

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

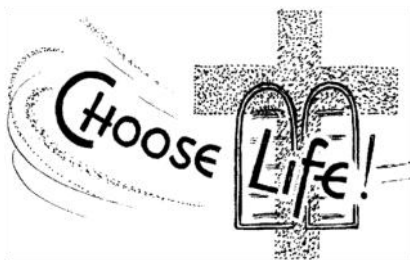
16th February 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 136 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Today's readings reveal God's law as something different from human-made laws, which are imposed on people to keep them in check, and ensure a degree of social cohesion. No, God's law is born in love and given in love, and is fulfilled by our loving response to it.

Because God does not impose the law, we are always free to choose our response. God's loving and wise care (Second Reading 1Cor 2) means that we are supported in our response (First Reading Eccl 15).

When we do respond lovingly, we will experience happiness on earth (Psalm 118), that exceeds the fleeting happiness that comes with 'having a good day', and which ultimately leads to knowing greatness in God's kingdom (Gospel Mt 5).

Let's ask for the grace, in the coming week, to really seek the Lord with all our hearts, and to respond to the circumstances of our daily lives with loving wisdom, knowing that in everything we are being guided, held and encouraged by God's law of love.



***** A NOTE ABOUT SAFEGUARDING *****

Children in Worship on a Sunday (or indeed at any time in Church) remain the responsibility of their parent or carer. *Please do not allow your children to wander around the church, or visit the bathroom unattended and please keep them in your sight at all times.*

Thank you.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 15 February: Saturday**
 10:00 Bernadette Moynihan RIP
 18:00 Thanksgiving For Nadia Ghawi ~
- 16 February: SIXTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners ~
 10:00 Anne Byrne RIP 1st Anniversary # ~
 12:00 Con, Mary & Finbar Kelly RIP ~
- 17 February: Monday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Carole Simpson RIP
- 18 February: Tuesday**
 10:00 Barbara & Francis Fernandes RIP
- 19 February: Wednesday**
 10:00 Charles & Alice Sciberras RIP
- 20 February: Thursday**
 10:00 Wellbeing of Desire Touré
 19:30 Bartholomew Murphy RIP
- 21 February: Friday**
 10:00 Mary & Jim Shell &
 Kathleen Redican RIP
- 22 February: Saturday**
THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER
 10:00 Martha Sam Vu RIP
 18:00 Lazarus De Souza RIP
- 23 February: SEVENTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Delmira Barcellos RIP
 10:00 Adriano Scalco RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners +

+ With Baptism
 # With Uniformed Groups
 ~ With Foodbank Sunday

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on **THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY** due to staff annual leave. Thank you.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 18th at 8.30pm (PRC)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

* **PLEASE SEE NOTE OVERLEAF** *

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 463.40
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 452.36
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1890.76

CHURCH CLEANING: Team C

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **Racial Justice Sunday** amounted to £492.97. Many thanks. Next week there will be a second collection for **Poor Parishes** (Gift Aid-able).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Rosa Lobo

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Catherine Wilson, Edward Scanlon, Bernadette Moynihan, Giuseppe Oriani, Stanley Earl, Walter D'Cruz, John Scanlon, Gordon Thompson, Patrick Joyce, Sr Felicite, Agnes O'Dwyer, Sarah Wright, Dr. Iolo Williams, Irene Griffiths, Sr Mary Cecilia, John DeCaestecker, Eric Houston, Margaret Lock, George Kaazana, Denis Kelleher, Mary McDowell, George Paice, Edmund Claudius, Caroline Assey, Carol Ann Davey, Michael White, Tony Durkan, Marshall Henry Weetman, Jessie Mills, Gerard Chandler, Irene Rodrigues, Rose Childs, Mary Mann

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

16th February: Sean Wilson

23rd February: Mustang Showband

1st March: Eugene Doonan

8th March: Finbar & Paul

15th March: *St Patrick's Celebration* with Frank Nelson

22nd March: *Mother's Day Celebration* with The Duets

29th March: Pete Brazil

5th April: Theresa Rodgers

Thank you to our Members & their Guests and the Parish Community for their support of our recent *Bacon & Cabbage Dinner and Strictly Come Dancing* competition. The event raised £2,000.00; these resources will be given to the *Anerley ACROSS Charity*, who will be taking a party of disabled children on a pilgrimage to Lourdes in June.

The *Mick Flavin Evening* takes place on Friday, 13th March commencing at 7.30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Croydon University Hospital: Lily Pad Appeal (Children with Cancer)*. Tickets at £15.00 each are now available in the Church Hall or from Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle or the Auction.

Coming soon:

- *Neil Diamond Tribute Evening* on Friday, 27th March

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH AT 7PM IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH

This year's **World Day of Prayer** service has been composed by the women of Zimbabwe who encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and their hopes for the future and ask us to **'Rise! Take your mat and walk'** with them on their turbulent journey towards reconciliation.

If you would like to help with the service in any way, please contact Anne on anne.barcellos@btinternet.com.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Due to the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 being held in the church on **Friday 6th March** at 7pm, **PLEASE NOTE THAT EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL FINISH AT 6PM ON THAT EVENING.** Thank you.

THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: Will be offering Fairtrade Easter Eggs for sale after Mass on 15th & 22nd March - don't buy elsewhere, please support disadvantaged farmers abroad and secure what 12-year-old Daniel said was the best chocolate he'd ever tasted!

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - SDC Bible Study Meetings

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have declared 2020 to be a year of special focus on the Bible. We are called to explore and celebrate the Word of God through the Scriptures, share the Word with others and respond to the "God who speaks" in the way that we live. SDC would like to invite parishioners to their monthly meetings which take place at 38 Ryefield Road, Upper Norwood SE19 3QU.

The remaining dates for this term are **Friday 13th March** and **3rd April**. All are welcome. We start at **7.30 pm**. The meeting will include reflections, readings and prayer. For more information call the **SDC House** on **8768 5159** or text **John** on **07986 533292**.

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

Items for collection: Cadar, I Hedger, Sr Celia x3

Baptism certificates: V Conkova, L Taggart, Adams-Grace, A Barragan, G Stevens, A Lawrence, F Rattigan, L Kidd, H Carney Garcia

Rotas: Repository (January / March)

GAELIC FOOTBALL TASTER SESSIONS

Gaelic Football Taster Sessions for Boys born after 1st January 2006 will recommence on **Tuesday, 25th February** at St Mary's RC High School (enter via Tavistock Road) from 6pm and concluding at 7.30pm. The sessions focus on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers. For more information, please call **Danny O'Donovan** on **07796 934748**.

LENTEN MASSES - CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be a MASS on **ASH WEDNESDAY (26th February)** at **12 noon....** and EVERY MONDAY during LENT at 12 noon, in the Hospital Chapel (Near Woodcroft Road).

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Woodside Bereavement Service is looking for enthusiastic Christians to join our Board of Trustees. If you have an interest in supporting a local charity which provides counselling services for people struggling with their bereavement and loss, please ring or email **Linda Nicholas**, Chair of Trustees, on **07754 259358** or linda21@live.co.uk for more information.

We need anyone keen to take on the role of Secretary or as a general trustee, attending not less than three meetings a year.

28th CROYDON SCOUT FAMILY BINGO EVENING

Saturday 28th March 2020 - 7 for 7.30pm start in the Large Hall

Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5's free)

Reserve your place by calling **Andrea** on **07952 664224**.

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

The next quiz by Andy Bebington - with Liz's famed ploughman's - for Citizens Advice Croydon is on **20th March** in the **large hall**.

Teams of up to 8; **tickets £11 each or 8 for £80** (Form a team! Save money!) from lizbeb@gmail.com or **020 8777 4840**.

Buy before they all go ...

TREASURER NEEDED: For 1st Addiscombe Guides. If you think you can volunteer to help in this role please contact **Louise** at 1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com or **07941 006863** for more details. Thank you!

A DAY WITH MARY - HERE AT OUR LADY'S CHURCH

Saturday 14th March from **9.15am** see poster for full details

A GIFT FOR HUSBAND AND WIFE: Spend **4th April** exploring your relationship in the light of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of Love*, at a marriage-enrichment day entitled *Building A Better Marriage*. Gain valuable insights into your communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no group sharing during the day. **9.45am - 4.30pm** at **St Teresa's** church hall Ashford. Suggested donation of £10 per couple. Booking is essential: call **07983 524727** or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

A TIME FOR MOURNING: This retreat/workshop at Aylesford Priory from March 20-22, is for those suffering from the pain of loss. It offers a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. A space just for you. Call **01303 670880** / email mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk