



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 By appointment only

17th January 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

This Sunday, Jesus asks us: "What are you looking for?" In other words, he wants to know why we are following him. This is a crucial question that has to be answered honestly in order to purify our motivations and intensify our commitment to follow him. Peter accurately responded: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life."

On this second Sunday of the year, as we begin a new series of lessons from the Gospel, let us be clear about our motivations. We follow Jesus because we profess our firm belief in him as our Lord and God. We humbly acknowledge that without him, we are nothing, and we can do nothing. He is the reason for our being and existence. In him alone can we find fullness of life, happiness and salvation. Fully knowing this, we are strengthened and encouraged to face whatever challenges and trials life may give us. It is only Jesus that makes our life meaningful and fruitful even in the midst of pain and suffering.

As we look around us, we see so many lost and wandering souls. They go through life looking for meaning and happiness, at best in a world of materialism and selfishness, at worst addicted to any number of vices. Like St. John the Baptist, we have the duty to tell them about Jesus: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" And like St. Andrew, we must bring them to Jesus that they, too, may find the true meaning of life.



Mass Intentions This Week

16 January: Saturday
 10:00 *Eucharistic Service*
 17:30 Joan McHugh RIP
 18:30 All Parishioners

17 January: SECOND SUNDAY
 09:00 Intentions Of The Wilson Family
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Michael Bowen's
 92nd Birthday
 11:00 The Boase Family RIP
 12:00 Rosalie Hughes RIP

18 January: Monday
 10:00 Adam Coleman RIP

19 January: Tuesday
 10:00 Thelma Gomes RIP

20 January: Wednesday
 10:00 Philip Devitt RIP

21 January: Thursday SAINT AGNES
 10:00 Caroline Koch RIP

22 January: Friday
 10:00 Mary Joyce RIP &
 Birthday Wishes for Elizabeth Joyce

23 January: Saturday
 10:00 *Eucharistic Service*
 17:30 Ints. Of Joyce Williams & Girls
 18:30 Margaret Monaghan RIP

24 January: THIRD SUNDAY
 09:00 Wellbeing of Brian Laura
 10:00 Shirley Gaunt RIP
 11:00 Ashley Jacob RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 373.50
Loose cash	£ 180.50
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1529.00

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney, Bina Bowen, Patrick Murphy

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Lydia Nasse, Isobel Anderson, Fr. Tom Connelly, John Scanlon, Norman Cunningham, Mary Finigan, Kathleen O'Brien, Lena Crinnegan, Juliet Dias, Celino Rodrigues, Rosalie Hughes, Sr. Mary Leontine, Ian Sulzdorf, William McHale, Ted Hanlon, James Concannon, Elsie Ryan, Harry Linton, Eithne Stolls, George Paice, Antonia Drabik, William Toole, Terence Flanagan, Mary Ellen Gillman, John Walsh, Mary Joyce, Maureen Morrissey, Jean Cruickshank, Kathleen Farren, James Shaw, Cedric Chopin, Grace Jennings, Edward Kingman, Phyllis Dovidonis, Diana Jeffries, Carole Simpson, Eileen Hudson

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - [07548 868418](tel:07548868418). Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the recent death of Brendan Moss. He was a *pivotal member* of the Social Club - *the Ballroom of Romance* and an active member of the Parish Community at Our Lady's. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes within *the Ballroom* being involved in the procurement of stock, ensuring that the facilities were ready before & after all functions. Please remember Brendan, his family & friends in your thoughts & prayers at this difficult time. We will arrange for Fr Keith to celebrate a Mass for Brendan & his Family.

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. *No task is too small - please make contact.*

RECENT DEATHS

We are sad to announce the recent death of *George Hennessy* and, as mentioned above, *Brendan Moss*. Both funerals will take place under COVID restrictions in the coming weeks. Please keep both George, Brendan and their families in your prayers at this very sad time.

REPOSITORY SHOP CLOSURE: Unfortunately, due to the increased risk of COVID transmission and the need to tighten safety measures, we have decided to close the repository shop once again until the situation improves. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

AYC NEWS

AYC have a brilliant evening planned on the **29th January!** This will be a professionally organised **Sherlock Holmes themed Escape room**. This is to replace the paint balling day we had planned and there is no charge for this event. This is for school years 8-10.

There are limited spaces so please email Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com. Closing date for registering your interest is **25th January**.

If you have a year 7 young person who would like to join AYC (only zoom sessions at the moment) please email. We need numbers of 10+ to run an activity for them and are very keen to do this.

New Year Blessings from the AYC team

STBSA VIRTUAL FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Please join the STBSA for our Virtual Family Quiz Night on Zoom.

Adults and Children are welcome!

All questions are appropriate for families, and many children will only be able to answer.

Quiz Starts at **7pm On Friday 22nd January**

Adult tickets: **£3** Children's tickets: **£1.50**

For further information and tickets, please visit the STBSA website: [STBSA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://STBSA(pta-events.co.uk))

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

In order to provide our secretaries with a **COVID SECURE** working environment, the Parish office **REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. Rachel and Stephanie continue to work in isolation answering your calls and emails, *however please do not go to the office without an appointment or calling to notify us in advance.*

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The local Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - (remember, the Pope says that ecumenism isn't an optional extra) is on Zoom at **6.30pm on Sunday 24th January** & should last an hour.

The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83125902996>

Do join us! *Andy Bebington*

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, *please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary's and Saint Magdalene Church** in **Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays**.

All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

The SDC Bible group meetings are currently taking place online on **Zoom every Friday at 7.30 p.m.** These are meetings for people who want to come together to reflect on the Word of God in the **Bible** and share in the spirituality of SDC and its founder.

Our main theme for this year's meetings is **'JOURNEYS'** in the Bible. Meetings include reflections, readings and prayer.

For more information and to receive the Zoom link ID call the SDC House on **020 8768 5159**, text **07986 533292** or email sdcreetings@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring to let us know when you will collect.

Many thanks.

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

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE – A time for Valentine's Day, and remembering people we care about. St Thomas Becket School Association are selling *wooden hearts*, which people can write the names of loved ones on, and loop them around the school fence on Birchanger Road, Woodside, for the month of February. When the hearts are taken down from the fence they will be put in a special pot in one of the school gardens.

Hearts will cost **£2 each**
purchased through this site [STBSA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://STBSA.pta-events.co.uk)

**THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT INVITES YOU
TO "GLOBAL HEALING"**

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we invite YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home.

When - Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 7.30 – 8.30pm

How to join - To register please click [HERE](#)
or email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

COVID 19 -

A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR MARRIAGES

So much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children and housing....Different ways of seeing things, coping with change and managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time brings even more challenges. You just can't cope. Would be better apart you wonder?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **25th- 28th February 2021**

Call / text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443**

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Lord Jesus,

*when you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.*

*We place in your loving care
all who are affected by Coronavirus.*

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

*Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.*

*We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.*

Amen.

GIFT AID BOXES

There are still 70+ sets of Gift Aid envelopes uncollected in the parish office. If you would like yours, please ring the office giving your FULL NAME and your box will be left on the table in the church entrance for collection.

**RESPOND TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CONSULTATION TO STOP HOME ABORTIONS!**

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women at home. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire.

Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

The consultation ends on 26th February 2021

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