



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

17th March 2019 Second Sunday of Lent (page 156 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

From Trials To Transfiguration

The second Sunday of lent presents before us the real hope and peace and joy we enjoy in our faith life, is by meditating upon the vision of glory and the glimpse in the promised land of heaven, which is provided by God Himself. In order to feel this heavenly experience, one should go with the Lord into a height of the mountain. Which means the transfiguration of the Lord must be experienced to us only by leaving away from the valleys of daily affairs and make an earnest effort to be with the Lord in prayer. Most of us know that although the climb is difficult, there is glory at the top. We have to endure, to push through. Life's difficulties are often the prelude to success and greater strength. The text lays out various aspects of how Peter, James, and John come to experience a joyful peace in the presence of the Lord's glory. The text says, *"And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white..... one for Moses, and one for Elijah."* There are three things Peter, James, and John do that enable them to come to this joyful peace:

1. They see.
2. They are scriptural.
3. They savour.

There is an old hymn by Charles Tindley that says,
 "Beams of Heaven, as I go, / Through this wilderness below / Guide my feet in peaceful ways / Turn my midnights into days / When in the darkness I would grope / Faith always sees a star of hope / And soon from all life's grief and danger / I shall be free someday."

Lent Prose

Hear us O Lord,
 have mercy upon us,
 For we have sinned against thee.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord we praise you,
 Christ we give you glory.
 Glory and praise to you, Word of God.

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 19th at 10.30am (Small Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 19th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: The Scrutinies Explained - Wednesday 20th at 8pm (PRC)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team C

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 567.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 558.35
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2100.35

Mass Intentions This Week

16 March: Saturday

10:00 Thanksgiving For Duncan & Flo Pears
 60th Year

18:00 Betty McHugh RIP ~ +

17 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Margaret Warnock RIP 1st Ann. ~

10:00 John & Eveleen McBride RIP ~ #

12:00 Michael Joseph Murphy RIP ~

18 March: Monday

10:00 John Hunt RIP

19 March: Tuesday SAINT JOSEPH

10:00 Felix Banjo RIP

20 March: Wednesday

10:00 Mabel Moniz RIP

15:45 Stations of the Cross

21 March: Thursday

10:00 Kay Hind RIP

22 March: Friday

10:00 Dominic Clinton RIP

23 March: Saturday

10:00 Joseph Simons RIP

18:00 Dec. Friends & Relatives of the
 Mullen Family +

24 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Richard Catterick RIP *

10:00 All Parishioners *

12:00 Int. Of Sheila Campbell &
 The Campbell Family +

+ With Baptism

* With Children's Liturgy

~ With Foodbank Sunday

With Uniformed Groups

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day**. Please pick up an envelope from the porch for your donation. On 31st March there will be a second collection for Woodside Bereavement Service.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Marc Simpson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Joseph Devitt, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Sandy, Winifred Collins, Baby Matthew Neydorff, Norman Coombes, Patrick Kelly, Eveleen McBride, Margaret Warnock, 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, Sr Anthony, Edmond Kiely, Desmond Kavanagh, Denis Whitworth, Ethel Bowen, Rita Stone, Charles Martynski, Stephen Connolly, John Bradley, Emily Judge, Patrick O'Callaghan, Margaret Warne, Colleen Barretto

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER
Ann Marie Christian - 020 8662 0319 or amc@annmariechristian.com

SOCIAL CLUB
Sunday Evening Entertainment.

17th March - St Patrick's Day: Entertainment with Kenny Paul, the evening will commence at 7.30pm and there will be a recital by the **Castlereagh Brass & Reed Band** at 9.15pm. Admission will be Members: £4.00 and Guests: £5.00.

24th March: The Duets

31st March: Gerry Kelly

7th April: Eugene Doonan

14th April: Finbar & Paul

21st April: Easter Sunday with the Mustang Showband

28th April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

The **Jersey Boys Tribute Evening** on Friday, 29th March is now a complete sell out; **admission will be strictly by Ticket Only**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity**. You can also support this event by donating items for the Raffle & Auction.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Wednesday throughout Lent at 3.45pm in the Church

THE LATE ANNE BYRNE RIP

We would like to thank the many members of the Parish Community who have sent Mass Cards, messages of sympathy and visited our homes following the recent death of Anne. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Carmelita Winston & Barry Byrne

28th CROYDON SCOUTS FAMILY BINGO EVENING
Saturday 30th March 2019 - Large Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5's free)

Reserve your place by calling **Andrea** on **07952 664224**.

SUPPORT TO KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL:
CRITICAL CARE CENTRE APPEAL

The Hospital are currently extending their Critical Care Centre to 120 beds, which is funded totally by Government.

In addition, the hospital wants to provide additional resources to support the recovery of critically ill patients; these will include a range of new technologies including **a tablet connected to the internet for every patient** and the development of a **roof garden**. Patients will be able to use **Skype** and **Facetime** to send messages to friends, say good morning and goodnight to their children, and be part of the important things that make up everyday life, like birthdays. Going outside can completely change how critically ill patients feel, by giving them something different and positive to focus on. Staff say that patients have an increased drive to get better once they have had a chance to see normal life going around them, outside of a hospital.

These additional resources will cost approx. £2.6 Million, which has to be raised by donations & sponsorship.

To support the fundraising programme, a **Gala Dinner & Dance** will take place at the Bromley Court Hotel on Friday, 5th April. Tickets are now available at £50.00 each or a table of 10 for £475.00. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction. For further information, please call the event coordinator, **Pat Winston** on **07734 250375**.

REPOSITORY: RCIA & Mother's Day cards are now on sale in the Repository Shop. Easter cards will be on sale later this month.

LENTEN MASSES IN CUH

Every **Monday** during Lent, at 12 noon, in the Hospital Chapel. All are most welcome.

APPEAL FOR ST MILDRED'S DROP IN

Please can you donate any **reusable carrier bags** for the Homeless Drop In Centre at St Mildred's. There is a collection point in the Church porch. Thank you.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!

We have recently be made aware of a telephone scam that is currently operating in the area targeting 8654 & 8656 numbers (it may also involve others). The caller will bombard you with questions over a prolonged time in an attempt to gain your bank details and PIN number. **PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND DO NOT DISCLOSE ANY OF THIS INFORMATION OVER THE TELEPHONE.**

ALSO, we have heard that some parishioners have received emails showing Fr Keith as the sender. This is also a scam - it appears that his email address and contact list has been hacked. If you receive one of these emails, before opening, please check the email address from which it has been sent, and do not rely upon the sender's name for authenticity. Genuine emails will show the **rcaos.org.uk** address.

FR JACKSON: Is looking for a music keyboard to use at home. If you have or know of one going spare, please contact the office.

BINGHAM ROAD CLOSURES

Please be aware of the continuing Bingham Road closures on Sundays 24th, & 31st March and 14th April, from 12 - 2pm and 10pm - 12am. This will impact heavily on parking for Sunday 12pm Mass, so be prepared and leave in good time. Thank you.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE 12th - 14th April

This is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation or divorce. The venue is Domus Mariae Centre in Chigwell, Essex. For more details contact **Freda** on **01322 838415** or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

THE PASSAGE'S BIG GIVE CAMPAIGN

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 19th March – 12 noon Tues 26th March to support its work with homeless people moving from Street to Home. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921856 andrew.h@passage.org.uk

Donate at www.thebiggive.org.uk/thepassage2019

The maximum is £25,000 from any one donation.

It is not a limit per person.

Items for collection: N Akinyemi, 5th Rainbows

Baptism certificates: R Dos Remedios, A Jones, B Mead, Neves, J Read

Rota: Repository (March/May), Readers (March/April)