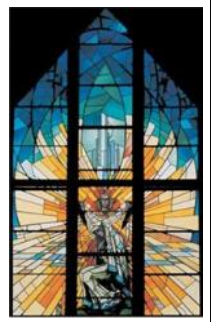




Our Lady of the Annunciation



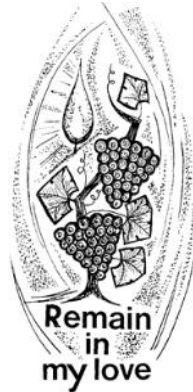
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The word "love" can lead to misunderstandings. The word is used by us mainly in contexts which imply deep affection, emotional attraction and a good feeling when the beloved is around or even in our thoughts. That is not quite the meaning of the word as used by Jesus in the Gospel today. The word that is used by John in this passage is the Greek, *agape*.

This is not, strictly speaking, love in the mutual or romantic sense. Rather, it implies a reaching out to others in a caring attitude for their well-being, irrespective of whether there will be a similar response by the other. It is the compassion that Jesus shows both for the sinner and the saint. It would be impossible for me to love a Hitler or an abuser in the first sense. It would have no meaning and Jesus does not expect me to create such an artificial attitude.

On the other hand, in terms of deep caring for the good of another, I can certainly "agape-love" an evil person or any other person who causes me difficulties, who I believe has hurt me or failed me or who simply behaves in a way which society can never accept as 'good'. This is what makes it possible for me to "love" my "enemies" and to pray for them and to wish God's blessings on them so that they may change their ways (not to suit me but for their own well-being and bring them back into harmony with Jesus who has shown us the Father). It is why a Christian disciple should not in fact have enemies. This is what Jesus is doing in praying for forgiveness for those who were nailing him to the cross. He loves them then not as close friends obviously, but as people who truly needed enlightenment about what they were doing not just to him but to themselves. Jesus cared, he had a deep sense of *agape* at that moment. It is that love we are being called to demonstrate in our own lives today.



CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS!

Now that we are permitted to have Altar Servers again, and a refresher/training course has taken place, we look forward to welcoming back our dedicated team to serve the Lord at all Masses. **Fr Keith & Fr Jackson**

Mass Intentions This Week

14 May: Saturday SAINT MATTHIAS

10:00 Joe & Lily Pereira RIP

18:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara RIP #

15 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Sheila Queiros RIP 1st Anniversary #

10:00 Mary, Bill & Ian Quinn RIP # ~

11:30 Intentions of Josie Brady # +

16 May: Monday SAINT SIMON STOCK

10:00 Intentions of the Bowen Family

17 May: Tuesday

10:00 Dominic Rowe RIP

18 May: Wednesday

10:00 Mary & Peter Fitzpatrick RIP

19 May: Thursday

10:00 Ints. of Ann & Des Tully and Family

19:30 Nicholas & Agnes Dias RIP

20 May: Friday

10:00 John Crowley RIP

21 May: Saturday

10:00 Joe Reed RIP

18:00 Peter Walton RIP

22 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Fr Francis Donovan RIP *

10:00 Deceased Members of the

Cahill Family RIP

11:30 Julia Cultess-Morrison RIP

+ With Baptism

~ With Uniformed Groups

With Foodbank Sunday

* With Children's Liturgy

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 17th at 8pm (PRC)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING

19th MAY - TEAM D

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 366.07

Loose cash £ 250.63

S/Os (Approx) £ 1055.00

Total £ 1671.70

COLLECTIONS

Last week's second collection for *The Priests' Training Fund* amount to £650.80. Many thanks. The next Diocesan second collection will be on 28/29th May for the *Catholic Communications Network*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Karen Pearson, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux, Jean Carpenter, Jose Fernandez

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Owen O'Hara, Catherine Keating, Sheila Queiros, 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, 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, Mary Dillon, Bridget Brennan, Angelica De Biasi, Amelia Cully, Daniel Gorey, Thelma Glancy

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

15th May: Mustang Showband 22nd May: Finbar & Paul
29th May: Theresa Rodgers 5th June: Glen Flynn
12th June: Kieran White 19th June: The Foot Tappers
26th June: Kenny Paul

- **St Mary's HS Reunion** - takes place in the Church Hall on Friday, 20th May, commencing at 7pm. The event is for Students who attended St Mary's in the 70s & 80s; we are hoping that many former members of staff will be in attendance. For more information, please contact **Ann Walsh on 07799 407439** or annie1963@live.co.uk.

- **Golf Day**: takes place at Farleigh Golf Club on Friday, 10th June with Golf from 10am. Guests can join the event for Dinner from 6pm. To reserve a place for the Golf Day and/or Dinner in the evening, email sheilajordan1@icloud.com or call **07921 23514**. All proceeds from this event will go to the **Brain Tumour Charity**.

- **Quiz Night**: takes place in the Church Hall on Friday, 24th June commencing at 7.30pm. To purchase tickets at £7.00 each, please send an email to c.nazareth@btinternet.com. All proceeds from this event will go to the **Woodside Bereavement Service**.

- **PJ, Colin & Eamon Maher** would like to thank our Community for their support & generosity following Nora's recent death. £1,100.00+ was raised for **Children with Cancer** in lieu of floral tributes.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) 2023

A new series of meetings for any adult interested in exploring the Catholic faith, or who wishes to be confirmed, will begin on **Wednesday 25th May at 8pm** in the PRC. **Come and See!**

GIFT AID Scheme 2022-23

The new Gift Aid envelopes which come into use at the start of June, will be issued over this weekend and next (22nd May).

Envelopes will be issued to members of the scheme who have been using them over recent months. If you have not been using them because your set has been lost, please contact me via the Office and I will prepare you a new set.

Please would J Aka, M Devitt and F Hau contact me via the parish office email. *Jenny Mitchener*

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

- Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education (**Part Time**)
- Diocesan Central Services Administrator (**Full Time**)
- Parish Secretary St Osmund's, Barnes (**Part time**)

For full details of all jobs, please visit:

Vacancies: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)

'THE SPIRIT THAT GIVES US LIFE' JOHN 6:63

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group invites all the people of the parish for the celebration of the feast of the Pentecost at **St Andrews Church, Thornton Heath**, on **Sunday 5th June from 1pm**. The feast of Pentecost is an integral part of our Christian life. Our main celebrant will be His Grace Most Rev Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald. In attendance as well are Rev Fr Francis Utotu and Rev Fr Mark Binang. Let us come together to celebrate the birthday of our church. Food and drinks will be provided after the Eucharistic celebration.

YOUR MARRIAGE: TIME FOR A SERVICE?

In the same way your car needs servicing to continue to run efficiently, so your marriage too will benefit from a 'service'. That's what Building A Better Marriage' is, a half-day online course taking place from **9am till 1pm on 11th June**. It is designed for couples married years or decades with average-to-good marriages. Booking is essential. More details: **07983 524727**

HELP ST THOMAS BECKET SUMMER FAIR

A local estate agent has kindly agreed to support the St Thomas Becket School Association's (STBSA) summer fair by advertising this event using eye-catching signboards. The estate agent will donate £7 per board. Boards will be up for 4 weeks before the fair, and taken straight down afterwards.

To confirm that you are happy to have a board advertising our fair please email becketboards@gmail.com confirming your name and address, or text Sarah on **07950 381029**.

MANY THANKS!

To all who attended coffee morning. It was nice to see everyone, especially our lovely First Holy Communion children. £70 was raised and will be added to the Vocations collection.

Second Sunday Coffee Morning Group

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.

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

Meets every second Tuesday in the Large Hall after the 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 May: We will look at the Gospel Reading

* 7th June: Sr. Sheila, DMJ, on Women in the New Testament

DIVERSITY BIG JUBILEE LUNCH Sunday 5th June Only 3 Weeks To Go!!!

Pledges are now coming in and thanks to all those who have done so. We say a big 'thank you' to Father Keith for his decent contribution towards purchase of key food items to help those who need them to prepare dishes for that special day. Pat Winston from the Social Club will purchase the items & Dulcie Jacob will lead the distribution, so watch out for relevant details. I will put on display details of pledges so far and you can sign up thanks. From past experience it is about this time that most people will be making up their minds on what to put on the table so I am very hopeful. We need pledges for a jubilee cake, setting up of the hall on Saturday 4th, music for fashion parade and general entertainment. Please contact me on **07870 508790** or sylvia3k@gmail.com for anything. *Thanks, Sylvia*

HEALTH INFORMATION DAY - SAVE THE DATE Sunday 29th May, 11am - 2pm in the large hall

Wellbeing You in collaboration with St Vincent de Paul Society and support from Healthwatch Croydon, NHS Testing teams, Clear Community Web to name but a few, invite you to a special coffee morning with light breakfast. Find out about health services available in Croydon and ask questions.. Tell us about your experience of services, find out how to access online surveys and health apps and suggest what follow up session you would like. Contact info@wellbeingyou.org or **07497 328230** for more information. Meanwhile tell your family and friends and see you there!

Thanks Sylvia and Dulcie

AN END TO LIVE MASS STREAMING: The PPC recently decided to pause the live streaming of Mass, now that the Pandemic and restrictions have eased. This decision will remain under review should the situation change over time. That just leaves us to thank our great team of 'web helpers' and **Peter**, of 'Meetupvideo' (contact: **07516 262510**) for their support. *Thank you!*

Items for collection: *Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos, S Wilson*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

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