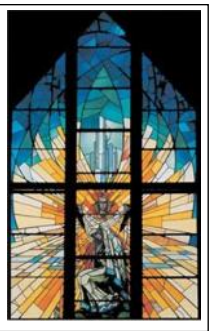


Our Lady of the Annunciation



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15th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 155 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

In the Gospel passage this Sunday, Jesus tells a parable about an unequal distribution of funds. That may sound "unfair" at first sight, but isn't that the reality of life as we know it? Not all are Einstein's, for example; not all have the abilities of great sports persons; not all can sing like angels; not all can fly to the moon or swim the English Channel. In other words, we all possess talents, but not the same ones. Each person is unique, with gifts from God that are intended for us, to use to the best of our abilities. That is what the parable today is all about.

The parable tells us that silver pieces were given out "according to each one's abilities." This implies that each servant had enough of "what it takes" to make the best use of what has been distributed to him or her. In the process, no one should be overwhelmed by what has been given, nor should the gifts be squandered and buried in a hole, proving to be unproductive.

We are all given a fair chance, however long our lives might last, to cultivate and multiply the gifts God has given us. In so doing we demonstrate "By their fruits you shall know them," as Jesus teaches.

As followers of Jesus, we believe that the Lord puts trust and confidence in us and readily accepts our honest efforts to love, forgive and share our gifts with others. This is what is being is asked of each of us. Our reward will be great in heaven, Jesus tells us, when we will be rewarded for doing what is expected of us throughout our lives.



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WHEN LIGHTING CANDLES COULD YOU PLEASE FILL THE STANDS
FROM THE BACK
THIS AVOIDS THOSE COMING AFTER
HAVING TO REACH ACROSS YOUR FLAMES TO PLACE THEIRS

Mass Intentions This Week

14 November: Saturday
10:00 Deceased Members of the Finnerty Fam. & Trevor Wise RIP
18:00 Mr & Mrs Mathiyas RIP #

15 November: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
08:30 All Parishioners ~ #
10:00 Agnes Cuffey-Pratt RIP 1st Ann. ~ #
First Holy Communion Mass of Dedication
11:30 Mary (1st Ann.) & Ann (36th Ann.) Farrell RIP #

16 November: Monday
10:00 Sandra Chatelier RIP

17 November: Tuesday
10:00 Intentions of Paddy Queally

18 November: Wednesday
10:00 Holy Souls

19 November: Thursday
10:00 Noel Mitchener RIP
19:30 Bridget Meek RIP

20 November: Friday
10:00 Marie Wynn RIP

21 November: Saturday
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
10:00 William Lange RIP
18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

22 November: SUNDAY
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
08:30 John Gallagher RIP
Special Mass For Youth Sunday
10:00 All Parishioners
11:30 Alasdair Aitchison RIP

~ *With Children's Liturgy*
\# *With Foodbank Sunday*

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 17th at 8pm (PRC)
Arts & Crafts Group: Friday 20th at 2pm (Small Hall)

Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 640.80
Loose cash	£ 424.14
S/Os (*Approx*)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2404.94

***** DEFIBRILLATORS *****

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's Diocesan collection for ***The Archbishop's Appeal*** amounted to £734.76. Many thanks.
Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for ***Catholic Youth Services***.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Elizabeth Casey, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Mary Jayawardena, Peggy Wall, Pat Joyce, Mervat Nasri, John Wright, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade, Mary-Jane Watson, Michael Bowen, Pat Fernandez & all others*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week**:** *Joan Cooper, Mary Farrell, Maud West, Jan Jadkowski, Elizabeth Ellis, Stephen Shaw, Joan Motts, Agnes Cuffey-Pratt, Alan Crabb, Lydia Collins, Joseph McNaughton, Alistair Aitchison, Phil Hennessy, Carmen Tinglin, Eileen McGreal, Barry Crofts, Muriel McGuinness, Josephine Hanan, Ned Duffin, Ivy Cooper, Doreen Donegan, James Tully, Don Carmichael, Margaret Dolan, Patrick McHugh, Rita McMahon, Maria Rodrigues, Bernadette Wyatt, Leon Titus, John McCarthy, Thomas Lott, James Stewart*

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

15th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens
22nd November: Kieran White
29th November: TR Dallas
6th December: Theresa Rodgers
13th December: Glen Flynn
20th December: ***Christmas Celebration*** - Frank Nelson
27th December: ***New Year Celebration*** - Pat Jordan
3rd January: Two in Chord

- ***Jiving sessions are returning***: J & M will be facilitating Jiving Sessions in the Hall on Sunday 15th November commencing at 5:00pm. For more information, call ***Della Reilly on 07403 227935***.

- In partnership with ***St Mildred's Church***, we will be supporting the ***Annual Pyjama Appeal for Children*** up to 18 years of age in Hospital, Hospices and Women's Refuges throughout the UK. If you would like to support the appeal bring your sets of Pyjamas to any Mass or the Social Club.

- The Pyjamas need to be brand NEW
- They must not be wrapped
- Please avoid Christmas themed pyjamas as excess pairs are given to children throughout the year

Please avoid fleecy pyjamas & onesies - hospitals can be warm!

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

This is a gentle reminder to all parishioners, that the parish office is **CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS**. Please do not attend or ring the office on that day (unless it is an emergency where a priest is required). Rachel is available on Mondays & Tuesdays and Stephanie on Thursdays & Fridays, 9am - 3pm. Many thanks.

UCM COFFEE MORNING TODAY

Our parish UCM will be hosting the coffee morning after 10am Mass this Sunday. *A small selection of homemade Christmas cakes will be on sale*. All are welcome!

ST JOSEPH'S PEREGRINATION 2/5/26 - 13/3/27

If you would like to participate in our Peregrination, please sign up on the list in the porch. Kindly leave your name and phone number.

CALLING ALL MARYS, JOSEPHS, ANGELS, SHEPHERDS & KINGS!!

You are welcome to Everyone's Nativity!

Come dressed as your favourite Nativity character (which could be the donkey) to celebrate this very special time. Nativity acted in church, followed by Arts & Crafts and refreshments in the large hall.

From 2pm on Sunday 6th December

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2027 ENTRY

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the parish office before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will **ONLY** run until **Friday 27th November**.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING
Saturday 28th November 2 - 4pm in the Small Hall

I have a small supply of rings for sale at £4.50 to make the wreaths; please contact me by Monday 23th November if you need one. Bring garden clippers/scissors, gloves, and any candles, greenery or decorations you wish to add. **Call or text Joanna on 07793 826103**

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Lady's Ascent Group has been meeting regularly for more than 23 years. It now meets on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays each month in the Small Hall after 10am Mass. We start with tea/coffee etc at about 10.45 and each month we try to invite a Speaker to help us share and inspire us in our Catholic Faith. ***Anyone interested in updating an understanding of what we believe and increasing your relationship with Jesus, is most welcome.***

Rotas: *Eucharistic Ministers (November)* *Readers: (Nov/Dec)*

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: **safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk**

+++ SAVE THE DATE - ADVENT VIGIL +++

with RECONCILIATION and ADORATION

Friday 11th December 6 - 8pm at Our Lady's

Parents who want to have a chance to pray as a family while also having some quiet prayer time for themselves, will be offered childcare on the spot & dedicated fast-track confession.

All are very welcome.

Help is needed to organise the event, so if you'd like to get involved, please contact **Anne-Catherine - auxharicots@gmail.com**. Thanks.

DAILY REFLECTION FOR ADVENT: As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up visit their website **www.southwarkdsc.org.uk** and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS.

PEONY COURT CARE HOME (Addiscombe Road): Is coming to talk about their free activities and events. Charles, the new General Manager, would love to introduce himself to you and tell you about the home, its activities and events. Join Charles in the hall at coffee morning, after Mass on **Wednesday 25th of November** for a coffee, chat, and a cupcake.

SPECIAL MASS FOR YOUTH SUNDAY

10am on 22nd November (Solemnity of Christ the King)

This year, Our Lady of Annunciation celebrates **World Youth Sunday 2026**. Recently, Pope Francis sent a message to world leaders at the UN climate talks in Glasgow known as COP 26. He called on them to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. ***We invite you to join us for 10am Mass and take part in the Choir, Offertory, Collection or just saying a prayer***.

Also, please keep in mind; World Youth Day 2027

The Archdiocese are running a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Korea in August next year, and our parish have sponsored to young people to attend. Please keep them, and all the youth in your prayers.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Would like to thank all parishioners for the £115 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they are most vulnerable. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving us strength to continue.

RINGS FOUND OUTSIDE CHURCH: Please contact Stephanie in the parish office for more information.

FOODBANK SUNDAY - 13th DECEMBER

Please note that for **December only**, Foodbank Sunday will be the **2ND Sunday of the month** - 13th December. The Shrublands food bank particularly requires the following:

coffee, cream crackers, fruit juice, jam, honey,
milk, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, soap & toilet paper

WELDERLIES DAY TRIP TO OXFORD CHRISTMAS MARKET

We have a few spaces left on the coach for this trip on **Thursday 26th November**. Flyer at the back of the church with full details.

If interested, text Sylvia on **07375 824615** to book, thanks.

COLOMA MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Coloma Convent Girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday 26th November at 3.30pm** to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. Former students and staff, and the 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.co.uk by 19th November** indicating the name of your loved one so that they can be remembered at this Mass.

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 in the Lady chapel***. Your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.