

Our Lady of the Annunciation



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14th January 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 127 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

As we ponder the Gospel passage from John we read about the call of the first two disciples of Jesus, who are in fact already disciples of John the Baptist. There is no call from Jesus for the disciples in this passage. John's lifetime of living his call from God, is fulfilled in the moment of clarity and recognition of Jesus. Not jealous of his own importance as a preacher and religious leader, John directs his two disciples, one of whom is Andrew, to follow Jesus, the Lamb of God. Had it not been for John would these disciples have followed the one they recognized as Rabbi, teacher?

The Gospel tells us that having spent the day listening to Jesus, the first thing Andrew did was find his brother, Simon. Inspired by the words of the teacher Jesus, Andrew's life was changed. This was such a clear invitation by God to follow Jesus that he was compelled in turn to tell his brother that he had found the Messiah. Andrew was the instrument of God's call. Had it not been for Andrew we wonder if Simon would have come to know Jesus, who in turn called him to a life-changing vocation.

As followers of Jesus have we not recognized him, heard his call in our hearts, and been instruments of God's call for others? We all know of instances in our families, in our jobs, in our day to day 'stuff' where we encounter God. Perhaps as we meet each other today and in the future we could share our "Had it not been for...." moments when we have heard God's call. These are stories of trust in our ever faithful God who continues to call us. May we listen and be attentive to the promptings of our hearts.

Carleen Maly, OP



Mass Intentions This Week

- 13 January: Saturday**
 10:00 Rachael & Fredy D'Silva RIP
 18:00 Betty McHugh RIP
- 14 January: SECOND SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Intentions of Francis Bunch
 11:30 Irene Rozario RIP
- 15 January: Monday**
 10:00 Intentions of Paula & Derek Bentley
- 16 January: Tuesday**
 10:00 Norma Bird RIP
- 17 January: Wednesday SAINT ANTHONY**
 10:00 Dick Walsh RIP
- 18 January: Thursday**
 10:00 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP
 19:30 Wellbeing of Nathan Martin
- 19 January: Friday**
 10:00 Pat & Derek Gatland RIP
- 20 January: Saturday**
 10:00 Deceased Members of the Lavin Family RIP
 18:00 Miranda Franzon RIP *
- 21 January: THIRD SUNDAY**
 08:30 Len & Cella Dickens RIP *
 10:00 James Brady RIP (Birthday) *
 11:30 Fanchea Blackman RIP *

* With Foodbank Sunday

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 16th at 8pm (PRC)
Adult Catechesis: Wed 17th at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)
RCIA: Wednesday 17th at 8pm (PRC) *Vocations & Ministry*
PPC: Thursday 18th at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 516.39
Loose cash	£ 711.61
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2518.00

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for *Pax Christi*. Please see the note overleaf and pick up an envelope in the porch.
**** Don't forget - Next weekend is Foodbank Sunday! Please leave donations in the porch. Thank you. ****

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary, Anna Maria Caruana & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Elsie Keane, Cynthia Forage, Agnes Donlon, Elizabeth McHugh, Mark Murphy, Claire O'Dwyer, Eric Stammers, John O'Flaherty, Valerie Cotta, Arthur Donegan, Terry McGuire, Richard Harvey, Irene Rozario, Elvira Molda, Randolph Coombs, Patrick Mulholland, Lydia Nasse, Isobel Anderson, Fr. Tom Connelly, John Scanlon, Norman Cunningham, Joan Ringrow, Mary Finigan, Kathleen O'Brien, Lena Crinnegan, Juliet Dias, Celino Rodrigues, Rosalie Hughes, Sr. Mary Leontine, Ian Sulzdorf, William McHale, Ted Hanlon, James Concannon, Elsie Ryan, Harry Linton, Eithne Stolls, George Paice, Joseph Mizzi, Antonia Drabik, William Toole, Terence Flanagan, Mary Ellen Gillman

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

14th January: Theresa Rodgers

21st January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

28th January: Cross Keys

4th February: Finbar & Paul

11th February: Shane & Mervyn Owens

18th February: Kieran White

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

3rd March: Pat Jordan

- The **Quiz Night** in aid of Kings Critical Care Unit is now completely **SOLD OUT!** No tickets will be available on the night.

- **J & M Country Dance Classes** commence in the Church Hall on Sunday, 21st January from 2:00pm for five weeks. Admission will be £10.00 per class. For more information, call **Michael on 07576 146431.**

- **Ceili Night** comes to the Social Club on Friday, 26th January from 7:30pm. **The Parish Ceili Band** will provide the entertainment and there will be a range of dances including Sets, Waltzes et al.

- **The Motown Tribute Evening** takes place on Friday, 9th February from 7:00pm. All proceeds from this event will be used to support the development of **Youth Football at Round Towers GFC.** You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz delivers catechesis for adults **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall.**

Topic for this week: Women & Ordination to Priesthood

FOODBANK SUNDAY

The Vine Foodbank are particularly in need of.....

tinned veg jars of pasta sauce (tomato)

milk jam fruit savoury snacks

tinned meat juice (cordial) shampoo

cleaning products, especially bleach

Many thanks for your continued support!

2nd SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING - SMALL HALL

Please join us **TODAY** in the small hall **after 10am & 11.30am Masses** for tea, coffee and cake!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine with a focus on living with each other in love. The service was prepared some years ago and therefore does not reflect the turmoil that is currently devastating the people in their country. We may feel there is nothing we can do for them but come and share the prayers at our Church at **7pm on the 1st March**, joining your prayers with those of rest of the world and letting them know we care.

If you would like to take on a specific role in the service please contact **Anne (Barcellos@btinternet.com)** in the next couple of weeks. Many thanks.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

28th January 2024 - St Georges Cathedral

Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating this event at St George's Cathedral at the 10am Mass. **Come in traditional attire or costumes and even bring a flag of your country of origin.** Refreshments will be available after Mass at Amigo Hall.

For Collection: C Buxton

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Jan) Readers (Jan/Feb)

COME ALONG TO OUR SOCIAL GROUP!

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 1 - 3pm

In the Small Hall

There is:

Tea/Coffee & Biscuits / Raffle / Singing / Bingo / Quizzes / Day trips

Come along, bring a friend and spread the word -

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our next session is on **Wednesday 24th January**

Please contact Ellen on 07947 120568 or email ellenwhelan@londonirishcentre.org

Organised by The Irish Centre in Camden - OPEN TO ALL

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

A new rota is up in the church porch for anyone wishing to sign up and run one. Thank you.

**** REPOSITORY SHOP ****

2024 Diaries (with order of Mass) and Southwark Diocesan Directories are now in stock! Look out for some great sale items, especially **all Baptismal gifts at 50% off!**

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP

(Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the SMALL Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

23rd January: To be decided

ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL

From 9.30am every Monday - Saturday

PAX CHRISTI

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Please pick up an envelope from the porch.

LOST PROPERTY

Please note that in a week's time, the shelves at the back of the church where all lost property is deposited, will be cleared! Check and see if anything belongs to you on your way out of church today! Many thanks.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & CO MAYO

3rd March 2024

£899.00 pps - Price includes:

Flight with 10kg hold luggage

5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport

with dinner, bed & breakfast

Lunch on three days

All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey,

Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle.

Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES!

We have Baptism certificates dating back pre pandemic that are yet to be collected! Please contact the parish office to pick up this important document as soon as possible! Many thanks.