



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 By appointment only

15th November 2020 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

This parable speaks to us of God and how God treats us. We have all been given gifts and talents by God. The important thing is not *what* I have been given, but *how* I use what I have been given. God calls us, God loves and as we see in this gospel, God also trusts us. Our talents are not just for ourselves; they are meant to be used to proclaim the gospel and build the Kingdom of God. Just think of the trust God has in each of us and the risk he takes with us.

We are now living in a time when we are waiting for the Lord to return. This parable teaches each of us what to do during this time of waiting. We can't simply sit, wait and do nothing. Our waiting is not to be idle or passive. We are to live our daily lives in such a way that we use all the many gifts and talents God has given each of us. In the gospel, the man not only gave his servants money, he also trusted them with a big responsibility. Jesus has given each of us the same responsibility. Through our ordinary lives and through the use of our gifts, skills and talents, we are to show that we too are faithful servants. When the Lord does return, each of us will be held accountable for the use of our gifts and how we have lived our lives. Be generous, and live without fear of harsh judgement.



*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

The First Holy Communion Parents' meeting scheduled for the 17th November is postponed until Tuesday, 8th December, to take place in Church. If we remain in lockdown, the meeting will take place in the New Year. Please monitor the newsletter and the parish website for updates. Also, please email the parish office with your email address and permission to add you to a First Holy Communion Monday or Tuesday Group via email and / or WhatsApp.

This will make communication between parents and priests so much easier. *Thank You.*

Mass Intentions This Week

- 14 November: Saturday**
 10:00 Sheila Kelleher, James Lordan & Kathleen Lordan RIP
 18:30 Mr & Mrs Mathiyas RIP
- 15 November: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY**
 10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP
 12:00 Alasdair Aitchison RIP
- 16 November: Monday**
 10:00 Oliver Stromsoe RIP
- 17 November: Tuesday**
 10:00 Manuel DeMello RIP
- 18 November: Wednesday**
 10:00 Desire Toure RIP
- 19 November: Thursday**
 10:00 Noel Mitchener RIP
 19:30 Ints of the O'Sullivan Family
- 20 November: Friday**
 10:00 Betty McHugh RIP
- 21 November: Saturday**
PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 10:00 Holy Souls
 17:30 Joan McHugh RIP
 18:30 Dec. Members of the Cooney, Linehan and Crowley Families RIP
- 22 November: SUNDAY**
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 10:00 Manjit Saberwar RIP
 12:00 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday – Saturday
 9.00am – 10.50am

Sunday
 8.30am – 9.30am
 and 10.50am – 1.00pm



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Joan Cooper, Maud West, Jan Jadowski, Alan Crabb, Lydia Collins, Joseph McNaughton, Alistair Aitchison, Phil Hennessy, Eileen McGreal, Barry Crofts, Muriel McGuinness, Ned Duffin, Ivy Cooper, Doreen Donegan, James Tully, Margaret Dolan, Patrick McHugh, Rita Mc Mahon, Maria Rodrigues, Bernadette Wyatt, John McCarthy, Thomas Lott, James Stewart

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - 07548 868418. Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!

Eugene McKeon's Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's on Wednesday, 18th November at 12.30pm. His body will be received into Our Lady's on Tuesday, 17th November at 4.00pm.

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Raffle which was launched recently. We are supporting three local charities; *The Lily Pad Appeal* (Children with Cancer) at Croydon University Hospital, the *Woodside Bereavement Service* and *St Mildred's Church* (Women's Refuge Project).

To date, we have already raised in excess of £2,700.00; *our Target is £5,000.00+*. To order Books of Tickets send an email to:

patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk or bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk

With the current Covid-19 restrictions, all counterfoils, monies and unsold tickets are to be returned to the Presbytery.

Additional information on the Raffle is available on the Parish website:

<http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/grand-christmas-raffle>

In March, the Social Club launched a weekly Newsletter - *Keeping in Touch*. This weekend, the *35th Edition* will be published. If you would like to receive a copy of the document, send an email to Pat Winston: patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk.

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. *No task is too small - please make contact.*

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

If you are waiting to receive a Baptism certificate, please ring the Parish office to arrange a suitable time to collect from there. Many thanks.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. *Please place the envelope in the secure 'offertory' box at the back of church* or through the parish office letterbox. The list of names will then be placed in our Memorial chapel (in the Lady Chapel) and your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2021 ENTRY

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the parish office (*via the letterbox*) by **Sunday 22nd November**, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will run until **Friday 27th November**.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING 2020

COVID19 has made our annual wreath making afternoon impossible this year! However, if you wish to *order an Advent Oasis ready for decoration at home at a cost of £2.50 each*, you can do so by texting your name and the number of wreaths required to **07793 826103**.

Payment should then be made via bank transfer to **Joanna Murphy**, account number **00377007** sort code **40-47-77** **no later than Wednesday 18th November**, using your name as the reference.

The Oases will be delivered to church and blessed by Fr Keith during the live stream 10am Mass on 22nd November. You can then arrange collection via the office before the 1st Sunday of Advent.

AN UPDATE ON THE ANERLEY ACROSS CHARITY

It is with regret that we have heard this week that travelling to Lourdes by Jumbulance in 2021 will not be possible. This is due to the coronavirus, restrictions on our insurance and ensuring that it is safe to travel abroad.

The charity is going to continue with possible day trips and weekend trips in the UK during 2021 with the hope that we will be able to travel to Lourdes in 2022.

Thank you to everyone for the support you show to our charity which is appreciated; we hope and pray that we will all come through this difficult time and once again we will be able to make the impossible possible for many to travel to Lourdes. **Ben Cahill**

FRATELLI TUTTI: The new encyclical of Pope Francis, is a message for everyone, not just Catholics or people of other faiths. The Holy Father argues that at a time of pandemic we cannot just return to politics as normal, but need to show fraternity and social friendship to build a better, more just and peaceful world. To find out more about Fratelli Tutti, please follow the links on the parish website.

How can you show fraternity and social friendship in our Parish? Please contact one of the following groups in our Parish: the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), who visit and befriend parishioners; the Refugee Support group, who are preparing to bring a vulnerable family for resettlement in the UK, and the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation group, who campaign on social issues in line with Catholic social teaching. Details of how to contact these groups can be found on the website or you can contact the parish office.

HM Government

**WASH
HANDS**



**COVER
FACE**



NHS

**MAKE
SPACE**





ST THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL ANNUAL RAFFLE: Has gone online only this year. The link to purchase tickets is: <https://raffall.com/142575/enter-raffle-to-win-lots-of-christmas-goodies-hosted-by-stbsa>

Everyone entering the draw has to answer a simple question. Tickets are £1 each and prizes include Love to Shop vouchers, a portrait by a local artist, hampers, and lots more! Please share this link. Thanks!

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church entrance, or complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, *please visit the Repository shop at the weekend, or see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

AYC UPDATE

It has been a high priority for us to keep our young people filled with hope throughout this very different time we are living in, one day at a time. We had a BBQ with music back in September, and this month we have started our initiative **#kindnessiscontagious**. Making a link that although Covid 19 is contagious - as a community we can follow recommendations and within this be kind. In the coming weeks please look out for our **COVID CROSS**. Download a speech bubble from our website (under the AYC tab) and write your message. For example, this could be about your feelings around Covid 19 or a message of kindness and hope. You can bring them into church to be added to the cross. Also, there are pebbles on display in the Lady Chapel, part of our Kindness Rocks project. More pebbles will be available in the church porch soon, for you to take away and decorate in a similar way.

Our members also enjoyed a session at 'Goals' during half term week.

The young people also shared ideas for a daily kindness calendar. This will be available to download from the website in the next few weeks. Currently we have young people from school years 8 - 10 and are working on year 7 (although COVID 19 makes things a bit tricky). To register your interest or for more information email addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com

ST THOMAS BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admission for Reception places in 2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 and you are considering our school, please visit our website and click the link on the Home Page - **Admissions Information for Reception 2021**.

Here you can find important information including our school admissions policy, a **Virtual Tour** of our school premises and advice on completing your application.

You can also view videos of our school produced by our school council and our digital leaders.

For more information on admissions, please visit our website at www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk and read our **Admissions Policy**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Unfortunately we have not been able to hold Children's liturgy for some time, but wanted to remind you of the *Colour and Shape Children's Liturgy* that are available each week on YouTube for young families

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdJNyn5xOrOB5634uplhQg>

Also, don't forget to print off the weekly children's liturgy page that is uploaded to our website every week.

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

with Fairtrade chocolate and The Christmas Story book

We have a small supply of these, suitable for small people (6-year-old Daniel says that the chocolate is the best he's tasted), but only available from Andy Bebington following our new lockdown. Please contact him (andy.bebington@gmail.com or **8777 4840**) to place your order at £4 each and to arrange delivery or collection. First come, first served.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Mary's Meals has an opening for a Supporter Engagement Officer in London - to develop local strategies and plans, to secure increased support and funding for its feeding programmes around the world. This is an exciting job that involves growing and nurturing the Mary's Meals volunteer network by building relationships with community volunteers, churches, schools and faith groups. **Closing date is 23rd November**. All the details can be found on the website here:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/useful-links/work-for-us/supporter-engagement-officer-london>

