



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
By appointment only

14th March 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent YEAR B

Mothering Sunday, but once again, not as we know it!

Last year we were in total lock down and were only able to offer thanksgiving in the privacy of our own homes. This year, at least, we can celebrate together in church the relationship we have with The Blessed Virgin, Mother of all Christians. We can be assured that through this difficult year she has held us in her prayers, along with all those who have been tested more severely than ourselves.

This year, at least, we can gather to celebrate Mother Church who has continued to open her doors and to embrace all those who have looked for solace within the sanctity of her walls. Even in strict lockdown Priests around the world celebrating Mass faithfully for the intentions of our hearts and minds.

Alas though restrictions on visiting parents and grandparent not "Bubbled" remain in place. We must not allow the current situation to limit the fervent expression of the love and gratitude we have for our mothers. We ask God's blessing on all mothers, most particularly our own.



Today, at our 10.00am Mass we welcome the young people who are members of the Addiscombe Youth Club who will be telling us a little more about the way they have continued to meet this past year, and the things they have done to help them tackle the Pandemic.

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Celebrations This Week:

Wednesday 17th - St Patrick, Feast
Thursday 18th - St Cyril of Jerusalem, Memorial
Friday 19th - St Joseph, Solemnity

There are a few online options for Free Lent Courses. They vary in theme and structure. Take a look at them and choose the one best suited to you.

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme>

<https://comeandsee.org/lent>

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>

Mass Intentions This Week

13 March: Saturday

10:00 *Eucharistic Service*

17:30 Wellbeing of Adam Franklin

18:30 Kathleen Keehan RIP

14 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

09:00 Wellbeing of John Devereux

10:00 Doreen Hart RIP

11:00 Mary Quinn & Ian Quinn RIP

12:00 Charles Sciberras RIP

15 March: Monday

10:00 Harry Sweeney RIP

16 March: Tuesday

10:00 Bina Bowen RIP

17 March: Wednesday SAINT PATRICK

10:00 Ints. Of Michael McHugh & Family

15:45 *Stations of the Cross*

18 March: Thursday

10:00 John & Eveleen McBride RIP

19:30 *Stations of the Cross*

19 March: Friday SAINT JOSEPH

10:00 Lucas, Ubaldina & Sylvia DeSouza RIP

20 March: Saturday

10:00 *Eucharistic Service*

17:30 Joan McHugh RIP

18:30 Wellbeing & Protection Of

Mama Beaty & Grandchildren

21 March: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

09:00 All Godparents of Felix & Ruthi RIP

10:00 Adam Coleman RIP

11:00 All Parishioners

12:00 Mario Trentini RIP



IMPORTANT REMINDER

*Our 10am Mass each Sunday is
LIVE STREAMED through our
Facebook page.*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 340.90 |
| Loose cash | £ 329.10 |
| S/Os (Approx) | £ 975.00 |
| Total | £ 1645.00 |

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Mary Rayner, Patrick Murphy, Sheila Quieros, Brian Kearney
We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Morrison, George Bunyan, Philip Lavocah, Michael Sayers, Luisa Fernandes, Anna O'Donnell, Marion O'Dwyer, Annie Kingman, Joseph Devitt, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Sandy, Winifred Collins, Baby Matthew Neydorff, Norman Coombes, Patrick Kelly, Eveleen McBride, Margaret Warnock, Emma Bowen, Roseanna McKee, Marjorie Collyer, David Hogan, Michael Morris, Eileen Flanagan, Philomena Doyle, Joseph Foley, Ida DeSouza, Terence Conn, George Chesher, Fr. Anthony Freeman, Victor de Souza, Sister Anthony, Edmond Kiely, Desmond Kavanagh, Denis Whitworth

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - 07548 868418. Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

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

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.**

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

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of *Mirian Hayward*, wife of John. Our Sympathies go to John and family at this sad time. Please remember Mirian in your prayers.

THE BOWEN FAMILY: Would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, lovely kind words and donations for Dementia UK for Mum. It is very much appreciated. A Mass will be offered for all your intentions on *Easter Sunday* (4th April) at **10am**.

HOLY WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Palm Sunday - All Masses will be open to the public with the usual liturgies. There WILL NOT be a procession into the church however.

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm - Will be the usual COVID SECURE Mass and is open to the public. There WILL NOT be any special liturgies or washing of the feet. **The Church will remain open until 10pm only.**

Good Friday - 9.30am Stations of the Cross will be open to the public.

3pm Passion of the Lord and Veneration will be conducted IN PRIVATE and be LIVE STREAMED on FaceBook.

Holy Saturday - 10am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer will be open to the public in the usual way.

Vigil Mass 9pm - Will be open to the public in the usual way.

***** Easter Sunday *****

9am - Open to the public COVID secure Mass

10am - LIVE STREAMED ONLY VIA FACEBOOK

(With music and hymns which can be downloaded from our website)

11am - Open to the public COVID secure Mass

12pm - Open to the public COVID secure Mass

You are reminded that **your obligation (although still rescinded) is fulfilled, if you attend Mass at anytime over the Easter Octave.**

Fr Keith & Fr Jackson look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord with you all this Eastertime!

UCM: IN MEMORY OF BINA BOWEN

When someone you love dies, it is devastating. We all know the wonderful vibrant, loving person that Bina was, but Dementia, which robs a person of their ability to think, remember and reason as they would usually, is a cruel illness and can affect so many of us in so many ways at any time.

So the UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) would like to invite you to donate to Dementia UK in memory of our lovely Bina.

Please send your donations to 'Catholic Addiscombe Foundation'

Sort Code 60 01 04 Account Number 87229188

With reference: BINA and your name

Thank you in advance for your support, any enquires please contact **Chris** on **07852 972812**

LENT AT OUR LADY'S

During Lent, Fr Keith will give a themed homily at the **10am Mass** each **Wednesday morning**. There will also be **Stations of the Cross** every **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT 3.45pm & THURSDAY EVENING AT 7.30pm**.

RECYCLING PILL "BLISTER PACKS"

Sending waste to landfill costs money; and many of the items takes centuries, if not millennia to decompose. Some don't, they fragment and the resulting micro- or nano-particles get into the water table and from there into the wider environment and especially into the oceans. Some of this ends up in our food. It is estimated that we put 80 million tonnes of plastic into the oceans each year. Clearly this is not good.

Many of us, perhaps especially older members of the Parish, take pills and tablets which come in "blister packs" – combined foil and plastic bubbles designed to protect the pill while giving easy access when we need one. These have been necessarily ending up in landfill. Until now! Now there is a firm able to split the foil from the plastic, enabling the recycling of both. They are arranging for a series of nation-wide dropping-off points through which you and I can send our few blister packs for recycling.

The Parish's environmental group, JPIC, has agreed to join in the recycling of these, as we already do with milk bottle tops. In doing this, we are joining with the environmental groups from other churches locally to maximise the proportion of blister packs which can be recycled from local homes. In fact, it will be a member of a neighbouring parish who will arrange delivery to the nearest "clearing house" – *that's* ecumenism in action.

So please bring your blister packs to church and put them in the same bin in the porch we already use for milk bottle tops; they will be collected from there and fed "up the line" to minimise landfill, eliminate plastic nanoparticles getting into the food chain, and (through firms making things with recycled materials) enable us to leave minerals in the ground for future generations.

Clearly this is good – so please join in! *Andy Bebington, for the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group*

**SHARING SUCCESS TO INSPIRE -
YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING LOCKDOWN**

- Are you aged 60+ and living in the Croydon CR0 area?
- Have you achieved something positive during lockdown?
- Does that achievement make you feel better about yourself?
- Would it inspire others to feel better about THEMSELVES?

If your answer is YES, then this is for you!

Wellbeing You would like to offer a unique opportunity for you to send us a write up on your achievements during lockdown, giving you the chance to share successes and strengthen confidence and hope in others.

All entries will be acknowledged and handled confidentially. Those selected will receive one to one coaching, have direct expenses covered, be on a team led by a television producer and have their story writing and presentation skills sharpened!

You can participate by sending your brief story by email to Sylvia Wachuku-King at:

swk@wellbeingyou.org or **infor@wellbeingyou.org**

With copy going to **sylviauw3k@gmail.com**

Deadline for entries is **Friday 19th March**

Event organised by **Wellbeing You** and funded by **Near Neighbours**

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**ARE YOUR WARDROBES AND DRAWERS
FULL TO BURSTING?**

Have you had a lockdown clear out?

If so **Bag2School** are doing a clothes collection at **St Thomas Becket Primary School**, Birchanger Road SE25 5BN on the morning of **Wednesday 17th March** (please do not bring bags prior to this date or after 9am on the day).

There will be a clearly assigned drop off point, in the school carpark, for bags. Please do not leave bags anywhere else in, or around, the school.

Bag2School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
Handbags
Hats
Bags
Scarves and ties
Jewellery
Lingerie
Socks
Belts
Soft toys
Household linen
Household curtains
Household towels
Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They DO NOT accept:

Duvets and blankets
Pillows and cushions
Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
School uniforms with and without logo
Corporate clothing and workwear
Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Further Details: <https://bag2school.com/who-we-are>

Money is given to our school based upon the weight of the items collected. If anyone in the local community has any suitable items, they would like to drop off for this collection, feel free to, in line with the above instructions.

Thanks so much for your support!

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian has stepped down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith. Many thanks.

GIFT AID BOXES

There are still 70+ sets of Gift Aid envelopes uncollected in the parish office. If you would like yours, please ring the office giving your **FULL NAME** and your box will be left on the table in the church entrance for collection.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays**.
All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

In order to provide our secretaries with a **COVID SECURE** working environment, the Parish office **REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. Rachel and Stephanie continue to work in isolation answering your calls and emails, *however please do not go to the office without an appointment or calling to notify us in advance*.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. *Many thanks*.

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or 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: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, *please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this*. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

EXPERIENCED CLEANER REQUIRED

Please contact the parish office **VIA EMAIL** for further details at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk as the office remains closed at this time.
Many thanks.

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

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