



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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14th May 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter (page 268 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Love, as has been said, is not a feeling – it is a verb. “There is no love in our marriage any more”, “There is no love in our family... our office... our group.” What is really being said is that there are no feelings of “love” for the simple reason that there is no love going on. There can be no love (feeling) without loving (doing). And anyone can start the process.

For Jesus, love, by which he means loving, is achieved by “keeping his word”. The “word” of Jesus must not be limited to what we were taught as “commandments” or “doctrines” or moral behaviour, although it obviously includes these. The “word” of Jesus embraces everything we know about him through the Scripture – his words, his actions, his relationships with people of all kinds, the guiding principles of his life, his values and attitudes. Above all, his blueprint for the setting up of the Kingdom.

Jesus is the “Word” of God not only because of what comes from his lips but from the whole impact of his life from his birth in an animals’ shelter at Bethlehem to the appalling last moments of agony and humiliation on the Cross. To “keep Jesus’ words” is to embrace all of that, to identify with it and make it real in the particular context of our own lives.



HOUSE BLESSING

If you would like a priest to come and bless your home, please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 16th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
Readers Refresher Course: Tuesday 16th at 7.30pm (Church)
SVP: Tuesday 16th at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING
 18th MAY - TEAM D

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 392.95
Loose cash	£ 659.12
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
Total	£ 2192.07

Mass Intentions This Week

13 May: Saturday

10:00 Fr Francis Donovan RIP

First Holy Communion Masses

11:30am & 3pm

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

14 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Christine Brooks RIP

10:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara RIP

First Holy Communion Mass

11:30 All Parishioners

15 May: Monday SAINT JOHN STONE

10:00 Family Intentions of Baby Felix RIP

16 May: Tuesday SAINT SIMON STOCK

10:00 Joseph Simons RIP

17 May: Wednesday

10:00 George Lazarus RIP 1st Anniversary

Vigil Mass for Holyday of Obligation

19.30 Kathleen Hennessy RIP

18 May: Thursday THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

07.30 Anne Kelleher RIP

10:00 Dominic Rowe RIP

19:30 Geraldine Muojekwu (nee Obiorah) RIP

19 May: Friday

10:00 John Crowley RIP

20 May: Saturday

10:00 Simon Nolan RIP

18:00 All Parishioners ~

21 May: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Felix Banjo & Martina Oseni RIP ~

10:00 James Stone & Bridget Stone RIP ~

11:30 Joan O'Sullivan RIP 1st Anniversary ~

* With Parade Mass

~ With Foodbank Sunday

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

Next week there will be a second collection will for **World Communications Sunday** (see note overleaf).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Kevin Moynihan, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Michael Hewish, Ann Page

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Edward Lee, Edith Crowhurst, Anne Fowler, Owen O'Hara, Catherine Keating, Sheila Quieros, Fay Earl, Kit Bradley, John Daly, Jerzy Klos, Carmel Denneny, Marie Savy, Ruth Peazold, Kathleen McNaghten, Dominic Rowe, Gerald Maguire, Gail Conn, John Foley, Josephine Sweeney, Kathleen Hennessy, John Flanagan, Anna Tsakalis, Jim Orbell, Eunice Bambery, Nilda Acosta, Teresa Flanagan, Bartholomew McGuane, Michelle Berry, Margaret McSorley, Daphne Andrews, Baby Beatrice Wallace, Mary McHale, Mary Kate Collins, Margaret Hayes, Brigid Thompson, Norman Kelly, Mary Dillon, Bridget Brennan, Angelica De Biasi, John Minus

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

14th May: Mustang Showband
21st May: Shane & Mervyn Owens
28th May: Frank Nelson
4th June: Glen Flynn
11th June: Finbar & Paul
18th June: Cross Keys
25th June: Kenny Paul
2nd July: Kieran White

- The **Bay City Rollers Tribute Evening** on Friday, 19th May. All proceeds from this event will support local Charities including **Children with Cancer at CUH** and the **Critical Care Centre at KCH**. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by sending a Text Message to **Pat Winston at 07734 250375**.

- The **2023 Golf Gala & Disco** will take place on Friday, 9th June. The **Golf Classic** will commence at 9.30am at the Farleigh Golf Club, Old Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9PE. The day will conclude with a **Chicken & Chips Supper and DJ Dean** at Our Lady's Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm. For more information, send an email to sheilajordan1@icloud.com or call 07921 235141. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity. in memory of the Late Christy Jordan**.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010.

You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website:

www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day

Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day can be read in full by clicking on the link on our Parish website welcome page.

THE FILM SHOW TEAM: Would like to thank everyone who supported the show on 14 April. A total of **£350** was raised for **Life**.

KING CHARLES III CORONATION GARDEN PARTY BRINGS OUR PARISH COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Last weekend's Garden Party was very successful with many members of our Parish Community & their Friends in attendance. Our Guests enjoyed a wonderful Afternoon Tea and were entertained to the Music of Liz & Caz. We are very grateful to Sheila Jordan, Susan Roots and their extensive Team of Helpers who facilitated the event.

The generous support of our Community raised £2,200.00 to support Our Lady's Parish Refurbishment Project.

EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED: For the presbytery house, to start as soon as possible. Duties include all usual household cleaning (kitchen/bathroom/dusting/hovering) no laundry or ironing necessary. The job requires 4 hours work, to be done either on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

Please speak to Fr Keith for more information if interested.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

At the Vigil Mass this Easter, two of our congregation were received into the Church, having completed the RCIA course.

The new course, that will run until next Easter, will begin on **Wednesday 7th June at 8pm** in the **PRC room**. On this evening anyone interested in becoming a catholic, adults who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation or anyone wishing to find out more about the faith are invited to come along and find out what RCIA is all about. **No obligation - "Come and see"**.

But in the meantime, if you are thinking of coming along, do introduce yourself to Fr Keith after Mass and have a chat!

1st ADDISCOMBE GUIDES ARE 70!

1st Addiscombe Guides invite all parishioners who once attended the unit, to celebrate its 70th Anniversary on

Sunday 28th May at the 11.30am Mass

Join us afterwards in the large hall. Please bring something for a shared lunch. We are also looking for photos of the unit - especially before 2005.

Email 1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com

* REFRESHER COURSES FOR READERS & EMS *

All church **Readers** are asked to attend a refresher course on **Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Church** with Fr Keith & Fr Jackson.

All **EMS'** are asked to attend a refresher course on **Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Church** with Fr Keith & Fr Jackson. Thanks.

GIFT AID ENVELOPE BOXES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND!

Please stop and check the table for your boxes as you leave Mass today! **The current year's boxes cannot be used after the beginning of June.** Many thanks Jenny Mitchener.

NEW RECYCLING BOX FOR PRINTER CARTRIDGES

A home printer cartridge recycling box is now available with the other recycling boxes in the porch under the table. For more info on parish recycling please see the **Recycling Tab** on our webpage.

CONFIRMATION 2023

If you are currently in Year 8 (moving into Year 9 in September) or above, you are eligible to join this year's cohort for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **All the information and documents you need will be posted to our website in the next couple of weeks.**

KEEP CHECKING THE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS!

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the Large 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.

16th May: Gospel Reading for the day

30th May: "Music through the Church Year"

IMPORTANT NOTICE - OUR LADY'S TODDLER GROUP

This Toddler Group was set up over 40 years ago by The Young Wives Committee and is a much valued resource in the parish.

We are now looking for someone new to take the helm, as Andrea is retiring from the role of lead co-ordinator IN JULY after 20 years!

If you think you would like this opportunity to work as a volunteer with a great team of helpers, in this very rewarding role, and continue to run this lovely group each Thursday (term time only) 9am - 12pm...please contact **Andrea** on **07952 664224**

Items for collection: N Akinyemi, M A McGuigan

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Readers (May/June) Eucharistic Ministers (May)