



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday 9.30am and 5.00pm.

16th July 2017 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 102 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

What is the state of our heart? Is our heart open to receiving the words of Jesus or are we hard of heart and a source of grief to Jesus? We like to think of ourselves as good people and in that sense we are the fertile soil that received the seed and produced much fruit. But since none of us is yet a saint we each have areas in our heart that are in need of spiritual cardiac surgery. Let us all spend a few moments, today or during the week, comparing ourselves to the people in the parable to see where we stand. Truth be known, we are probably all four. We switch, sometimes very rapidly, between being enthusiastically engaged with the faith, enough to bear fruit, but at other times we feel massively hindered to the point where we can barely acknowledge faith at all.

Well, don't fret. Notice Jesus is only highlighting types for us. I don't see him being condemnatory though he would obviously encourage us all to aspire to producing a crop a hundredfold all of the time. But he also understands the vagaries of life, after all he walked where you walk.

So be encouraged by today's Gospel and be on the lookout for fields of ripening souls to harvest this week.

Fr Keill.



Mass Intentions This Week

15 July: Saturday

10:00 David Kingston RIP
 18:00 Richard Remedios RIP * #

16 July: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Brigid Gallagher RIP #
 10:00 All Parishioners #
 12:00 John Duignan RIP # +

17 July: Monday

10:00 Mr Cao Si Lieu RIP

18 July: Tuesday

10:00 Henry Ellison RIP

19 July: Wednesday

10:00 Wellbeing of Andrew & Julia Jasienski

20 July: Thursday

10:00 Eammon Millard RIP

21 July: Friday

10:00 Arthur Fairservice RIP

22 July: Saturday

FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
 10:00 Vincente Fernandes RIP
 18:00 All Parishioners

23 July: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Michael Semeta +
 10:00 Ellen & Patrick McLaughlin
 12:00 Martha Nestor RIP

~ With Children's Liturgy
 # With Foodbank Sunday
 * With Uniformed Groups
 + With Baptism

WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Drusilla Fairservice

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 822.10
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 712.60
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2509.70

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM D - Mrs Aitchison

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Apostleship of the Sea* amounted to £763.30. Many thanks. Next week there will be the monthly ACA collection, with proceeds going to Sr Maria Antoinette for *Little Sisters of the Poor*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, D Nott, Laila Tambini, Steve Richer

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Sidney Watts, Frank Stebbing, John Noonan, Bridie McHale, Patricia M. White, Alice Connolly, Ben Kudom, Mary Mohammed, Rita Baxter, Christopher Kingman, Arthur Braim, Domenico Casale, Eileen Chandler, Beryl Bennett, Mary Jones

SOCIAL CLUB
Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 16th July: Pat Hayes
 Sunday, 23rd July: Tom Healy
 Sunday, 30th July: Telstar
 Sunday, 6th August: Mustang Showband
 Sunday, 13th August: Kevin Keys
 Sunday, 20th August: Walter Kennedy

Coming in the autumn

- Sean Wilson & Tony Mac: Sunday, 17th September
 - **Abba Tribute Band**: Friday, 13th October
 - Declan Nerney: Friday, 19th November
 - Ally Harron & Marion Curry: Sunday, 26th November

ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOSPICE
50 YEARS SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
Southwark Cathedral - Thursday 20th July at 7pm

For more information contact southwark50@stchristophers.org.uk or see the poster on the notice board for how to get tickets.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017/2018

If your child is in a Catholic School and will be 7 years old or older by 31st August 2017 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website or see one of the priests after Mass. Those who are not at Catholic school, but have completed the first year of preparation should also submit an application form. Forms should be returned to the Parish office **BY THE END OF TODAY 16th JULY**. A date for the first parents' meeting will follow shortly.

THE AUTUMN FAYRE - SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

During the last week, we held a very successful planning meeting for the Autumn Fayre.
 This year the theme of the Fayre will be *Party Time* and all of the proceeds will go towards the *Community Support Scheme to help refugees from Syria*.
 To assist with the planning for the Fayre we need help in the following ways:
 - A local company / business to Match Fund the Grand Draw
 - An Estate Agent to promote the Autumn Fayre with display boards in the local area
 - Items such as Golf Days/ Restaurant Vouchers for the Auction

The Jams & Chutneys is a very popular stall and many of the products are prepared during the summer months. To assist our team, we would be grateful if you would bring the following items to Church over the next two weekends; Apples, Plums, Rhubarb and Damsons. We also need a selection of standard size jam jars for the products.

We will launch the collection of items for the Fayre & the sale of Raffle Tickets on the weekend of 2nd/ 3rd September.

The **next meeting** of the planning committee will be on **Wednesday 6th September** at 8.15pm.

If you would like to help in any way,
please email **Pat Winston** at patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk

BIG PICNIC IN ASHBURTON PARK Sat 22nd July 12-3pm

Come to the reopening of the refurbished Old Library. Bring a picnic, family & friends! There will be entertainment, guided tours & music.
FREE EVENT. Friends of Ashburton Park www.thefoap.org.uk

CARIBBEAN PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY
Sunday 30th July

Leaves St Chad's Parish at 8.30am and departs Aylesford at 5.30pm.
 For further details please contact **Monica Samuel** on **07851 616086**.

Items for collection: A Gillen, L J Toma, Mrs Hazel, Mrs G A Gray, B Dixie, M Chandler, D Fairservice, J Gallagher, Sr Celia, Selles
Bapt Certs: Stevens, Gimenez Von Rusten, Wright, Sabatchi, Paredes
Rotas: Repository (July / September) Readers (July / August)

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 18th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 18th at 8pm (PRC)
RCIA: A Tour Of Our Church - Wednesday 19th at 8pm (PRC)

**THIS WEEKEND -
DEFIBRILLATOR SMOOTHIE BIKE RELAY**
**Please join the team -
8 slots still available for individuals, pairs or groups Sunday pm**

Many thanks to our cycling team (over 40 cyclists and still increasing) fundraising for a defibrillator. The relay runs late into Saturday night (c/o the scouts) then from 6am Sunday through to the final leg in the Parish social club.
 Please join the team if you can (sign up at the back or the church) or sponsor / donate.

THE PASSAGE HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE

There will be a Garden Party in aid of The Passage on **Friday 21st July** from **6pm** in the historic **College Garden, Westminster Abbey**. Visit the oldest cultivated garden in England with a backdrop of the Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament.

Ticket Price £40
includes buffet supper, wine, soft drinks, live music & raffle
Available from: The Passage, St Vincent's Centre,
 Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL
Tel: 020 7592 1856 **Email:** tickets@passage.org.uk
Tickets are also available through
passage-garden-party.eventbrite.co.uk

WBS - THE LISTENING EAR
SILVER JUBILEE THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
Saturday 22nd July at 3pm
St Matthew's Church, Chichester Rd, Croydon, CR0 5NQ

For further information please contact
wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk or ring **0203 256 2009**

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017 FUNDRAISING

The confirmation class of 2017 are organising a collection of donations for the charity Mary's Meals - www.marysmeals.org.uk

Across South Sudan, a brutal war is raging. Families are being forced to flee their homes, schools are being destroyed, and famine has been declared in parts of the country. In Turkana, northern Kenya – an arid desert land where rivers run dry and crops and livestock struggle to survive – life is a constant fight for survival.

East Africa's children are in crisis. Drought and conflict have created a humanitarian emergency spanning several countries, including South Sudan and Kenya. Many children don't have basic learning tools such as pencils and notepads. We would encourage you to donate the following items...

Back-packs (Even old school back packs with logos are fine)
Notebooks/pens/pencils/crayons
Erasers, rulers, sharpeners, pencil cases
Towels/small balls/spoons
Flip-flops or sandals
Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste
Shorts/skirt, t-shirt/dress (Clothing aged 4-12 years is suitable)
Second-hand items are fine if they are in good condition

Please don't include any liquids (including liquid soap) and don't be tempted to add any other gifts such as toys or sweets, as these can cause problems with Customs during delivery.

There will be a box in the porch of the church clearly labelled for donations any of which will be gratefully received.

For further information please contact:
clare@teambuxton.co.uk or ring **0777 9782275**