



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent (page 169 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

**Oooops.** It happens every now and then, that a popular feast falls on a Sunday and is not celebrated for a year. St Patrick falls victim to that this year, not that that will stop a nation celebrating! So **HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY.**

The Gospel teaching is clear: if Jesus had to die to bring others to life, the disciple of Jesus must pass through death to self in order to reach eternal life. This includes physically dying, of course, but even before that, coming to prefer the things of God to one's own wants. This is the heart of Jesus' words: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me," (Mark 8:43), a parallel to words of Jesus in today's Gospel passage: "If anyone serves me, let that one follow me" (John 12:26).

What can one expect in doing so? The follower will be with Jesus, in the love of the Trinity for eternal life. While such a prospect may not seem like a very attractive one, I would reply: you may be surprised.

Jesus speaks to his followers of his imminent departure to God but assures them of his return to bring them to the eternal habitation of God. This is so that the disciples may be where Jesus is.

What is being called for is selfless service, service of God and neighbour. Does this mean going to a far off place and opening a home for the dying? For most of us, probably not, but certainly the daily giving to those with whom we live, work, study, meet on the street or in shops, giving way and truly loving even the unruly. Only then will we be true followers of Christ and have true life in Christ, bearing good fruit for the Kingdom of God.

*(Christ in the Desert)*



### \*\*\* LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE \*\*\*

Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm

### MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 19th at 10.30am (Small Hall)  
**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** Tuesday 19th at 10.45am (PRC)  
**1st Holy Communion Parents' Meeting:** Tuesday 19th at 8pm (Large Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 19th at 8pm (PRC)  
**Adult Catechesis:** Wed 20th at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)  
**RCIA:** Wednesday 20th at 8pm (Church) *Rehearsal for Easter Vigil*  
**Men of St Joseph 1st Meeting:** Thursday 21st at 8.15pm (PRC)



Hearing Loop  
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 494.50
Loose cash	£ 814.15
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2598.65</b>

### Mass Intentions This Week

#### 16 March: Saturday

10:00 100th Birthday Wishes for Josie Brady

18:00 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP ~  
*(With 3rd Scrutiny - pg 172 of Mass book)*

#### 17 March: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 John & Eveleen McBride RIP ~  
 10:00 All Parishioners ~  
 11:30 Joan McHugh RIP ~ +

#### 18 March: Monday

10:00 Intentions of Monsignor Joe O'Connor

#### 19 March: Tuesday SAINT JOSEPH

10:00 Birthday Wishes for PJ Connor

#### 20 March: Wednesday

10:00 Vincente Fernandez RIP

#### 15:45 Stations of the Cross

#### 21 March: Thursday

10:00 Felix Banjo RIP

19:30 Birthday Wishes for Francisco Fernandes

#### 22 March: Friday

10:00 Mary Kelly RIP

#### 23 March: Saturday

10:00 Maura McSharry RIP

18:00 Michael McHugh & Family

#### 24 March: PALM SUNDAY

08:30 Pat Gatland RIP \*

10:00 Mrs Anne Adaken RIP \*

*(With procession into Church from large hall)*

11:30 All Parishioners

~ 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 second collection for **Poor Parishes.**

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary, Anna Maria Caruana, Arthur Hughes & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Joseph Devitt, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Sandy, Joseph Colairo, Baby Matthew Neydorff, Winifred Collins, 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, Sister 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, Fr. Denis Paul

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

17th March: **St Patrick's Day** - Frank Nelson

24th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

31st March: **Easter Sunday Special** - Kieran White

7th April: Theresa Rodgers

14th April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

21st April: TR Dallas

28th April: Cross Keys

5th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kenny Paul

- The **Bacon & Cabbage Supper and Dance** takes place on Friday, 26th April commencing at 6:30pm. Entertainment will be provided by **Barry Doyle & Sean Wilson**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton. **To reserve Tickets at £15.00 each, call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **Bill Yates** will be held on Monday, 18 March at 2.30pm at St John the Evangelist Church, Shirley Church Road, CR0 5EE. Refreshments after at Shirley Park Golf Club, Addiscombe Road. *It would be helpful if you could let Angela know if you intend on coming 020 8654 3041.*

**Merle Rosemeyer's** funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's on Tuesday 9th April at 10am.**

Please keep **Bill, Merle** and their families in your prayers at this time.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS WASHING OF THE FEET

Please use the sign up sheet in the porch if you wish to have your feet washed during the Mass.

**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 have been meeting in our Parish, every second Tuesday, after morning Mass, for 21 years. After tea/coffee, between 10 and 20 of our members attend.

We produce a programme for each meeting and pray to our Heavenly Father for an increase in Faith Hope and Charity. Our programme usually includes prayer to the Holy Spirit, prayers of intercession and ends with a hymn appropriate to the focus of our meeting.

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

*All are welcome!*

19th March at 10.45 am in the small hall

9th April: Sr. Sheila Moloney- "An hour with our Blessed Lady"

### PARISH FILM SHOW

This year's show will take place at **7.30pm on Saturday 20th April**, in the **Small Hall**.

*Flyers will be available after every Mass next weekend.*

### MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GROUP

The First meeting of Men of St. Joseph Group will be on **Thursday 21st of March after the evening Mass**. All men are welcome!

### B SYLVIA FITNESS - COMBATX COMING SOON

'CombatX' offers an exhilarating group workout fuelled by martial arts energy, with zero physical contact involved. Engage in dynamic punches and kicks to enhance your fitness level and torch calories effectively. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned fitness enthusiast, you can tailor the workout to suit your requirements. Explore techniques borrowed from Karate, Taekwondo, Boxing, Muay Thai, Capoeira, and Kung Fu. Unwind, enjoy, and experience the empowerment of releasing stress while feeling like a true champion.

*CombatX launches on Monday 15th April - more details soon!*

### DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Dear Parishioners, our meeting last Sunday was very productive and inspiring as we appreciated our blessings over the years and resolved, with fresh exciting ideas, to keep our flame alight. Many thanks to all who attended and also sent their apologies. More details to follow as soon as possible. **Meanwhile SAVE Sunday 2nd June for our collaborative Big Lunch.**

So start thinking of what dish you will put on the table and the special outfits you and family will wear. Much love and blessings, Sylvia 07870508790

### COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR 2025 CALENDAR

*Thank you for your continued support.* It has been a successful start to collecting pledges for a date in memory of our deceased loved ones. This is an opportunity for ALL parishioners, new parishioners as well as long term parishioners and past parishioners who still have a connection to Our Lady's, to be part of the start of our centenary celebrations. Your loved ones do not have to have been parishioners.

There are still dates available for £20 per name of a loved one. If you are interested, please contact the parish office by email to [addiscombe@rcaos.or.uk](mailto:addiscombe@rcaos.or.uk) giving the name of the loved one and two preferred dates (to avoid disappointment) to reserve a date.

Payment is by cash or cheque (made payable to Addiscombe Catholic Church) in an envelope marked 100 with the **name of your loved one, preferred dates and your contact number.**

To keep the production of the calendar on target all payments must be received by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to confirm your requested entry into the calendar.

**THE INTERFAITH GROUP:** Will meet on Wednesday March 20th from 1.30 to 3pm in the Hinsley room next to Westminster cathedral, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP to discuss the last two chapters of Pope Francis' Laudate Deum. Refreshments available and all welcome. If you would like to join our day in Cambridge on Wed April 24th please contact [woodhousesopten@btinternet.com](mailto:woodhousesopten@btinternet.com)

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Weekly envelope users - if you have mislaid your set, or no longer wish to use them, please let me know. If lost, I will issue you a new box to keep you going until the 2024-25 boxes are issued in May/June. Anyone whose envelope has not been used since Christmas will not be issued with a new box for 2024/25.

**An early reminder to all Gift Aid scheme members: your Easter offering to our priests is included in the scheme providing it can be identified by envelope number, or full name/number if given by anyone donating their monthly offertory by Standing Order.**

Total claims for 2023-24 to date have added £23,800 to the parish bank balance. Many, many thanks.

### CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz delivers catechesis for adults **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall.**

*Topic for this week:* Churches' Teaching on Contraception

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** With Father Roy Tablizo from 10th - 19th September. Visiting Pisa, Florence, Assisi and Rome at a cost of £1,795pp. A fair amount of walking will be the order of the day! Flying from Gatwick Airport. For more information email:

[g.tomei@btopenworld.com](mailto:g.tomei@btopenworld.com)

### 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**

**For Collection:** K Duignan

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

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (March) Readers (Mar/April)

# ADDISCOMBE PARISH'S CENTENARY 2025

*Did you know that next year, 2025, is the Centenary of the opening of the Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation?*

*The first Church opened on 11th October 1925 in the former "button factory" on the corner of Lower Addiscombe Road and Brockenhurst Road. It was a satellite of the Parish of St. Chad's. Our current Church was completed and opened on 8th December 1964, so this year we celebrate 60 years of continuous service in Bingham Road.*

*We are planning to produce a Souvenir Commemorative Calendar celebrating one hundred years of our Parish.*

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- 1. Have you any contacts in companies or work for organisations that would be willing to sponsor a month up to 12 months for advertising their logo?*
- 2. Has anyone got any contacts with a reliable designer and/or printing company that we can use?*
- 3. For costs and with details of the above, please email the Parish office. A letter has been written that can be given to companies and organisations with details of sponsorship.*
- 4. Have you any photos from any past events? Have you any of past Parish Priests? Any memories that you can share?*

*Start searching those albums and attics now!*

***PLEASE HOLD ON TO THEM UNTIL WE ASK YOU FOR THEM!***

*Our plan is to have the calendars available for sale at the Autumn Fayre 2024. All monies raised will be for Our Lady's - decisions on how it will be used will be discussed in due course.*

*There will be other celebrations so watch this space in the months to come!*

*Many thanks*

*Fr Keill.*

*Fr Tamarz*

*and the PPC.*