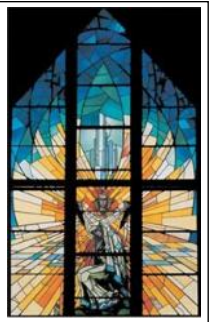




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 128 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

The readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, remind us that forgiveness is an essential part of our Christian life.

Jesus teaches us that we must forgive others not just once, but repeatedly, because God continually forgives our sins and weaknesses.

The parable of the unforgiving servant shows us how inconsistent it is to ask for God's mercy while refusing to show mercy to those who hurt us. Forgiveness does not mean that the pain we have experienced is unimportant, but it means choosing to let go of resentment and allowing God to bring healing to our hearts.

When we remember how much God has forgiven us, we become more compassionate, patient, and willing to forgive others.

May we ask God for the grace to forgive from our hearts and to live each day as faithful witnesses of His mercy and love.

Fr Cajetan

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: The consent form for the away day to Aylesford Priory is now available to download from our website. You can also download the Sponsor form, if you did not pick one up at the meeting.

A Pastoral Message for *Education Sunday* from Archbishop John is available to read on the welcome page of our website.

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

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.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 15th at 8pm (PRC)
Arts & Crafts Group: Friday 18th at 2pm (Small Hall)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 671.92
Loose cash	£ 543.86
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2555.78

Mass Intentions This Week

12 September: Saturday

10:00 Birthday Wishes for Wesley Adaken & In Remembrance of Fr Laval
18:00 All Parishioners

13 September:

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

08:30 John McCarthy RIP *
10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP *
11:30 Neville Cornabe RIP 1st Anniversary

14 September: Monday

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

10:00 Wellbeing & Private Intention

15 September: Tuesday

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

10:00 Matilda Olatunji RIP

16 September: Wednesday

SAINTS CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

10:00 Sabine Buntu RIP

17 September: Thursday

10:00 Sally Mahoney RIP 15th Anniversary
19:30 Caroline Koch RIP

18 September: Friday

10:00 Ints of Mary & Dave Woodeson

19 September: Saturday

10:00 Ernie Jayawardena RIP 1st Anniversary
18:00 Joan McHugh RIP ~

20 September:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

08:30 Deceased Members of the Hayward Family RIP ~
10:00 Anne France RIP ~
11:30 All Parishioners ~

* With Children's Liturgy
~ With Food Bank Sunday

*** 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 collection for *SVP Addiscombe Conference* amounted to £557.40. Many thanks. This week there will be a Diocesan collection for *Education Sunday*. Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for *Home Mission Sunday*, see note overleaf.

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

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Jonathan Leiper, Marie Griffin, Christina Cahill, Joseph Anand, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Mervat Nasri, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade, Mary-Jane Watson & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Felix McGovern, Gerry Allan, Glenys McCloskey, Bridget D'Cruz, Daniel Doyle, Ann O'Shea, Wladyslaw Malec, Nick Hayward, Michael Beston, Rouell Dawkins, Thomas Bloxham, Sally Mahoney, Alan Kennedy, Jennifer Burnett, William Carneiro, Angela Marengi, Stephen Hayes, Doris McCarthy, Ivan Rodrigues, Grace Munro, Ernie Jayawardena, John Hayward Jr

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

13th September: Ally Harron & Marian Curry
20th September: TR Dallas
27th September: Kenny Paul
4th October: Kieran White
11th October: Theresa Rodgers
18th October: Glen Flynn
25th October: The Duets
2nd November: Cross Keys

- The Motown Tribute Evening featuring the Dreamettes takes place on Friday, 16th October. Admission will be by TICKET ONLY. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle and/ or Auction. All proceeds from this event will be given to the 28th Croydon Scouts Group to support their refurbishment of facilities programme.

To reserve Tickets for this event, call Ben Cahill - 07958 903410

Coming soon:

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

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.

Next weekend we would invite you to bring the following items:

*** Bottles * Unwanted Gifts * Toiletries**

Thank you for your support of the Grand Raffle. All counterfoils and monies are to be returned to the Presbytery by Saturday, 19th September. At the end of every Mass next weekend, members of the Autumn Fayre Team will be selling Raffle Tickets; the first prize is £500.00.

This year, we will be having a Fruit & Vegetable and Plant stall; items for the stall can be delivered on Saturday, 26th September.

We need personnel to assist with the setting up and decanting of the Marquees on the Saturday & Sunday of the Fayre. If you can assist in any way, please contact patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk

All proceeds will be given to support the major repairs to Church

***** SAVE THE DATE - PARISH DINNER & DANCE *****

Saturday 7th November in the large hall

Tickets £38 each - more details to follow

Contact **Marie Tross: 07774 643159**

NEW EVANGELISATION!!

On **Tuesday September 22nd** our Ascent Group have arranged for the Diocese Advisor on Evangelisation to talk in our Parish after 10am Mass. All are welcome!

DEANERY MASS FOR ALL THOSE WORKING IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Thursday 1st October at 4pm at St John the Baptist Church

See the poster in the porch for further information.

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for **years 1 to 'A' level**
On **Sundays in Our Lady's small hall between 1 - 5pm.**

£25 p/h for years 1 - 9 £30 p/h for GCSE & A Level

To register your interest please contact:

Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009

UCM CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT Friday 9th October

In the large hall - Tickets £7 per person

Teams of 6 people - Contact Marie Tross **07774 643159**

INTERESTED IN SINGING OR PLAYING IN CHURCH?

Please see page 3 of this newsletter online on our website.

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (September) Readers: (Sept/October)

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

APPLICATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Application forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. *Please complete the form fully and return it to the parish office. Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith.* Appointments will be available from **Monday 14th September to Thursday 8th October.** Primary school interviews will take place later in the year.



AUTUMN FAYRE —

INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL ANNOUNCEMENT

Volunteers Needed!

Once again we're running our popular International Food Stall at the Autumn Fayre — and we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to cook, prepare, serve or assist on the day.

Rice Dishes: Jollof Rice, Fried Rice, Rice & Peas, White Rice & Stew, East African Pilau Rice, Waakye & Shito

Main Dishes: Spicy Chicken, Roast/Grilled Chicken, Jerk Chicken, Stew Chicken, Curry Goat, Oxtail

Sides & Extras: Plantain, Pof Pof, Meat Pies, Fresh Salad, Bean Stew, Coleslaw

Whether you can cook a dish, help for an hour, or give a hand setting up — Every little helps! **Get Involved!**

Please speak to **Chimu** on **07523 422134** or the parish office by **Tuesday 22nd September** — if you need any ingredients to prepare for your meal or if you can help in any way please let us know.

Thank you so much — we can't wait to share this wonderful food and fellowship together! From the International Food Stall Team

THE DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE: Are selling raffle tickets after all Masses THIS WEEKEND. They serve some of the most vulnerable individuals in our society through their hospitals, clinics, mobile outreach programmes, and social welfare initiatives. **Please help support their fundraising efforts!**

HOME MISSION SUNDAY: On **Sunday 20th September**, we will celebrate Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. More details can be found on the Bishops' Conference website www.cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday/ The Second Collection on this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. *Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can.*

SAVE THE DATE: On **Saturday 14th November** from **1-5pm** in the large hall, St Vincent de Paul in collaboration with Welderlies, will organise a '**Stay Well & Alert in Winter**' event. Health services providers will join us to deliver preventive health information that are vital to preserving our mental and physical health during the colder months. We invite parishioners with relevant capacity and connection who would like to be actively involved to contact **Corrine on 07764 763461 or Sylvia on 07870 508790.** Many thanks & blessings.

HOW DO WE PRAY? HOW DO WE BUILD A BETTER, MORE FULFILLING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called **Teach Me to Pray** facilitated by *Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission*. The programme will be **online** on Tuesdays, starting **6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm.**

Following 4 online sessions there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions — join us whenever you can.

For more details, or to sign up see:

aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd

or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

AN INVITATION TO SING OR PLAY

Those who attend the 8.30am Mass on Sundays know that we generally have an organist to lead the sung worship.

That rôle is taken at other Masses by groups from within the congregation; twice a month each, the 10 o'clock is accompanied by the Cecilians and the Music Group. At 11.30, Jacqueline leads from the piano with a small group of singers.

None of these “units” requires anyone to pass a test, an audition if you like – all you need is a commitment that you’ll attend when you can, and a degree of enthusiasm that says “when you can” means “as often as I possibly can”. This applies to musicians, too; young people have started playing in church from age six; we hope that the experience helped with their musical development as they went through school/college and into the big, wide world. At least two past members are now professionals ...

This is an invitation to turn up at your usual Mass and see if sitting and singing (or playing) with the singers and musicians is indeed for you. You will be more than welcome and can find out rehearsal details, and how each group works, before deciding that, yes, this is for you; yes, you believe that you *can* assist with the leading of the sung worship; and yes, the members of the group are welcoming ‘cos they remember their first time coming to the group.

Contact details are shown on the “Music at Mass” tab inside the “Our Parish” tab on the church’s website (Addiscombecatholicchurch.com) – we all look forward to welcoming you.

