



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

16th September 2018 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 132 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

So, school application season is well underway and all sorts of strange rumours are getting back to me with regard to conversations about the futility of some people applying for a Catholic place at our local schools.

So let me make it clear. Catholics should apply to our Catholic schools for three reasons. Firstly, they are some of the best schools in Croydon, there is no real need to go down the Grammar route. Secondly if you don't they will disappear. The local authority will not fund institutions that they deem to be unwanted. Thirdly (and perhaps most importantly), it is difficult enough for our youngsters to remain constant in a Catholic environment with all the secular pressures that they face. How much more difficult will it be if the place where they spend a third of their time, is a place where God is not mentioned at all?

I am aware that the admission criteria for some of our schools are demanding and rigid, but that should not deter anyone from stating their case if they are regular at Mass. There is a process of appeals, and you can count on my vigorous support should it come to that and feel you have been harshly treated.

To those parents nursing new born children, the church urges that babies should be baptized as soon after birth as possible, not to ensure that they are eligible for school places in ?? years time, but for their spiritual well being. Don't hang around!!

God bless.

Fr Keill.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 18th at 8pm (PRC)

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM A

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Loose cash | £ 642.24 |
| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 700.45 |
| S/Os | £ 975.00 |
| Total | £ 2317.69 |

Mass Intentions This Week

15 September: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
18:00 Thanksgiving for the Aloysius Family # +

16 September:

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

08:30 Aisling Dolan RIP #
10:00 Brid & Brian White RIP ~ #
12:00 Michael Considine # +

17 September: Monday

10:00 Sally Mahoney RIP

18 September: Tuesday

10:00 Eileen Kajdi RIP

19 September: Wednesday

10:00 Intentions of Kevin & Clare Ingram

20 September: Thursday

10:00 Seamus Dolan RIP

21 September: Friday

10:00 Marguerite Conn RIP

22 September: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
18:00 Anne Walsh RIP

23 September:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners *
10:00 Mary Carlisle RIP *
12:00 Deceased Members of the Desveaux Family RIP +

+ With Baptism

With Foodbank Sunday

~ With Uniformed Groups

* With Children's Liturgy

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *The Catholic Education Service* amounted to £730.55. Many thanks. This week there is a second collection for *The Support of Home Mission* (Gift Aid-able). Next week, there will be a retiring collection for *The Addiscombe St Vincent de Paul Conference*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, José Fernandez, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Will McCardie, Kathleen Ryan

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Ann O'Shea, Wladyslaw Malec, Nick Hayward, Michael Beston, Thomas Bloxham, Sally Mahoney, Alan Kennedy, Jennifer Burnett, William Carneiro, Angela Marengi, Stephen Hayes, Doris McCarthy, Ivan Rodrigues, Grace Munro, Thomas Smyth, Daphne Nawrocka, Monica Gardiner, Archibald Hansen, Robert West, Sophia McLaughlin, Henry Seymour(Harry) Gibbs, Michael Carroll, Anne Warnock

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 16th September: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 23rd September: Finbar & Paul
Sunday, 30th September: Pat Hayes
Sunday, 7th October: Theresa Rogers
Sunday, 14th October: The Duets

Tickets for the **Freddie Mercury Tribute Evening** on Friday, 19th October are now on sale at the Social Club. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **PICU (Paediatric Intensive Care Unit) at the Royal Brompton Hospital**. You can also support this event by donating items for the Raffle/ Auction. Tickets can also be reserved by calling Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.

Coming soon
Declan Nerney & Mick Flavin

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER/DANCE: This year is on **Sunday 30th September** from **1 - 5pm**. This is a free event open to all members of our older generation but you must have a ticket to enter as we need to know numbers for catering purposes. The tickets can be obtained at the Social Club on a Sunday evenings 8 - 10pm, from the Unity club on a Friday afternoon or from the S.V.P members on their visits.

ARMISTICE CENTENARY AT OUR LADY'S

On 11th November there will be a series of events to mark the centenary of the Armistice - 100 years since the end of the First World War. At Our Lady's we would like to remember in our own way with an exhibition and small service of remembrance included in the 10am mass. It is important to say 'Thank You' to the First World War generation who helped to shape our world as we know it today.

We would like to ask you to contribute memories, photos, art work, artefacts, or other creative items for a display on the impact of the Great War on our families and community. This will be displayed in the Church. We would also like to invite all our community groups to contribute in their own way, either in our exhibition or as part of the Mass. If you would like to help me coordinate this please contact me, Clare Buxton, on **0777 978 2275** or at **clare@teambuxton.co.uk**

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP: Our next meeting will take place on **Sunday 23rd September** in the **small hall** at **1.15pm**. We will plan for the Autumn Fayre, discuss other activities and matters of interest to attendees. All are warmly invited. Please bring along small items for refreshments if you can. Thanks **Sylvia**

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

If you would be interested in joining the team, especially for the 8.30am Masses, please get in touch. Team numbers are getting too small for us to continue to run some sessions. This is not a meeting heavy commitment, and the skills required include cutting and sticking! If you would like to find out further information please come along to our meeting on **Wednesday 26th September** at **8pm** in the **small hall**, or contact: **Clare Connor** on **07982 715 858**

COLLECTION ITEMS FOR UCM 'LOVE IN A BOX'

We would appreciate the following items in a shoe box that is wrapped in Christmas paper so that the lid is removable for customs inspection purposes. Please see the box in the porch fully prepared with a list of items allowed.

Please **no sprays, liquids, large toys** (as they need to fit inside the shoe box with all the other essentials), **socks or clothes**.

Only hats, scarves and gloves are allowed.

Any queries please either email; **ucmaddiscombe@gmail.com** or call **Amanda** on **07881 97775**. Thanking you all in advance.

THE AUTUMN FAYRE

SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER FROM 1PM

This weekend raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses. There will also be envelopes with 2 books of tickets for you to take home and sell to your family & friends - **completed counterfoils & monies are to returned by Sunday, 30th September**.

For the next two weekends in September we will be collecting items for the stalls. Next weekend, we would like you to bring **Bottles, (we need at least 250!) Toiletries or items for the Prize Tombola**. Please remember items for the Fayre when you are doing your weekly shop.

We will need a team to bake cakes or prepare Curries for the Fayre; if you can help, please see Fr Keith or a member of the team after Mass.

With your support, we can have a very enjoyable day and raise funds for charities that we support from the Parish.

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. Please complete the form and return it to the presbytery/parish office only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available from Monday 17th to Friday 28th September.

Primary school interviews will take place later.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

who wish their children to start preparation for First Holy Communion

The two year (term time only), First Holy Communion programme for children at non Catholic schools will commence with registration on **Tuesday 18 September 2018 , 5.15pm-6pm** in the **PRC** (next to the parish office). Children aged 6 or above on 1 September 2018 are eligible to attend. Those at non catholic schools who have already filled in an application form need to attend this meeting. Full information and details will be available at the meeting.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept applications after this date.

SUPPORT CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Can you spare 45 minutes every Tuesday during term time to support the **1st Year Holy Communion** catechist? If you can. Please phone Mary Ann McGuigan for more information on **07913 715417**.

ANERLEY ACROSS GOLF DAY

The Anerley Across charity will be holding their charity golf day on **Friday 21st September** at **Shirley Park Golf Club**. The day will consist of bacon rolls on arrival, 18 holes of golf, followed by dinner and presentation. The cost is **£60**. Tee off times **from 11am**.

If you would like to join us for a **three course evening meal** the cost is **£25**. Dinner will be at 7pm, please let us know in advance of numbers. Following the meal there will be music and dancing with Eugene Doonan from 8.30 until late and everyone is invited to join us. Anyone interested in playing or who wants further information please contact:

Ben Cahill 07958 903410 or **Michael McNicholas 07958 347888**.

1st ADDISCOMBE GUIDES: Will have a stall outside the Church on **Sunday 30th September** between **11am - 3pm** as part of the Addiscombe village jumble trail (see flyer in porch), to raise money for our international trip in July 2019! The guides would like to thank the parish for their ongoing support and encouragement so far!

MASS FOR CATHOLICS WORKING IN EDUCATION

Coloma Convent Girls School is hosting the annual Mass for Catholics working in education in the Croydon Deanery in the 2018/19 academic year. The Mass will take place on **Wednesday 26th September 2018** at **4.30pm**, followed by light refreshments.

Items for collection: Dr A X Horbury, L Padain, E Thompson, G Slater, Mr & Mrs Achilleas, J Considine, I Dixie

Baptism certificates: O Carter, I Nicholls, E Kidd, A Pires

Rotas: Readers (Sept/Oct) Repository (Sept/Oct)