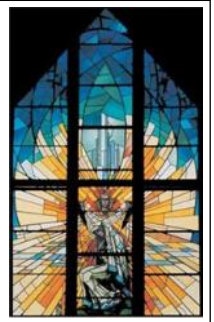




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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## 16th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 95 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

God is our strength, as today's collect teaches us. God is the one who brings forth and upholds everything, as we are reminded by today's gospel reading.

These texts would lead to an easy conclusion that we are to always rely on Him. It is easier to say than to do. We all experience that in our lives.

This is why we are constantly reminded about this truth, so that each day anew we could be encouraged and invited to a trusting relationship with the Lord. This is why we are not condemned by Him, because He knows our condition. He knows also what He created, how beautifully and wonderfully He made us.

His grace is always there, His hand is there to uphold and support us. He invites us again and again to trust Him, to give Him our worries and fears, to let go of whatever holds us back and keeps us away from Him.

Let us take a leap of faith and surrender ourselves entirely into Heavenly Father's arms.

*fr Tomasz*

\*\*\* **Reminder - PARISH AGM** \*\*\*

**8pm Wednesday 26th June in the large hall**  
**All parishioners are invited to attend**

The Agenda, financial statement and other documents will be published on the parish website and the notice board. *Please submit any questions you would like to be addressed in the meeting to the parish office before 23rd June.* Please see the online newsletter for group reports received so far.

### MEETINGS

**Finance Committee Meeting:** Monday 17th at 8pm (PRC)  
**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 18th at 10.45am (Small Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 18th at 8pm (PRC)  
**RCIA:** Wednesday 19th at 8pm (PRC) *The New Testament*  
**Autumn Fair Planning Meeting:** Wednesday 19th at 8pm (Sacristy)  
**PPC:** Thursday 20th at 8pm (PRC)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	450.86
Loose cash	£	588.20
S/Os (Approx)	£	1340.00
<b>Total</b>	£	<b>2379.06</b>

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 15 June: Saturday

10:00 Thanksgiving for Nirindi Children & Speciose Kalimira

18:00 Kathleen & Jack Winston RIP \*

### 16 June: ELEVENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners \*

10:00 Aphrodite Ghawi RIP\*

11:30 Arthur Fairservice RIP\* +

### 15:00 Adoration

### 17 June: Monday

10:00 Wellbeing of George Adams

### 18 June: Tuesday

10:00 Intentions of Paddy Ryan

### 19 June: Wednesday SAINT JOHN RIGBY

10:00 Derrick Bentley RIP

### 20 June: Thursday SAINT ALBAN

10:00 Therese Valapinee RIP 6th Anniversary

19:30 Aurelia Romeo RIP

### 21 June: Friday

### SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

10:00 John (Ann.), Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP

### 22 June: Saturday SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

10:00 Trewin Pinto RIP 1st Anniversary

18:00 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP

### 23 June: TWELFTH SUNDAY

08:30 Alice Marion Wolfe RIP ~

10:00 All Parishioners ~

11:30 Des Hennessy RIP

\* *With Foodbank Sunday*

+ *With Baptism*

~ *With Children's Liturgy*

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

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

### COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a Diocesan collection for **Day For Life**.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Thomas McDonald, Wladyslaw Nawrocki, Ermina Claudius, Mary McQueen, Colin Campbell, Peter Carlisle, Jack Winston, Irene Kendall, Teresa Flanagan, Anelta Joseph, John Murray, David Martin, Edward Casey, Edna Cooper, Veronica Fisher, Johanna O'Dwyer, Frances Conroy, Cecil "Andy" Anderson, Marie Birch, Ellen Slater, Eleanor Dalrymple-Alford, Jean Thompson, Baby Harvey Jones, John Walsh, Sylvia Tierney, Eileen Barnett, Kenneth Smith, Patricia Lyons, Clorinda Andrews

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

16th June: Shane & Mervyn Owens

23rd June: Kieran White

30th June: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

7th July: Pat Jordan

14th July: Glen Flynn

21st July: Cross Keys

28th July: Frank Nelson

4th August: Shane & Mervyn Owens

- The winners of the 200 Club Across Draw for May 2024 are:

£100: Noel Valapinee

£50: Ryan Conlan      £50: Evelyn Sayer

Cheques have now been sent to all of the winners. If you would like to join **the 200 Club**, please go to the website

([www.anerleyacross.org.uk](http://www.anerleyacross.org.uk)) and download an application form.

- **Shawn Cuddy & Curtis Magee** will be appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 19th July from 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity**. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/Auction.

### RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the death of **Carol Jane Harris**, former parishioner and teacher at Coloma School. Her funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's on Tuesday 25th June at 10am**.

Our sympathy & prayers go to the family at this difficult time.

**OUR PARISH ASCENT GROUP: Is part of Life Ascending International** in England, which is designed to meet the needs of Catholics, especially older members of the Church.

We invite a variety of speakers each year, who all teach and encourage us in an adult understanding of our faith, and in our personal prayer life.

**All are welcome - 10.45am in the Small Hall.**

18th June: Talk on Faith

2nd July: Sr. Annette Lawrence, DMJ, 'The Treasure Within'

16th July: Reflection on Gospel Reading for following Sunday

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

Please note that the parish office will be closed on **Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Monday 24th June**. Many thanks.

### 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 - 7pm.

To register your interest please contact:

**Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009**

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The new Gift Aid envelopes are now in use! **Please DO NOT use your old envelopes, as they can no longer be counted towards Gift Aid, so will just be included as loose cash.**

The 19 remaining sets of envelopes still awaiting collection can now be found in the church porch. Please look out for them if have not collected your set yet. *Many thanks.*

### ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: [rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk). Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

### CONFIRMATION 2024

If you are currently in Year 8 (moving into Year 9 in September) or above, you are eligible to join this year's cohort for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The application form & handbook are posted on the web site, under the Confirmation tab, and **you have until Sunday 7th July to fill it in and deliver it to Fr. Keith or Fr. Tomasz by hand**. We look forward to meeting you all.

**Further documents will be posted soon and must be completed and brought to the first meeting on Tuesday 4th September at 8pm.**

### COFFEE MORNING TODAY!

**Happy Father's Day!**

We welcome you for a coffee morning on a special occasion for Father's Day. It will be after the 10am Mass in the hall. Everyone is invited to attend. *Second Sunday volunteer.*

### 28th CROYDON SCOUT CHALLENGE

**"Be Part of the Adventure"**

We are looking for boys and girls aged 10 to 14 to join the Challenge and experience what it is like to be a Scout.

The challenge will involve six sessions of fun packed scouting activities including a day at a Scout site.

The Challenge will take place on Tuesday evenings from 10th September at our Scout hut at the rear of 20-22 Craven Road, Addiscombe, CR0 7JH.

<https://ScoutAdventureSept2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

See the poster in the porch for more details

### REGINA COELI SCHOOL - TEACHER VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a class teacher for September 2024. If you are interested in joining our happy and hard-working school community, please contact us on **020 8688 4582** to make an appointment to visit.

We would love to tell you more about our school. Alternatively please see our website: [reginacoeilschool.co.uk](http://reginacoeilschool.co.uk)

### 1st ADDISCOMBE GUIDES - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of the help and support of some volunteers to keep the group running. Sessions run on a Wednesday night 6 - 7.30pm (term time only) in the large hall. If you can spare a couple of hours a week to keep this unit running please **contact Louise at [1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com](mailto:1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com)**.

### \*\* POLITE REMINDER \*\*

Please remember that ALL posters/notices/adverts that you wish to be displayed in the porch **MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE** for authorisation and stamping. Thanks.

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

**Welcome!** Please introduce yourselves to one of our Priests. There are registration forms in the porch on the table and on the shelf besides the water font with gift aid forms.

Our website - **Addiscombe Catholic Church** - has information about groups, activities, current and past newsletters that may be useful to you, or you can call or visit our secretaries, Rachel and Stephanie, in the parish office during opening times (shown overleaf).

### SVP & CAFOD WORKING TOGETHER IN THE RUN UP TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

**For Collection:** K Duignan

**Baptism certificates:** COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (June) Readers (May/June)

## AYC REPORT 2024

### OVERVIEW

Addiscombe Youth Club (AYC) was created in January 2020 by parents who recognised the need for our young people in the community (age 11-15). This age group is very mobile/social media reliant and an age that does not have a social environment to safely meet and have fun. The youth club is open to all young people from our community and school friends for example are very welcome. Part of coming to AYC encourages healthy communication between the young people.

AYC is not just about socialising, we also open up discussions and tackle issues surrounding their mental wellbeing, especially in this current climate.

We promote:

Kindness

Friendship

Respect

Communication

Community Values

AYC aims to incorporate the Christian values and keep church alive through attraction rather than promotion. AYC carries the loving message acceptance and guidance through whatever we do.

AYC has 60 families on our mailing list. All information via email and we open WA groups only for trips with parent's contacts. Our E-mails include session dates information on our schedule, charities we are supporting, parish information and reminders for raffle prizes. It has been very useful to use google forms to collect important information for trips, gather survey information to make sure we are meeting our Young people's needs. All registration forms from September will take this format- easily filled in from a mobile phone.

Admission is turn up on the night and we have a group of volunteers. The DBS process is much easier, and we are very grateful for the support for safeguarding at the diocese for their help. All our volunteers have followed the safer recruitment process, obtained DBS certificates and have completed the mandatory training recommend by the Catholic, safeguarding, standards, agency. Some of our volunteers are first aid trained. I have completed Mental Health First Aid training which was so very useful and have lists of useful organisations.

Our sessions in the large hall on a Friday follow a relaxed format starting at 19.30pm with registration there is £2 entry fee this includes a strip of raffle tickets. Raffle is held at the end of the evening and is a firm favourite. Raffle prizes are donations of Toiletries, sweets/treats, socks and stationary (we ask for specific items- to be helpful to young people in this climate when money is tight). Big raffles at discos/Christmas also include vouchers for meals out/cinema/amazon -again useful prizes' for young people. Movement in school can be restrictive we encourage young people to move around the hall, use the garden (being mindful to our neighbours) be relaxed or loud and laugh!. Gaming station is not that popular but we have it. Board games are used. Badminton net in large/outside in warmer weather and table tennis in small hall. Crafts are popular we always have marker and pens along with positive/teenage friendly stickers our bigger crafts are well thought out and really enjoyed monster energy drink cans with lights is very popular with everybody. Relaxed chats often happen in the PRC room which is a quieter space. We link our phones to speaker to play pop music throughout the evening. It is noticed that our young people have a deep sense of equality and fairness which can be explored and tested within our environment. AYC wants to support our young members in anyway we can- in the female toilets we provide a supply of sanitary products these are getting used. AYC had Sugar Rush (Tuck shop) which provides us a steady income. Our sweets and drinks mainly come from supermarkets and a Local Londis who provides us with very good prices allowing us to make profit.

Aswell as our sessions in the hall we can see the benefit of taking the young people on these trips. These trips can provide experiences that might be out of budget for families if not subsidizes, give families opportunities to spend time with other siblings, provide respite for guardians, use young people's energy and give families talking points about new experiences. This year we have added to our AYC schedule by doing some new events- remembering our young people can be with us up to 5 years it is important to provide a verity of experiences for them to interact with. Another benefit for being out and about is to see how well AYC members bond irrespective of age, gender, school – this builds self-confidence.

AYC is inclusive and try to keep costs a minimum but we are clear cost should not keep our young people from attending and if we are able to help we will. The budget we receive from our parish is mainly used to lessen the costs of trips for parents which helps give Our Young People experiences they might not have. This budget is put to very good use, and we are very grateful to have this. Our Profit also goes back to our young people by buying equipment and subsidizing trips. AYC also have the use of the hall at no charge again this enables us to use profit for our Young People. When looking at trips/outings it is part of our process that we negotiate the best price possible often getting discounts as we are a Youth Club or for Group bookings.

Bouncy assault course and Ice cream van as our end of year celebration (subsidized by AYC and sponsored by LMB)

Our residential to windmill hill was fantastic so much laughter, growth and maturity. Two nights away in PGL activity camp. Thank you to our social club who pay for the coach with makes the weekend manageable for parents to afford.

To keep the link between AYC and our church community we helped at the October fair this brought lots of our member to help as we had rotas for various jobs.....

Our Christmas trip was to Oxygen trampolining trip flowed by McDonalds which is a firm favourite again we used our profits to make this manageable.

As a big group we got discounted tickets to Fairfield halls to see the pantomime.

January we hired in a self-defence group in on a Saturday afternoon- this was a very informative and energetic afternoon.

Paintballing was fully booked and at a cost to parents but heavily subsidised using our budget was a fantastic full day 9-3pm the weather was dry and it was really a great day!

Working with the social club helping with hospitality opportunities gave our young people great sense of achievement and helped them learn new skills.

Some members helped with the big lunch.

Still to come we have our annual PGL and paddleboarding as our end of term activity at pinewood scouts activity centre who have generously given us a discount.

In conclusion, we believe that opening the Youth Club and providing a safe friendly environment for the young people in our community continues to work well. We constantly receive positive feedback from the parents, and we just love that we can provide this space for our young people. On this part, we would like to thank Fr Keith and Fr Tomaz for all their support in helping make this happen.

### **BRIEF UPDATE ON DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP**

Good evening friends at Our Lady's, I am Sylvia Wachuku-King, currently leading the Diversity Support Group with a small group of loving, well-meaning and interesting parishioners.

Since its endorsement and inception in 2016 our Diversity Support Group has been doing its best to promote friendship, harmony, togetherness and fun within and around our parish community. In preparation for this year's Big Lunch, which was a huge success, some of our members reminded parishioners at all four weekend Masses of who we are, what we plan to do and how they could benefit from our events. We have already made a submission on the group's historical background to the Calendar Girls who are working on the Commemorative Souvenir 2025 Calendar so suggest you be patient and find out more when it is out, so the details are fresh.

Meanwhile we plan to find ways to capture parishioners' views about the group, possibly organise a day of reflection, support the Autumn Faye and organise a bring, share and eat with carolling and secret Santa around Christmas time. We advertise our meetings and events in Our Lady's newsletter, and you are warmly welcome to join us when possible as we are stronger together. Thanks to Fathers Keith and Tomasz, Rachel and Stephanie in the Parish office and everyone else for their encouragement and support. Best wishes to all of us for the future, Sylvia.

## SAFEGUARDING REPORT JUNE 2024.

My name is Joanna Murphy Parish Safeguarding Representative for Our Lady of the Annunciation. I started this position in January 2024 motivated by God and the gap our parish had in this integral part of keeping everybody safe. I am working hard with the safeguarding team of the diocese to make sure all current volunteers have completed volunteer forms and get DBS checks if necessary – this process is lengthy, your cooperation is essential. I have asked that no new volunteers follow the safer recruit process until September as I pray that we will be up to date by then. All guidelines/processes are written by the Catholic Safeguarding standards Agency. I have had full support from the safeguarding Team at Southward and am very grateful for their knowledge and professionalism,

### Job Role

The job role of Parish safeguarding Representative is to promote a culture of Safeguarding, where the parish community is aware of safeguarding issues and help to ensure Safeguarding is understood as an essential part of the ministry of the church.

### Volunteers/DBS checks

In our parish I am committed to the safer recruitment process. The recruitment of volunteers needs to be robust process following the below procedure:

Volunteers to be introduced to me and we follow interview questions/volunteer leaflet to be shared with potential volunteer.

Volunteer form to be filled out and references to be contacted.

DBS process to be started with the safeguarding team.

ID Verification.

Mandatory safeguarding training to be completed.

Volunteer guidelines to be read and signed

### Training

I attended the training day in Southwark and met with fellow PSR's in Croydon which was very helpful. The Safeguarding team from Southwark came to support our Parish by running a training morning in our small hall on .....it was well attended and this opportunity was used for ID verification – all that attended received a certificate. This mandatory training needs to be repeated by all volunteers every 3 years.

### Conclusion

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It is vital that as a parish community we continue to show commitment to Safety within our parish by continuing to follow guidelines and recommendations from the safeguarding team at Southwark and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. Please contact me via email with any questions/queries [addiscombedbs@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombedbs@safeguardraos.org.uk)

## GIRLGUIDING UPDATE 2024

1st Addiscombe Guides has been active since 1953. We celebrated our 70th birthday last year. 12th Addiscombe Brownies has been going since 1975. I suspect the 1st Addiscombe Brownies was a lot older but we kept the Wednesday pack on. As you know Girlguiding is always oversubscribed and waiting lists are huge. I keep mentioning how many units we have lost since 2010. After the Pandemic even more closed. We are desperate for volunteers. But not just people who are willing to help occasionally, we are desperate for adults to take over the insurance, organisation and administration of the units which no matter how much easier it is made electronically, is still a big ask.

I have decided to celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Brownies in October and then step down at Christmas, since I have done this since 2001 and Ellie and Sophia will have gone to University.

We have had a lovely year Brownies and Guides had an activity camp at Blacklands Farm in September and then a Radcliffe Under the Sea themed weekend including a trip to Brighton sea life centre.

In the Autumn term the Brownies learned how to make Christmas Cake and ice it, they had a silent disco which wasn't silent... In the Spring we did a badge with the RSPB at Southwark Park, we made animal masks, played beetle drive, and crazy chameleons. This term we pretended to be gladiators at Frylands Wood and learned practical first aid. We did our annual Rounders match with families and a picnic in the park this week. We are doing a sponsored skip next week for the British Heart Foundation. We are always very busy and aim to do a range of sporting, crafting and cooking which the girls love.

We have redone all the storage in the cupboard, removed the doors and put in better shelves. Plastic boxes with lids all match and all are labelled. The shed is also tidy. We have lovely resources they are all used and loved. For anyone taking over they would not need to spend much money at all. The bank accounts are healthy and all the planning is there and ready to use. I can share all my letters and organisation tips etc.

I really do not want our two remaining units to close I think it is too valuable!

RIP

1st Rainbows

5th Rainbows

1st Brownies

9th Brownies

9th Guides