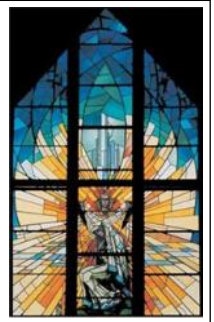




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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15th October 2023 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 140 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

In the New Palace of Potsdam in Berlin there is a painting decorating a ceiling in one of the rooms. The painting is called *The Feast of the Gods of Olympus* by Amedee van Loo. In addition to Greek gods, the painter added Norse gods. The scenery is very heavenly and looks more like Christian than Greek and pagan depiction. There are winged creatures which resemble angels flying around and serving. All those sitting at the table are having great fun.

The text of Isaiah speaks to us about a banquet prepared by God, a banquet with fine wine, which gladdens man's heart (Ps. 104.15). The experience of feasting is a celebration. It is a sign that all is well. It is a sign that something has happened, that something changed and the feast is a response to it. 'An elegant sufficiency' - proves that one is pleased with what he consumed.

God invites us on a journey with Him by our side, a journey of trust and love. It means that not everything is there, it means that struggles will come our way. Our faithfulness to God will be rewarded. The heavenly banquet is waiting for us to enjoy it with Him in the centre and with all those in Heaven.



fr Tomasz Margol

Mass Intentions This Week

- 14 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Dec. Mems. of the Lavin Family RIP
 18:00 Duncan Pears RIP Anniversary ~
- 15 October: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Aimee Okeke 19th Birthday Wishes ~
 10:00 All Parishioners ~ #
 11:30 Thanksgiving for all Helpers at the Bunch Wedding ~
- 16 October: Monday**
 10:00 Peggy O'Brien RIP
- 17 October: Tuesday**
SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
 10:00 Patrick & Lena O'Dowd RIP
- 18 October: Wednesday SAINT LUKE**
 10:00 Veronica Vaughan RIP
- 19 October: Thursday**
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Mariam Joseph
 19:30 Lenka & Marian 20th Wedding Anniversary Blessings
- 20 October: Friday**
 10:00 Charles & Alice Sciberras RIP
- 21 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Michael, Harold & Harry Sweeney RIP
 18:00 John Walsh RIP
- 22 October: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Ron Rakusen RIP
 10:00 All Parishioners
 11:30 Gabriel Toure RIP 2nd Anniversary

~ With Foodbank Sunday
 # With Uniformed Groups

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 17th at 8pm (PRC)
 RCIA: Wednesday 18th at 8pm (PRC) *The Sacrament of the Eucharist*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 583.50
Loose cash	£ 799.50
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2673.00

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **CAFOD Harvest Day** amounted to £652.00. Many thanks.
 Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for **World Mission Sunday**. Envelopes and leaflets are available in the porch.

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

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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

15th October: Shane & Mervyn Owens

22nd October: Theresa Rodgers

29th October: The Duets

5th November: Kieran White

12th November: Pat Jordan

19th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

26th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens

3rd December: Theresa Rodgers

- On Friday, 24th November the Social Club will feature **Declan Nerney & His Band**. All proceeds from this event will support the Brain Tumour Charity & Research into the Williams Syndrome. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle/Auction.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

RECENT DEATH

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our brother **Raymond Chow**, who died this week. Please pray for Liz and all the family at this difficult time. Details of the funeral will follow.

May he Rest In Peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024

If your child is in a Catholic School and was 7 years old on 31st August 2023 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website. *Those who are not at Catholic school, but have completed the first year of preparation should also submit an application form.* Return forms to the Parish office no later than **TODAY Sunday 15th October**. The first parents' meeting will be on Tuesday 14th November.

Incomplete/late applications will not be accepted.

PEGGY FAIRSERVICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our well known elderly parishioner Peggy Fairservice, is in need of a lift to the **6pm Saturday Mass** each week. Peggy lives very close to church but is not able to attend without assistance, and is really missing it. If you are able to help out by picking her up, please speak to Fr Keith after Mass and we will put you in touch. *Many thanks.*

TALK ON BIBLICAL ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST

Fr Tomasz will be giving talks every Wednesday at 11am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall.

Please join him and learn more about your faith!

*** POLITE REMINDER ***

Please **DO NOT** leave any 'donations' in the church porch/on the counter *unless they have been specifically requested* ie: for foodbank Sunday etc. We have once again started to accumulate various donated items that we cannot pass on and have to then dispose of ourselves.

There are many worthy charity shops along Addiscombe High Street, please help us and them by kindly taking your donations to the stores directly. *Many thanks.*

FAIR TRADE ADVENT CALENDARS – SAVE £6!

The Meaningful Chocolate Company is offering fair trade Advent calendars at £4.50 along with other seasonal goodies – see www.realadvent.co.uk – and you can save £6 postage & packing by adding your order to a bulk order through church.

Please pass your order and money to Andy Bebington at 79 Shirley Way by the end of October and he will arrange delivery in good time.

Any queries? He's at andy.bebington@gmail.com or **8777 4840**

Welderlies *For Me* Programme presents

SHADES OF AUTUMN

Theme- Learn New Skills

Wednesday 25th October 1-5pm in the large hall

- **ADVICE**- How learning enhances mental wellbeing
- **ACTIVE**- Bring along favourite craft items and share joys of making and using them
- **ACTION**- Make craft items to give away as Christmas or end of year gifts

Come dressed in autumn colours

Have fun and renew friendships

Donations in cash and for raffle draw welcome

Text Sylvia on 07375824615 to book

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 October: CaFE Video on St. Francis

OUR LADY'S HALL COMMITTEE

We are looking to re-establish the Halls' Committee so that we can once again offer our halls out for hire to parishioners. The committee needs to have at least 4 members who will be on duty on a rota basis.

If you are available on a Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, and are interested in volunteering, please speak to Fr Keith after Mass or ring the parish office for more details. *Many thanks.*

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Coloma Convent Girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday 9th November at 2pm** to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. Families of those who have died are warmly invited to attend this Mass which will take place at the school. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to liturgy@coloma.croydon.sch.uk by 2nd November indicating the name of your loved one so that they can be remembered at this Mass.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE PILGRIMAGE

The Apostolate is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from 9th - 14th November to Pray for the Holy Souls. It will be led by the **Marian Fathers**.

Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee.

The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey.

Cost £800 All Welcome

Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY

We are currently looking to appoint a School Chaplain (full time/term time only).

Please visit the school's website for more information.

<https://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities>

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES!

We have Baptism certificates dating back pre pandemic that are yet to be collected. Please contact the parish office to pick up this important document as soon as possible! *Many thanks.*

For Collection:

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Readers (Sept/October) Eucharistic Ministers (Oct)