traditional Polish Blessing of the Food on the Easter table on **Saturday 19th April at 10.30am and 11am** in Church. Please come along!

JOIN US FOR A SACRED EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

When: Monday, 14th April 2025 – 7:30 pm at Our Lady's

Entering into the Mystery – A Sacred Evening to Begin Holy Week

As we approach the Holy Week of Easter, join us for an evening of prayer, song, meditation, and reflection. Together, we will enter into the mystery of God's love, journeying toward the Cross and the empty tomb, preparing our hearts and minds for the grace of Easter.

Mathew 26:38 Stay here and keep watch with me

Led by the OLA Cecilian choir, we look forward to seeing you there!

PARISH FILM SHOW: This year's show will be at **7.30pm on Saturday 26th April, in the Small Hall**. A variety of short films will be shown via film projection (not digital). Proceeds will support the national charity **Life**. Tickets £7.50 (adults); £3 (children) will be on sale next weekend, or you can book by emailing adrianw_8-16@tiscali.co.uk or phoning **020 8656 0168**.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all the attendees from our church and others who came to the World Wide Day Service in our Church on 7/3/2025 and gave generous donations to the World Day of Prayer.

It was a lovely spiritual and joyful event which was shared by all with singing and reflecting on other world needs and cultures. Many thanks also to the Welderlies members for the artificial flowers which were handed out to all as mementoes'. We look forward to see you at the next prayer day in March 2026.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD - 7 JUNE 2025

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults.

This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). **The event itself is free.**

If there is enough interest, our parish will look at putting on a minibus/coach for the day itself (cost to be advised), so to express your interest, please speak to Fr Keith.

You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be **NO MASS in Croydon University Hospital** during Holy Week (i.e. Wednesday 16th April) as that is the date of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral.