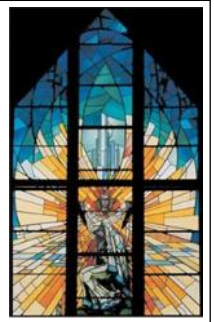




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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PRINCIPLES OF MORAL JUDGMENT

Flourishing - God has called us to flourish - to achieve the highest level of humanity as He desired. God wants us to flourish. In a sense, flourishing is our human vocation. Human beings don't simply exist.

Freedom - from and for so that we can achieve the highest level of flourishing, the deepest level of fulfilment of what it means to be human.

Divine Law - is that which is enacted by God & made known to man through revelation.

Natural Law - The natural law expresses the original moral sense which enables man to discern by reason the good and the evil, the truth and the lie. The natural law is written and engraved in the soul of each and every man, because it is human reason ordaining him to do good and forbidding him to sin

Conscience - God's voice within each individual.

- **Basic moral teachings of Christ:** What do Christ and his disciples say that relates to the issue? Thinking critically, what did they mean?
- **Related developments:** Has the Church changed its guidance on this issue over the centuries?
- **Human nature:** How does this moral issue interact with the basic facts of our existence? Is our decision, action, behaviour, or attitude in line with how God created us (in His image)?
- **Human dignity:** Does this issue — or our decision, action, behaviour, or attitude towards it — embody and engender respect for others made in the image of God?
- **Common good:** How does a particular decision, action, behaviour, or attitude contribute to or detract from the good of humankind as a whole?
- **Freedom:** Does a particular action or behaviour allow someone to live freely in accordance with their nature? Does the action or behaviour impede their growth as a human being? Are they essentially living in harmony with God's plan while exercising their free will?

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*Fr. Keith and Fr. Tomasz are God's men, sent to serve.
 They are never too busy to see you.*

Contact details are at the top of this newsletter.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE: Monday 17th, Thursday 20th & Friday 21st March. The next newsletter will be published on 29th / 30th March.

MEETINGS

Padre Pio Prayer Group: Tuesday 18th at 10.45am (Small Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 18th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: Wednesday 19th at 8pm (PRC) *The Scrutinies Explained*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 492.68
Loose cash	£ 822.18
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2654.86

Mass Intentions This Week

15 March: Saturday

10:00 Anna Maria Caruana RIP

18:00 Intentions of Paddy Ryan *

16 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners *

10:00 Thomas Corduff RIP 1st Anniversary *

11:30 Mary & Ian Quinn RIP *

17 March: Monday SAINT PATRICK

10:00 Joan McHugh RIP

18 March: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Bridget 'Bridie' Ivens RIP

19 March: Wednesday SAINT JOSEPH

10:00 John Boswood & David Warner RIP

15:45 *Stations of the Cross*

20 March: Thursday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Stuart White RIP

19:30 Helene Bambi RIP 1st Anniversary

21 March: Friday

10:00 José Fernandez RIP 1st Anniversary

22 March: Saturday

10:00 Aphrodite Ghawi RIP (Birthday)

18:00 Welfare of Coloma and
All Catholic Education

23 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Steve Williams RIP

11:30 Dr Sheila Santamaria Menezes RIP

* *With Foodbank Sunday*

*Mass Intentions for next week
are shown overleaf*

*** 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

This week there will be a second collection for **CAFOD**. You can pick up an envelope in the porch if you wish.

Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for **Poor Parishes**.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Marion O'Dwyer, Annie Kingman, Jeremiah Murphy, Joseph Devitt, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Sandy, Joseph Colairo, Thomas Corduff, Baby Matthew Neydorff, Winifred Collins, Norman Coombes, Patrick Kelly, Eveleen McBride, Margaret Warnock, Sybil Whitworth, Emma Bowen, Roseanna McKee, Marjorie Collyer, David Hogan, Michael Morris, Eileen Flanagan, Philomena Doyle, Joseph Foley, Ida DeSouza, Terence Conn, George Chesher, Fr. Anthony Freeman, Victor de Souza, Helene Bambi, Sr Anthony, Edmond Kiely, Desmond Kavanagh, Denis Whitworth, José Fernandez, Ethel Bowen, Rita Stone, Charles Martynski, Kevin McKenna, Stephen Connolly, John Bradley, Emily Judge

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

16th March: **St Patrick's Celebration** - Kenny Paul

23rd March: Glen Flynn

30th March: Murphy & the Swallows

6th April: Frank Nelson + **Castlereas Brass & Reed Band**

13th April: Kieran White

20th April: **Easter Sunday** - Shawn Cuddy

27th April: Kevin Kearney

4th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kenny Paul

- The **St Patrick's Celebration** takes place on Sunday, 16th March with entertainment by **Kenny Paul**. **The Keady Academy of Dance** will provide a display at the interval.

- An evening of **Dancing across the Globe** takes place on Friday, 28th March from 7:30pm with entertainment by Kieran White. Guests will be able to experience a range of Dances including **Line Dancing, Sets, Waltzes, Jives, Barn Dancing at et.** Admission will be Members: £5.00 & Guests: £6.00.

- **Shane Moore** will be appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 4th April from 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Place to be Cafe, Purley: a Social Club for older people living with Dementia & their Carers.** Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling Pat Winston on 07734 250375. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

STATUTORY FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

Will take place on **Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm in the church.** Readers and Eucharistic Ministers agreed some years ago to take up this role. If as many could attend as possible I would be most grateful. Having said this, the session is open to everyone who would like to attend. The more, the merrier! *Fr. Keith.*

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the death of **Corrie Templeton** on Friday 7th March. Details of her funeral will be published once known. Please remember Corrie and her family in your prayers at this time.

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP

On 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, all parishioners, especially those who are aware of being of a certain age, are very welcome to join us in the Small Hall after 10am Mass.

On Tuesday March 25th, a **very Special Speaker** has been arranged to talk and challenge us, on the feast day of Our Lady. Everyone is welcome to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to sample a Life Ascending International meeting in our Parish.

NEW FLOWER ARRANGERS

We are looking for some new members to join our parish flower team. If you would like to know more and are willing to help with the flowers at church, please **contact Sarah Turner** at sturner7@btinternet.com.

There will be an introduction meeting for new volunteers in the church on **Friday 28th March at 7:30pm.**

BOOK CLUB / BIBLE STUDY

No book club or bible study next week as Fr Tomasz is away.

CENTENARY CALENDAR LETTERS OF THANKS: You can view the letters of thanks we received for our Centenary calendar on the website under the 'Letters of Thanks' tab.

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for **years 1 to 'A' level**
On **Sundays in Our Lady's small hall between 1 - 5pm.**

To register your interest please contact:

Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009

For Collection:

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (March) Readers (March/April)

Baptism Certs: Should be collected from the parish office

Mass Intentions

24 March: Monday

10:00 Birthday Wishes for Francisco Xavier Fernandes

25 March: Tuesday THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:00 Wellbeing of Matilda Olatunji

26 March: Wednesday

10:00 Abraham & Martha Pereira RIP

27 March: Thursday

10:00 June Cully RIP

19:30 Willie O'Dwyer RIP

28 March: Friday

10:00 Paul Gillen RIP

13:00 Memorial Service for Brendan Curtis RIP

29 March: Saturday

10:00 Rosa Lobo RIP 5th Anniversary

18:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

30 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 John & Eveleen McBride RIP

10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP

11:30 Intentions of Gabby & Kevin Winston

EXAMINING OUR CONSCIENCE

Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you. (Pope Francis)

You are most welcome to come to confession in this time of Lent.

In the porch and on our website welcome page, you can find the document: A Catholic Examination of Conscience. *A children's version, printed on coloured paper, is also available in the porch.*

FR KEITH'S 10th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr Keith would like to invite all parishioners to celebrate his 10th anniversary of Ordination, **TODAY, Sunday 16th March, in the large hall after 10am Mass.**

He looks forward to seeing everyone then!

MASS AND ADORATION

With prayer for healing on **Saturday 29th March from 10am.** Refreshments in the small hall afterwards.

Please join us!

OUR LADY'S MOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH

Sunday 23rd March 10.30am - 1pm

Please join us in the large hall after 10am Mass on Sunday 23rd March, for a Mothers' day brunch. There will be a hot food buffet and tea, coffee and cakes available, with all money raised going to support Our Lady's Grotto fund.

JOB VACANCY AT ST CHAD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Chad's is a popular and successful inner city Catholic primary school, graded GOOD by OFSTED (January 2024).

We are looking to appoint a School Business Manager.

Please visit our website for more details - www.stchadsprimaryschool.com - closing dates 24th March 2025.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed by appointment

Please phone **020 8771 3470** to arrange.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

Sat. 12th April 9.30am – 4.30pm at St Mary's W Croydon

Treat yourselves to some time together! This is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. **There is no charge for this course.** Look us up on the diocesan website: [Building a Better Marriage: Archdiocese of Southwark](#). **Booking is essential** - please contact **Carole** on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone **07983 524727**

Refreshments will be provided but **please bring a packed lunch.**