

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

14th July 2019 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 108 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

AM I THE GOOD SAMARITAN?

The parable of the Good Samaritan always challenges us to distinguish and recognise God in each other. However, more than fulfil the Mosaic law of love thy neighbour, Jesus teaches us some home truths that are truly confronting and penetrating. Samaritans were considered outsiders and outcasts by ordinary Jews. Yet in the parable, it was the Samaritan who was the unlikely hero. For he showed love and compassion to the person in need. On the contrary, the priest and the Levite who were considered the respected class of society and the custodians of tradition were found wanting. They put tradition and law in the way of basic human love. Thus, in crafting the characters in their cultural and religious context, Jesus really upset the apple cart. He questioned the prevailing assumptions and stereotyped attitudes. He turned the presumed order of moral goodness upside down. The holders of tradition failed the test of good neighbour while the outcast proved himself an unlikely champion of basic human decorum, mercy and kindness.

What does it mean for us who have listened to the parable again today in the context of our lives and relationships? Are we in the same way challenged in our thinking, attitudes and behaviour? What are the assumptions and prejudices in society and in each of us that need to be questioned by the confronting and incisive lesson of the Gospel? Who are the Samaritans of our time? Who are those that we consider undeserving and incompetent of conforming to our moral norms and standards? Who are those that are considered outsiders and therefore not entitled to what we are entitled to? Therefore this is a golden opportunity for me to reach out to others, those who are really in need of my presence. Thus I can also be called the Good Samaritan of this parish, society or where ever I live.

Fr Jackson

Mass Intentions This Week

13 July: Saturday

10:00 Wellbeing of John Fitzgerald
18:00 Philomena Stromsoe-Ward RIP

14 July: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners *
10:00 Ezio Giust RIP *
12:00 Annunciata & Deogratius Lumala RIP

15 July: Monday

10:00 Merle & Ron DeSouza's Intentions

16 July: Tuesday

10:00 Kevin Hamilton RIP 1st Anniversary

17 July: Wednesday

10:00 Ethna Fitzgerald RIP 1st Anniversary

18 July: Thursday

10:00 Intentions of Mrs Pat O'Sullivan

19 July: Friday

10:00 Arthur Fairservice RIP

20 July: Saturday

10:00 Jack & Daffodil Weston RIP
18:00 Mr & Mrs Joseph Rasanayagam RIP #

21 July: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners #
10:00 Edith Masters RIP 1st Anniversary ~ #
12:00 Martha Nestor + #

+ With Baptism

* With Children's Liturgy

~ With Uniformed Groups

With Foodbank Sunday

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 16th at 8.30pm (PRC)

RCIA: A Tour Of Our Church - Wednesday 17th at 8pm (Church)

Refugee Support Group: Thursday 18th at 7.30pm (Small Hall)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team D

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 635.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 657.12
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2267.12

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for *Apostleship of the Sea* (Gift Aid-able). Please see the note overleaf. Next week there will be an ACA collection with proceeds going to *Sr Carol* to aid her work with Indian street children.

**** 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, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Rachael Ward, Neil Quinn, Mary Ann McGuigan, Pat O'Sullivan, Neva Sequeira, William Clayton

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Daniel Spiers, Bridgid Gallagher, Dr. Helene La Rue, Sidney Watts, Frank Stebbing, John Noonan, Bridie McHale, Patricia M. White, Alice Connolly, Ben Kudom, Mary Mohammed, Rita Baxter, Christopher Kingman, Andrea Oriani, Arthur Braim, Domenico Casale, Eileen Chandler, Beryl Bennett, Edith Masters

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Ann Marie Christian - **020 8662 0319** or amc@annmariechristian.com

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

14th July: *Kenny Paul*

21st July: Finbar & Paul

28th July: Theresa Rodgers

4th & 11th August: *Closed for refurbishment*

18th August: *Grand reopening* with the Mustang Showband

25th August: Mary Rose & Her Band

The Autumn Programme for fundraising activities will recommence with a *Ceili & Social Dancing* on Friday, 27th September. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton. Tickets at £5.00 each are now available in the Church Hall or from Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Auction/ Raffle.

Coming soon

- Motown Tribute Evening: 11th October

- Declan Nerney: 8th November

- Abba Sisters & 70's Tribute Evening: 29th November

THE MCHUGH FAMILY: Would like to thank the clergy and all those who sent cards and offered condolences following the sad death of Joan.

AUTUMN FAYRE: SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

During the last week we have held a successful planning meeting for the Fayre; we have also received many offers of help as well.

This year, the Fayre will have a theme of "*Our Lady's Is Going Green*"; with a key focus on climate and environmental issues. The funds raised at the Fayre will be given to support the Parish reduce its carbon footprint and to local charities.

Our main sponsor this year will be *LMB Group Ltd*, 167 Shirley Road, Croydon. We are now seeking *Match Funding* for either the Fayre or the Grand Draw from a local business; if you can help, please make contact with the Parish Office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need a team of volunteers to be available on **Saturday, 20th July** from **9 - 11.30am** to assist with the **general tidy up** of the facilities within the hall and in the gardens in preparation for the fayre. Light refreshments will be available for the volunteers.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

On Saturday 20th July The Rt Rev Thomas McMahon Emeritus Bishop of Brentwood will be leading our Helpers of God's Precious Infants peaceful, prayerful procession and vigil to reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion.

Please come along and support our Bishop Emeritus in his courageous witness for life. The vigil will start at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. We begin with 9am Mass, then begin our Rosary Procession at 9.45am following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes' abortion centre, Russell Road, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx. 12pm to the church, for refreshments. Full details on poster in church porch or contact tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

Items for collection: *Brooks, P. Cavanna, H Cole, K. Cox, D. Jakubouska Melo, E. Kiely, D Pop, I. Rodrigues-Castro, D. Smith, M Chute, D. Thomson, Sr Celia, Spackman, Murtagh, Ghirandini*

Baptism certificates: *C Porebska-Evans, A Klein*

Rotas: *Readers (July / August) Eucharistic Ministers (July) Servers (July)*

SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris, (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically & spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES: Would like to thank everyone for their wonderful response and generosity following the update last weekend. £1,643.50 was raised through pledges and donations. In addition we received numerous offers of practical help, specialist skills and furniture. Thank you, both from the group and on behalf of the family who will benefit from the kindness of this amazing parish. We'll keep you regularly updated on the progress.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019/2020

If your child is in a Catholic School and will be 7 years old or older by 31st August 2019 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website or see one of the priests after Mass. Those who are not at Catholic school, but have completed the first year of preparation should also submit an application form. Forms should be returned to the Parish office **no later than Sunday 28th July 2019**. A date for the first parents' meeting will follow shortly.

THANK YOU!

Nora & PJ Maher would like to thank their family, friends and the parish community for their good wishes on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of their marriage. At a recent celebration of their Anniversary, their Guests donated, in lieu of gifts, £2,500.00 to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

STILL WAITING FOR YOUR GIFT AID ENVELOPES?

PLEASE CHECK ITEMS FOR COLLECTION AND RETRIEVE YOUR ENVELOPE FROM THE SACRISTY CORRIDOR.

OUR LADY'S HALLS COMMITTEE: We need some new members to assist the existing team with weekend halls bookings. The role requires the opening and closing of the halls on a rota basis. If you can assist please contact: **Mike Hennessy 07967 141035**

ANERLEY ACROSS CHARITY GOLF DAY

The Anerley Across charity will be holding their charity golf day on **Friday 13th September** at **Selsdon Park Golf Club**. The day will consist of bacon rolls on arrival, 18 holes of golf followed by dinner and presentation and the cost is **£60**. Tee off times **from 11am**.

If you would like to join us for a three course evening meal the cost is **£30**, please let us know in advance. Following the meal there will be music and dancing with Eugene Doonan from 8.30pm until late and everyone is invited to join us. If you would like to join us for the music and dancing only the cost is **£5**.

Anyone interested in playing or that wants further information please contact:

Ben Cahill - 07958 903410 or **Michael McNicholas 07958 347888**.