



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

17th July 2022 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 111 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

HEARTY WELCOME: FEEL AT HOME

The central themes of today's readings are the importance of hospitality in Christian life and the necessity of listening to God before acting. The key to the Christian life is setting priorities: Jesus Christ first, then everything else. The only way really to learn that lesson is to spend some time every day, "sitting at the feet of Jesus." Today's first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God, who blessed them with a son in their old age. In the second reading, Paul declares that he was commissioned by God to minister to the Church, as the revealer of the *mystery* of salvation and the preacher of the word in its *fullness*.

Today's Gospel passage describes how Martha, a genuine child of Abraham, wanted to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus, the true Messiah, by preparing an elaborate meal for him (while her sister Mary spent her time in talking to Jesus and listening to him; It invites us to serve others with Martha's diligence after recharging our spiritual batteries every day by prayer – listening to God and talking to God – as Mary did. We can minister truly to the needs of others only after welcoming God's Word into in our hearts and minds.

Therefore, we need listening Marthas and serving Marys: Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world and our parish churches need such dynamic and generous men, women, boys and girls. We need them to sing in the choir, to help in the Church, to teach in the Sunday school, to visit the sick and the shut-ins and to serve in all other ministries of the parish community.

Mass Intentions This Week

16 July: Saturday

10:00 Kevin Hamilton RIP
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP #

17 July: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Wellbeing of Natasha Lobo #
 10:00 All Parishioners ~ #
 11:30 Arthur Fairservice RIP #

18 July: Monday

10:00 Intentions of John Fowley

19 July: Tuesday

10:00 Maureen Brennan RIP

20 July: Wednesday

10:00 Michael Monaghan

21 July: Thursday

10:00 Eileen & Patrick McLaughlin RIP
 19:30 Michael & Bridie Conlon RIP

22 July: Friday

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
 10:00 Alan Scally RIP

23 July: Saturday SAINT BRIDGET

10:00 Jose Victor D'Souza RIP
 18:00 Martha Nestor RIP

24 July: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP
 11:30 John Boswood RIP

~ With Parade Mass
 # With Foodbank Sunday

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 19th at 10.30am (Large hall)
SVP: Tuesday 19th at 8pm (PRC)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 10.30am - 12pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING
 21st JULY - TEAM A

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 561.42
Loose cash	£ 373.58
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
Total	£ 1990.00

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Apostleship of the Sea* amounted to £384.00. Many thanks. The next second collection will be on 31st July for *Coloma Uganda*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux, Jean Carpenter, Jose Fernandez

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Noonan, Bridie McHale, Patricia M. White, Alice Connolly, Ben Kudom, Mary Mohammed, Rita Baxter, Christopher Kingman, Andrea Oriani, Arthur Braim, Domenico Casale, Eileen Chandler, Beryl Bennett, Edith Masters, Darin DeSouza, Mary Jones, Kathleen Ryan, Thomas Davie, Leo McHugo

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

17th July: Finbar & Paul

24th July: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

31st July: Shane & Mervyn Owens

7th August: Mustang Showband

14th August: Finbar & Paul

21st August: Sabrina Fallon & Shane Moore

28th August: Theresa Rodgers

- The **Anerley ACROSS Golf Day** will take place on Friday, 16th September at the Farleigh Golf Club commencing at 10.00am and Dinner from 6.30pm Evening entertainment will be with **Theresa Rodgers**. Golf & Dinner: £60.00, Dinner: £25.00 & Sponsor a Hole: £50.00. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction. For more information, please contact Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.

CONFIRMATION 2022

If you are currently in Year 8 (moving into Year 9 in September) or above, you are eligible to join this year's cohort for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The 4 documents you need are posted on the web site, under the Confirmation tab, and **you have until the end of TODAY, Sunday 17th July to fill in the application and deliver it to Fr. Keith or Fr. Jackson by hand as stated in the handbook**. We look forward to meeting you all.

All other documents must be completed and brought to the first parents' meeting on Tuesday 6th September.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Many thanks to all those who have supported them in the past. A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one.

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Joan Boyle** (mother of Liz Martin). Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on **Wednesday 27th July at 10am**. Please remember Joan, Liz and all the family in your prayers at this very difficult time.

THE AUTUMN FAYRE: Will take place on Sunday, 2nd October. This year the theme will be the **Platinum Jubilee**; please keep all of the bunting & decorations from your recent Celebrations for the Fayre. We are delighted with the tremendous offers of help that we have received from Our Lady's Community. The Fayre will be launched over the weekend of 3rd/ 4th September. **The next planning meeting will be on Thursday, 8th September at 8pm**. All of the proceeds from the Fayre will be given to the refurbishment of the Kitchen in the Church Hall.

NEEDED!

VOLUNTEER VIDEO EDITOR/FILM STRIP DEVELOPER

To celebrate and share 5 years of active service our Diversity Group is looking for a volunteer with video editing and film strip developing skills to assemble photos and videos captured over the years into a film strip/documentary that would be projected continuously during the Autumn Fayre using Our Lady's projector.

Please contact Sylvia on **07870 508790** or sylviauw3k@gmail.com if you can help or know someone who can.. Many thanks

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (members of Life Ascending)

Meets every second Tuesday in the Large Hall after the 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

*** 19th July: Sr. Annette, DMJ, 'The Trinity and Us'**

ST THOMAS BECKET SUMMER RAINBOW RAFFLE

The St Thomas Becket Parents Association will be hosting a summer raffle. The raffle is online only, tickets cost £1 each, and can be purchased from <https://raffall.com/305194/enter-affle-to-win-stbsa-rainbow-raffle-hosted-by-stbsa>.

Prizes include Crystal Palace FC tickets, beautiful rainbow hampers, vouchers for Oliver Bonas & Boden, tickets for shows, & much much more! Please share the link and encourage family & friends to enter. Any questions please contact stbsateam@gmail.com.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please check the table in the porch for your new sets of envelopes!

Items for collection: *Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

Rotas: *Readers (July/August) Eucharistic Ministers (July)*

*** FOOD BANK - MORE HELP NEEDED! ***

The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group has been linking our Parish with The Vine Food Bank, New Addington, for some years. This involves initially ensuring that a note goes in the newsletter the week before. The next step is gathering up the generous offerings after the midday Mass on Sunday when it is likely that no more will arrive.

At present these are taken into store locally, in the house of one of the Group's members, as the Food Bank is only open to receive donations on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. It is generally on a Tuesday evening that one of our (very few) volunteers takes the donations to New Addington. It is for this stage that the Group seeks additional volunteers as, at present, there are only three drivers on a rota for this element of the overall task.

We were delighted to hear from Fr Keith that we should check with the Office to see if he or Fr Jackson might be available. While this is a wonderful offer, we would hope that our fellow parishioners would agree that we should value the priests' commitment to their sacramental and pastoral responsibilities above our need to have a priest driving our offerings to The Vine. With this in mind, we invite you to come forward, anyone with a medium-sized car or larger, who might be available on a Tuesday evening to collect the food donations from the "store" in someone's house in Addiscombe and deliver it a few miles away. This is a monthly event and clearly the more drivers we have, the less frequently any of them would be asked to give up part of an evening.

If one of those people could be you, please contact Chris Sciberras on sciberraschris7@gmail.com to find out more, get the details and join the rota. This is **your** chance to put faith into action!

Many thanks

Andy Bebington, for the Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group

THANK YOU!

FROM ADDISCOMBE RESETTLEMENT COMMUNITY

We are delighted to inform you that the Husainy family arrived safely at their new home on Friday 1st July. Thanks to your kindness they now have a home, and are slowly rebuilding their lives. With continued support we feel confident that this beautiful family will thrive. Thank you for your continuing support!

HEALTH EVENT FOR THE ELDERLY AND THEIR CARERS

Wellbeing You invites you to a free consultation titled - **Importance of Self-Care to the Health of the Elderly** - on **Wednesday 27th July from 10am - 12pm** at the CVA Resource Centre, 84 London Road, CR0 2TB.

It will be led by Dr Emily Symington, GP & Clinical Lead Croydon in collaboration with Croydon BME Forum, Asian Resource Centre Croydon, Age UK Croydon and Clear Community Web.

Contact **07870 508790** for more details