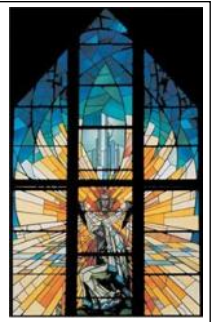




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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17th May Seventh Sunday of Easter (page 275 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

On the 7th Sunday of Easter, we are reminded that Jesus prayed for His disciples before returning to the Father, asking that they may remain united in love and faith.

A young boy once sat alone in church after losing his mother, quietly lighting a candle and whispering, "Jesus, stay with me because I feel empty." An elderly woman beside him held his hand without saying a word, and together they prayed in silence before the altar.

That simple moment reflected the prayer of Jesus - that no one should feel abandoned or alone in this world.

Like the disciples waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the boy carried sorrow in his heart but also a small hope that God was near.

Sometimes we also experience moments when heaven feels distant and life becomes heavy with pain and uncertainty.

Yet the risen Christ continues to pray for us, especially in our weakest moments, reminding us that His love never leaves.

The Church becomes a family when people comfort one another with kindness, prayer, and compassion. The touching story of the boy and the old woman teaches us that God often answers prayers through the gentle presence of another person.

As we celebrate the 7th Sunday of Easter, may we trust in Jesus' prayer for us and become signs of hope, unity, and love for those who are hurting.

Fr Cajetan

Mass Intentions This Week

- 16 May: Saturday SAINT SIMON STOCK**
 10:00 Margaret O'Neill RIP
 18:00 Richard Casar *
- 17 May: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 08:30 All Parishioners *
 10:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara RIP *
 11:30 Celine Santamaria RIP *
- 18 May: Monday**
 10:00 George Lazarus RIP
- 19 May: Tuesday**
 10:00 Dominic Rowe RIP
- 20 May: Wednesday**
 10:00 John Crowley RIP
- 21 May: Thursday**
 10:00 Intentions of Aimee & Angelo Okeke
 19:30 Pat Bennett RIP
- 22 May: Friday**
 10:00 John Ahearne RIP
- 23 May: Saturday**
 10:00 Rita O'Reilly RIP
 18:00 Danny Snr & John O'Donovan RIP
- 24 May: PENTECOST SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 40th Wedding Anniversary Wishes for
 Ian & Cath Dixie
 11:30 Maria Morris RIP

* With Foodbank Sunday

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 19th at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 687.85
Loose cash	£ 482.46
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2510.31

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS:

This week there will be a Diocesan collection for **World Communications Sunday**.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Casey, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Mary Jayawardena, Peggy Wall, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu, Paddy Ryan, Lorraine Quinlivan, Mervat Nasri, John Wright, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Marie Savy, Ruth Peazold, Kathleen McNaghten, Dominic Rowe, Gerald Maguire, Gail Conn, John Foley, Josephine Sweeney, Kathleen Hennessy, John Flanagan, Anna Tsakalis, Jim Orbell, Eunice Bambery, Nilda Acosta, Teresa Flanagan, Bartholomew McGuane, Michelle Berry, Margaret McSorley, Daphne Andrews, Baby Beatrice Wallace, Kathleen Hurst, Mary McHale, Mary Kate Collins, Margaret Hayes, Brigid Thompson, Norman Kelly, Edward Scanlon, Mary Dillon, Bridget Brennan, Angelica De Biasi, John Minus, Kathleen Matthias, Amelia Cully, Daniel Gorey, Thelma Glancy, Jack Linnane, Sarah Summers, Lynda Ticehurst, Francis Chambers

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

17th May: Shane & Mervyn Owens
24th May: **Bank Holiday** - Kieran White
31st May: Kevin Kearney
7th June: TR Dallas
14th June: Cross Keys
21st June: Martin Ruddy
28th June: Pat Jordan
5th July: Glen Flynn

- **Jiving sessions are returning:** J & M will be facilitating Jiving Sessions in the Hall on Sundays, 17th & 24th May and 7th June commencing at 5:00pm. For more information, call **Della Reilly on 07403 227935**.

- **Round Towers GFC** will be holding a **Race Night** in the Church Hall on Friday, 5th June. Doors will open at 7:00pm with the first Race off at 7:30pm. You can support this event in many ways: buying a Horse, sponsoring a Race or donating an item for the Raffle. For more information, please call **Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748**.

Coming soon:

The Radiators - The UK's definitive 60s Band, bringing the authentic sounds of the 60s to the Social Club on Friday, 26th June. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Croydon Nightwatch Charity**.

Shawn Cuddy & Curtis Magee - Singing the Hits of the last 30 years on Friday, 10th July. All proceeds from this event will be given to **The Place To Be Cafe, Purley:** A Social Club for older people living with Dementia & their Carers.

To reserve Tickets at £10.00 each for both events, call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.

MASS & SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Sunday 31st May at 1pm

All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass, and our SVP conference will also offer light refreshments (coffee, tea, biscuits) afterwards in the large hall.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Lady's Ascent Group will be going by car, to Worth Abbey on Tuesday 26th May, for a Day of Benedictine Recollection, leaving from Addiscombe at 9.45am.

For details, contact by phone **07766 218514** or by Email - **brereton59@gmail.com**

Final Confirmations are Essential by Thursday 21st May

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

This year's Big Lunch is on Sunday 7th June and you are warmly invited to a planning meeting **this Sunday 17th May in the large hall at 12.45pm after the 11.30am Mass**. Come and help make it different this year. Many thanks and blessing, Sylvia

FREE FURNITURE GIVEAWAY

After a tidy up in the Repository, there are three items of older furniture that are no longer needed. If anyone wants them, please contact the number below.

An arrangement can be made to deliver any of the items if it is not possible for you to transport them.

The items are:

- 1) a bookcase to the left of the gates on entry - w 63cm x h 160cm x d 31cm
- 2) a chest of drawers straight ahead as you enter the repository - w 61cm x h 71cm x d 40cm
- 3) a shelving unit currently on the heater above the chest of drawers - w 57cm x h 92cm x d 26cm.

All measurements are approximate. **All items are free**, however, if you wish to make a donation to the Repository, it would be gratefully received. Donations can be made by credit/debit card.

If you are interested please contact **Mary & Jim 07981 285181**

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (May)

Readers: (May/June)

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE WINGS OF HOPE TODAY! Sunday 17th May after 10am Mass

The Wings of Hope charity, provide free education to children orphaned and/or living in poverty in India and Africa. The charity requires donations to continue to house students, feed them, update their academic supplies and employ temporary young graduate teachers. **All funds raised will go to the charity.** Please come along and support this worthy cause. Thank you! *Neevh*

WEEKLY GIFT ENVELOPES 2026/2027

Thank you to all parishioners who use the weekly gift aid envelopes. **The new boxes are now available.** *Kindly collect your box from the front of the church.* Please note that the special envelopes, for those who donate by standing order, are also available for collection.

We warmly invite any parishioners who are currently not gift aiding to consider joining the gift aid scheme here at Our Lady's. It's an easy and simple way to increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. The additional income makes a real difference to our parish funds and helps us maintain the church, support our ministries and continue serving our community.

If you would like to know more about the gift aid scheme, please speak to Tessa Green, gift aid coordinator, after Mass.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

ST JOSEPH'S PEREGRINATION 2/5/26 - 13/3/27

This year, we once again invite our parishioners to entrust all our intentions to St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church.

From 2nd May 2026 to 13th March 2027 - we encourage you to welcome him as a guest into your homes. A statue of the Sleeping Joseph will peregrinate from house to house.

A family, or an individual parishioner will take the statue from the church **after the 10am Mass on Saturday** and return it the following week.

If you wish, you may gather before the statue & pray for your family & the intentions of our parish. A prayer will be provided for use:

- *In thanksgiving for our parish and the blessings we have and continue to receive, and also for peace throughout the world.*
- *In petition for the heavenly reward of our deceased benefactors and parishioners.*
- *In petition for the sanctification of our priests, parishioners, and their families.*

If you would like to participate in our Peregrination, please sign up on the list in the porch. Kindly leave your name and phone number.

RAISING TEENAGERS IN A CATHOLIC FAMILY

This webinar provides guidance to parents with adolescent children on how to encourage and help them to value and follow their faith and to navigate those difficult teen years by modelling the behaviour parents wish to see in their sons and daughters. The webinar, scheduled for June 2 at 8pm, is presented by a Catholic family ministry from the USA.

Details: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE: Are hoping to offer couple counselling sessions in the Addiscombe area.

To enable this to happen, we need to have a small team of chaperones who would work with the counsellor.

The chaperone role is to be present in a reception area near the counselling room. They would welcome the clients, see them out after their session and be on hand in support of the counsellor and the clients. Training is given.

If you could consider this vital work, please contact teresaweeks@hotmail.co.uk

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH – ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Archbishop John Wilson has commissioned a series of short videos and worksheets to answer some of the most important and fundamental questions about our faith.

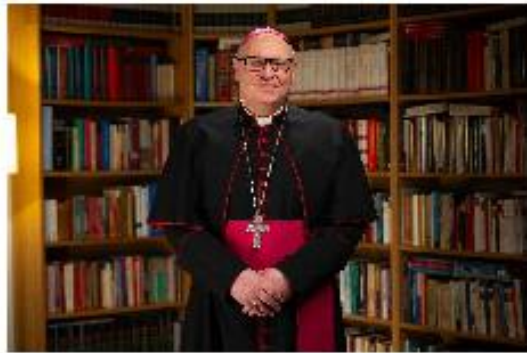
For further details see page three of the online newsletter or the posters in the church porch.



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Ambassadors for Christ

Building witnesses for the Lord Jesus and His Church



Ambassadors for Christ is a new year-long video series from the Archdiocese of Southwark, created to help Catholics feel more confident talking about their faith so they can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

As interest in the Catholic Church continues to grow, many people find themselves asking big questions, or being asked them by friends, family and colleagues. This project offers clear, trustworthy answers through 52 short weekly videos, each presented by a Catholic priest and designed to be easy to understand, practical and rooted in the teachings of the Church. (The videos are 5-10 minutes each)

Each video has a supporting worksheet for personal use or for discussions in a group.

Full details are available on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist>

<https://rcaos.org.uk/worksheets>

The videos can also be watched on the Archdiocese You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1>