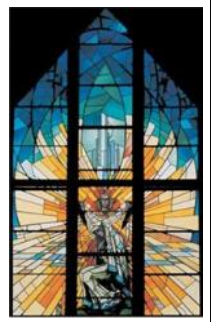


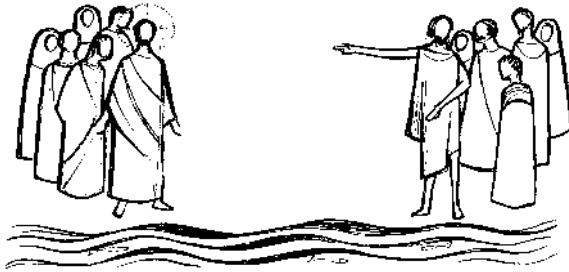


Our Lady of the Annunciation



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15th January 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 125 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A



This year is going to be quite challenging with regard to the decisions we need to make in maintaining the fabric of our building in the parish. The hall and presbytery need a new boiler, the ceiling in the church needs replacing, the heating is coming to the end of its life, energy costs are rising and the imperative to improve the efficiency and 'green credentials' across Catholic Christendom is an immediate concern of our Holy Father.

The PPC are committed to seeking advice on all these issues before considering our priorities and plotting the course to resolve our maintenance problems in a cost effective and timely manner.

It is likely that we will need to embark on a fundraising program to assist in offsetting the cost of the work to be done, the scale of this cannot yet be publicised as we are not sure of the options that are open to us.

Please make this a subject for your prayers throughout the coming year.

God bless.

Fr. Keill.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 14 January: Saturday**
 10:00 Derry Nolan RIP
16:00 Michael Cafferkey RIP Memorial Mass
 18:00 Ashley & Dolly Park *
- 15 January: SECOND SUNDAY**
 08:30 Intentions of the Ikpunuekhai Family*
 10:00 Rosalie Hughes RIP 10th Ann. *
 11:30 Domingos C D'Souza + *
- 16 January: Monday**
 10:00 Norma Bird RIP
- 17 January: Tuesday SAINT ANTHONY**
 10:00 Jennifer Terrero RIP
- 18 January: Wednesday**
 10:00 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP
- 19 January: Thursday**
 10:00 Peter James Maguire RIP
 19:30 Boase Family RIP
- 20 January: Friday**
 10:00 Nora & John McDonagh RIP
- 21 January: Saturday SAINT AGNES**
 10:00 Shirley Adams RIP
 18:00 Sylvester Seaton RIP +
- 22 January: THIRD SUNDAY**
 08:30 Michael & Margot (RIP) Evans
 Wedding Anniversary #
 10:00 Wellbeing of Claire Benham #
 11:30 Mary Joyce RIP & Joyce Family Ints.

+ *With Baptism*
 * *With Foodbank Sunday*
 # *With Children's Liturgy*

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 17th at 8pm (PRC)
Finance Committee: Wednesday 18th at 8pm (PRC)



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

CHURCH CLEANING
 19th JANUARY - TEAM C

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 455.60
Loose cash	£ 357.40
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
Total	£ 1953.00

*** 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**. See the note overleaf and pick up an envelope in the porch.
 There will be a second collection for **SPUC** on 29th January.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Kevin Moynihan, Baby Noah, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Claire O'Dwyer, Eric Stammers, John O'Flaherty, Valerie Cotta, Arthur Donegan, Terry McGuire, Richard Harvey, Irene Rozario, Elvira Molda, Randolph Coombs, 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, Antonia Drabik, William Toole, Terence Flanagan, Mary Ellen Gillman, John Walsh, Mary Joyce, Maureen Morrissey

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

15th January: Theresa Rodgers
22nd January: Shane & Mervyn Owens
29th January: Cross Keys
5th February: Finbar & Paul
12th February: Kieran White
19th February: The Foot Tappers
25th February: Theresa Rodgers
5th March: Family Affair

- An introductory **Jiving Class** will take place on Sunday, 22nd January from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. The session would be ideal for both experienced dancers & beginners. There will be an additional four classes on Sunday afternoons in February.

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs will commence on Wednesday, 1st February at Trinity School from 5.45pm and concluding at 7.00pm. The sessions will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- The **Motown Tribute Evening** on Friday, 24th February is a **complete SELL OUT**. No tickets will be available at the Door. All proceeds from this event will support the Youth Development of the Round Towers GFC. You can still support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Julia 'Sheila' Weetman**. Details of her funeral will follow. Please remember Sheila and all her family in your prayers at this sad time. May she **Rest In Peace**.

*** CONFIRMATION 2022 CERTIFICATES ***

Are now available for collection from the parish office.

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.

24th January: Session One of the Video course 'Beloved Disciples'

SDC BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our SDC Bible group meets virtually every **Friday** at **7.30p.m.** on **ZOOM**. Once a month, meetings are held in person at the SDC House, Upper Norwood, and in other parishes but also streamed online for those who can't attend in person.

The main theme for this year's meetings is **'THE BIBLE TIMELINE'**.

Join us **EVERY FRIDAY** at **7.30 pm**. Go to pwa.zoom.us/jc and join the meeting using the following **ZOOM ID** - 4454292726

For more information email sdcm meetings@gmail.com or visit our website at www.sdc.me.uk

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE 6pm on Sunday 22nd January 2023 - St George's in Shirley

The service this year is being hosted by St. George's. Refreshments will follow the service. **You can see the service on offer this year on -line**. St George's is on the 367 bus route. On-site and nearby parking is possible. **Please join us!**

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

Items for collection: H Carmichael J Coleman, SVP x 2, MA McGuigan x 2

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

PAX CHRISTI - SECOND COLLECTION TODAY!

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.

*** CALLING ALL CATECHISTS ***

We have a need for some experienced Catechists to step up to help us through a shortage.

Fr Jackson is going on holiday and another of our leaders is dealing with a bereavement. We will be facing this shortage through the last weeks of January to the end of Feb.

If you can help please don't wait to be asked again, offer your services to Fr. Keith today!

THANK YOU!

A NEW YEAR - START CLEAR!

Please check the lost property shelves at the back of the church if you have misplaced anything, as there is a growing number of items from a baby's bottle to a pair of sunglasses. If items are not claimed by the end of January, they will be cleared from the shelves.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY CELEBRATION WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating Racial Justice Sunday on **5th February** at **St George's Cathedral, London. Mass will begin at 10am** and all are invited to attend.

For more information about the event, please contact Jennifer on **07712 273024** or email Jenole@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.

COULD YOU BE A RAINBOW LEADER?

The upcoming Easter break brings the departure of Sarah as leader of the 5th Addiscombe Rainbows. As yet, no volunteers have stepped up to take over this very rewarding role, which would mean the unit (*our last remaining Rainbow unit*) would be **forced to shut down**.

Please don't let this happen to our Rainbows! If you think you could be the leader the unit need, please contact Sarah for more information about what is involved, by either:

Emailing oakley50@gmail.com

Or texting **07950 381029**

FAIR-TRADE GOODS - WHY??

Please see the third page of this newsletter (online only via <http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/>)

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? **CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low?

We believe that everybody had unique gifts and talents and we want to support you to use these gifts to serve the parish community and our brothers and sisters across the world.

Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Celeste and Sarah: southwark@cafod.org.uk and let's transform the world in 2023 together!

FAIR-TRADE GOODS – WHY??

“Big business doesn’t care much about the little people, it cares about its profits. It tries to squeeze as low a price as it can get for its raw materials and as high a price as it can get from its consumers.”

(Ruth Coffey, “Why fair-trade matters”, 2018)

Let’s start with a few common questions ...

1. Why should anyone buy an Easter egg for £4.50 when a similar-sized one can be had for under £2?
2. Why would anyone pay £7 for a t-shirt when you can get 3 for £5?
3. Why pay twice the price for fair-trade ground coffee than the lower price in the local store?

Similar questions include

“Why are there so many collapsed or burning sweat-shop factories in south-east Asia?”

“Why do some cocoa farmers achieve yields a third of those they had only a few years ago?”

“Why do so many children in developing countries suffer from water-borne diseases?”

These questions are connected through the fair-trade movement, which aims to treat third world suppliers better by offering them better terms to provide their products. “Better terms” include not just a higher price (the fair-trade premium) but also a guarantee relating to future transactions. For fair traders, the bottom line is not the only criterion ... but can, for example, include protecting the environment and enhancing local living standards. Fair-trade goods cost more because they come through a trade route which adds those things to the grower’s side of the deal and helps crop sustainability. It reflects one aspects of Christianity; Christianity has been summarised as “suffering, sacrifice and salvation”. This fair-trade stuff is the “sacrifice” bit, whereby we in the relatively rich west can care for our neighbours in developing nations.

“Neighbours” include not only those in the next continent but also those in the next century ... which is why fair trade adds a little to the income of communities in developing countries so that they can have a clean water supply, a clinic within reasonable reach, a school – things we take for granted (and, perhaps, therefore don’t value as we should). These things cost money; fair-trade is a way of providing that without it looking like “charity”.

All those things tell us that it’s worth looking for the fair-trade logo in your favourite supermarket, whether it’s for bananas, coffee or whatever – you’ll be helping someone you’ll never meet and who won’t know to whom they could say “thank you!”. At the same time, you get a quality product, evidence the comment from Daniel, 7, on his Real Easter Egg; “it’s the best chocolate I’ve ever tasted!”

It’s also worth looking out for fair-trade goods on sale through our own Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group, as we try to follow the Holy Father’s lead in “Laudato Si’ ”. We will be offering Easter eggs and similar fair-trade goods later this spring; please support us supporting them – watch this space!

Andy Bebington

For the JPIC Group

