

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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

15th October 2017 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 140 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Saint Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile in Antioch, Syria. He was a physician and it is believed that he may have also been a slave, as it was not uncommon in his day for slaves to be educated in medicine so the family would have a resident physician.

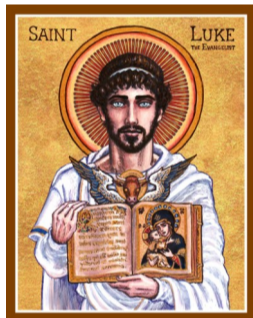
Luke became a close companion of Paul of Tarsus and accompanied him on his missionary journeys. It is very possible that Luke provided medical assistance to Paul when he had been beaten, stoned or nearly drowned while evangelizing to the Western Roman Empire.

Luke is the only Gentile to have written books in the Bible. He is the writer of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles and his writings have been proven to be historically accurate.

In the third Gospel, Luke emphasizes Christ's compassion for sinners and for those who suffer. One will also find in Luke's account of the gospel, a strong emphasis on the role women played in Christ's ministry.

Luke's Christian ministry can be followed in the book of Acts. Up until the sixteenth chapter the story of Acts is written in third person, much like an historian recording facts. The voice of the narrator then changes to first person and scholars believe this is done at the time Luke first joined Paul at Troas in the year 51. The book of Acts switches back to third person and scholars believe that this reflects a period in time when Luke was not present during the events that are recorded.

It is believed that Luke lived a long life and died c. 74 in Greece. He was the first Christian physician and was venerated by the Catholic Church as the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. Saint Luke is also considered the patron saint of painters because according to tradition, he had painted images of Mary and of Jesus. This was later proven to be a myth.



Mass Intentions This Week

- 14 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 All Parishioners #
- 15 October:**
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
 08:30 Intentions of the Mullen Family #
 10:00 Sandra Mitchell RIP #
 12:00 Intentions of Fr Joe #
- 16 October: Monday**
 10:00 A Monaghan RIP
- 17 October: Tuesday**
 10:00 Ruby D'Souza RIP
- 18 October: Wednesday**
FEAST OF SAINT LUKE
 10:00 Matthew Bermingham RIP
- 19 October: Thursday**
 10:00 Intentions of Mariam Joseph
- 20 October: Friday**
 10:00 Joe & Deceased Members of the Lavin Family
- 21 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Win & Ern Foster & Emilio Cicco RIP
- 22 October:**
TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY
 08:30 Lily McDonnell RIP
 10:00 All Parishioners
 12:00 Nora Doherty RIP +

With Foodbank Sunday
 + With Baptism

WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Bridie Fowley

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 579.55
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 696.16
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2250.71

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM A - Mrs Grant

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** amounted to £1280.30. Many thanks. This week there will be the monthly ACA collection, with proceeds going to **Sister Carol** to aid her work with Indian street children. Next week there will be a second collection for **Missio** (Gift Aid-able). Please see the note overleaf and pick up a leaflet from the porch. Thank you.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Ted Curry, Margarett Collins, Lauren Horwood, Phyllis Donnelly, Laila Tambini, Steve Richer, José Fernandez*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *Daniel W. White, Alan Motts, Syd Wyatt, Lily Margaret Harley, Jerry Orpwood, Mary Griffiths, Rudolph ("Rudi") Agacy, Phyllis Chopin, Maurice Baxter, Mary Morrissey, Mary Connolly, Mary Feeney, Laurence Ellis, Nellie King, Bernadette Petts, John Daly, Bianca Buchhaus, Margaret Linnane, Sheila Braim, James Clancy, Kathleen Brandon, Aileen Talbot*

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 15th October: Tom Healy
Sunday, 22nd October: Kevin Keys
Sunday, 29th October: Billy & The North Winds
Sunday, 5th November: **Returning by popular demand TR Dallas**
Sunday, 12th November: Eugene Doonan

Congratulations to Emer & Dave Cruikshank and their team for facilitating a superb Senior Citizens Buffet & Dance last weekend. It was a most enjoyable event and attended by 120+ guests.

Declan Nerney and His Band will be appearing in the Social Club on Friday, 17th November with all proceeds being given to the **Critical Care Unit at King's College Hospital** - admission will be **strictly by ticket only**. You can support this event by purchasing a ticket or donating an item for the raffle/ auction. Tickets are available in the Church Hall on a Sunday evening from 7.30pm.

Coming soon

- Ally Harron & Marion Curry: Sunday, 26th November
- **Take That & Robbie Williams Tribute Night** on Friday, 26th January

FR JOE'S CELEBRATION
Today after 12pm Mass in the Large Hall
ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

FOODBANK SUNDAY - CAN YOU HELP?

Today, **Sunday, 15th October**, being the third Sunday of the month, is **FOODBANK SUNDAY**. The Vine Foodbank in New Addington is in desperate need of supplies, and are asking for your help by donating the following items:

LONG LIFE ITEMS, ESPECIALLY: UHT Milk, Pasta Sauces, Sugar, Cereals, Jams/Spreads, Crackers, Rice, Squash/Coffee, Biscuits, Tinned meals/meats/fish/fruit/veg

NON-FOOD ITEMS: Shower Gel, Shampoo, Laundry Tablets, Deodorant, Sanitary Towels, Nappies, Toothpaste, Toilet Rolls, Baby Wipes, Soap, Cleaning Products.

As well as bringing your items to Church, there are also donation boxes at Sainsbury's Selsdon & West Wickham.

Please take the leaflet from the pews home with you - it has lots of information about the Vine Foodbank, & ways you can volunteer to help. Many thanks.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. **Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world.** Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank You.

EXTRAORDINARY LIVES EXTRAORDINARY SAINTS A conference for young Catholics in Healthcare from the Catholic Medical Association

Saturday 4th November

An inspirational one-day conference hosted by and for young Catholic healthcare workers / students: a celebration of Catholics in healthcare. Catholic doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists and many others make huge contributions to healthcare in Britain and around the world. Please book by emailing:

events@catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

Held at: **St Aloysius Catholic Church, Euston. 12—6pm**

* PLEASE ALSO SEE THE FLYER IN THE PORCH *

MEETINGS

Confirmation Prep: Sunday 8th at 5pm (Large Hall)
Ascent Group: Tuesday 17th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 17th at 8pm (PRC)
RCIA: Sacrament of the Eucharist - Wednesday 18th at 8pm (PRC)

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Forms are now available to download from the website. Please return the completed form to the presbytery, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will begin on **Monday 30th October** and run all through November.

'LOVE IN A BOX'

This year we would like to support the 'Love in a Box' charity by collecting donations of the various items listed below, which will then be packed up into old shoe or boot boxes. These are then posted abroad and taken directly to orphanages for children aged 5 - 15. If you wish, you can make up your own box and mark it either **BOY** or **GIRL** with the age range to which it is appropriate. Items needed are:

- Any old shoe box (wrapped in Christmas paper please) - please ensure that the lid can still be removed
- Small toys for both boys and girls
- Scarves, gloves and hats (a key item, so the more the better)
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, sponges and flannels
- Sweets (small bags, lollipops etc)
- Cuddly toys (a shortage this year)
- Stationery (pens, paper, colouring pens, small books)
- Or make a donation to send boxes - it costs £4 per box

Last date for donations is **FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER**. Please contact a UCM committee member or **Amanda** on **07881 977758** to arrange for your items to be collected or to find out where to leave them.

WELDERLIES SHADES OF AUTUMN

The over 60s are invited to the 'Welderlies Shades of Autumn', an exciting half term fun health bonanza on **Tuesday 24th October** in **Our Lady's large hall** from **2-5pm**. Chief Guest is NHS South West London to update you.

Send in health questions that you might be shy to ask by 16th October to **Sylvia 07870508790** or email swk@wellbeingyou.org

Come in your creative autumn colours, make new friends, enjoy tasty canapés dance and have fun. **Entrance is free.**

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2017

Calling all Confirmation candidates class of 2017! Please volunteer to help sort out the donations into 'ready to go backpacks' for Mary's Meals from 6.15 - 7.15pm, Sunday 15th October straight after the class. Thank you!

OCTOBER ROSARY

Rosary will be in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Monday - Thursday from 7pm throughout the month of October, all are welcome! We continue with the Rosary Monday - Friday at 9.30am before Mass.

FREE! 6' ARTIFICIAL GREEN CHRISTMAS TREE

Free to a good home, boxed. Can be collected locally or delivered - must go soon. If interested, contact **Elizabeth** on **020 8656 9051**.

HALL HIRE AT OUR LADY'S

In recent weeks we have been asked on several occasions to give a discounted rate for the hire of the church halls. Unfortunately, although frequently used, **our halls run at loss**, and their maintenance and heating is therefore subsidised by the Parish. This being the case, **we are unable to offer any discount to hirers**. The halls are a great asset to the Parish, so in order to keep them running, we kindly request that you do not ask for a discount, as refusal can often offend!

Items for collection: Okoroji, Sr Celia x 2

Bapt Certs: Stevens, Gimenez Von Rusten, Sabatchi, Paredes, Selles, Nwanaji, Ward, Allen