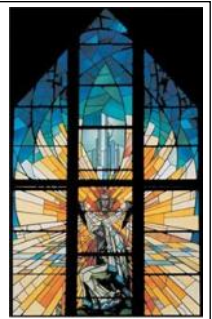




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

14th December Third Sunday Of Advent (page 88 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds.

This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

fr Keith.



EVERYONE'S NATIVITY This afternoon 2.00pm

All are welcome, bring a costume!!

RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Fr Cajetan & myself will be in church and available to those wishing to make their confession during this Advent season, on **Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th December between 7 - 8.30pm**. Alternatively, you can of course still come at the usual times shown above.

Should anyone wish to join the singing group at Mid-night Mass, there will be a rehearsal at 10.30am on Tuesday 23rd December. Please come along!

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 16th at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 656.03
Loose cash	£ 709.37
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2705.40

Mass Intentions This Week

13 December: Saturday SAINT LUCY

10:00 Wellbeing of Michael John Small

18:00 Arthur Fairservice RIP *

14 December:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 All Parishioners *

10:00 Mr & Mrs Abiodun RIP *

11:30 Thanksgiving for the Mirindi Children & Speciose Kalimira *

14:00 Everyone's Nativity

15 December: Monday

10:00 Mr & Mrs Loorthamma RIP

16 December: Tuesday

10:00 Josephine Seemampillai RIP

17 December: Wednesday

10:00 Birthday Wishes for Eugenia Rodrigues

18 December: Thursday

10:00 Caroline Koch RIP

19:30 Peter You Than Lim RIP

19 December: Friday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Agnes Cuffey-Pratt RIP

20 December: Saturday

10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

18:00 Andy & Nuala Fox RIP

21 December:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 Michael O'Brien RIP

10:00 Dec. Mems. of the Carey Family & Maureen Walsh RIP

11:30 George Hennessy RIP

* *With Foodbank 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

This weekend there will be an ACC collection for **Mary's Meals**.

Envelopes are now available in the porch for the **Christmas Day** collection, which is your personal offering to Frs Keith & Cajetan.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Lauren Horwood, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Westley Adaken & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Baby Lilly Beaven, Irene D'Rosario, Kathleen Evans, Maureen Hayes, Freda Santry, Eugene Baptiste, Martin McCorry, Anthony McGuane, Gerry Finigan, Massimina Orian, Joseph Cruz, Victor Michael, Maria Sequeira, Paul Gillen, Louise Carter, Elsie Carpenter, Sr. Elizabeth Craig, Ellen Curry, John Knight, Baby James Naylor, Mary Lane, Edith Smith, Norah Everest, Dennis Godfree, George Fowler, Alfreda Schembri, Paddy O'Connor, Rosaleen Jamieson, Mary White, Isabella Rees, May Lally, George Hennessy, Andrew Fox, Helen Smyth, Marie Louise Powell, Tony Nasri, Elizabeth Jerome, Hietty Palmer, Patrick Conway, Patrick Maher

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

14th December: Glen Flynn

21st December: **Christmas Celebration** - Kieran White

28th December: Pat Jordan

4th January: Kieran White

11th January: Sane & Mervyn Owens

18th January: Finbar & Paul

25th January: Cross Keys

1st February: Martin Ruddy

- Thank you to the Parish Community & the Members of the Social Club for your support of the recent **Bee Gees & Barbra Streisand Tribute Evening**. The event raised £2,000.00; these resources will support the **Anerley ACROSS** pilgrimage to Lourdes in June.

- The Social Club's **Christmas Celebration** will take place on Sunday, 21st December at 7:30pm. Entertainment will be by **Kieran White & a Buffet** will be served during the evening.

- **Jiving sessions are returning**: J & M will be facilitating Jiving Sessions in the Hall on Sundays, 18th January, 15th & 22nd February and 1st & 8th March commencing at 5:00pm. For more information, call **Della Reilly on 07403 227935**.

- **A Quiz Night will take place on** Friday, 30th January commencing at 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Critical Care Centre at King's College Hospital to provide funding for Music Therapy for Patients recovering from serious head & brain injuries. **Please bring your own Nibbles et al - No Nuts!! To reserve tickets at £10.00, please call Sheila Jordan on 07921 235141.**

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **Jean Carpenter** will take place here at **Our Lady's on Wednesday 7th January 2026, at 10am.**

All parishioners are invited to attend the reception afterwards, and are asked to confirm their attendance to Marie Tross by Sunday 21st December.

Please see the notice in the porch for more details, and Marie's contact information. Many thanks.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December: OPEN

The parish office will be closed for the Christmas break from Wednesday 24th December - Friday 2nd January 2026 (inclusive)

Our usual office hours resume on Monday 5th January 2026

WINGS OF HOPE CHARITY FUNDRAISER TODAY!

Neev Gonsalves, one of our younger parishioners, and a couple of her friends, are holding a fundraiser **after the 10 and 11.30am Masses TODAY**, 14th December, for the Wings of Hope Charity. They will be selling small trinkets, art, and cakes etc.

Wings of Hope is a children's charity and was set up over 21 years ago. The Wings of Hope charity believes in the transformative power of education and their aim is to support UK students, particularly those at a socio-economic disadvantage, with the opportunity to learn key transferrable skills, to access relevant and impartial careers advice, and to grow and nurture their confidence, independence and sense of social responsibility and also financially support children in countries like Sierra Leone and India, to get an education.

Please be generous and support the girls in this worthy venture!

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Parish Ascent Group is part of "Life Ascending International". It is a Catholic Movement, a Confraternity, for men and women. The three aims are first, Friendship, then growing in Spirituality, and then finally supporting our Catholic Church's Mission at home and abroad.

We meet over tea and coffee to share, in different ways, an understanding and experience of our Catholic Faith, in the **Small Hall after 10.00 o'clock Mass on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.**

All parishioners are very welcome to join us!

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Wednesday 24th - 6pm Vigil Mass & 11.30pm Mid-night Mass

Thursday 25th - 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am Mass of Christmas Day.

GOLDEN PENNY JARS: Please remember to bring in your Golden Penny Jars! They can be left in the church porch, the parish office or be given directly to me! With thanks, *Nike*.

MEMORIAL SERVICE WITH D A LINDSAY & SONS Friday 19th December at 7pm at Our Lady's

Please join us at our annual service to remember our dearly departed loved ones, at this special time of year.

Should you wish for your loved one's name to be read out / their photo to be shown during the service at a time of reflection, please contact our office on

020 8654 4466 / holly@dalindsayandsons.co.uk

All photos must be emailed across by Friday 12th December to ensure they are included in the slideshow

This event is free to attend, however should you wish to make a cash donation, we will be raising funds for Nightwatch, Croydon.

MASS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on **Sunday 1st February 2026, at the 10am Mass.**

Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride.

After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments — a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion.

You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>

AYC: Is delighted to offer a **FREE PARENT & CHILD DRUGS WORK SHOP** to be held on the **24th January 2026 4-5pm in the large hall**. The first half will consist of an interactive presentation with videos, then we have **drunk and drug goggles**, and the second half is trying to complete simple tasks to see how this can impact whilst under the influence. It is also a good opportunity for any questions. There will also be leaflets to take away. *This is for school years 7 & above.* Please email aycouthclub11@gmail.com to express your interest so we can get an idea of numbers.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 6th March 2026 - NIGERIA

This year, the women of Nigeria invite us to come to our Church and rest in Jesus in our frantic and tired world.

Planning for this annual evening of prayer and music has begun. If you wish to join the service, preparations, use your ideas for promoting this event, sourcing decorations and planning the refreshments, please contact Anne Barcellos via the parish office.

RETROUVAILLE HELPS MARRIAGES

It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: **12th February 2026**

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING TRAINING www.thelisteningear.org.uk

Do you have a listening ear? Do you have a desire to help others? Do you have some spare time? *Then why not consider joining our 50 hour Bereavement Training Course starting 19th January 2026.*

For an information pack, please email wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk

Baptism Certificates: Please collect from the Parish office.

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (December)

Readers (Christmas & January/February)