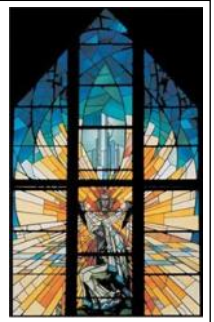




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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**'Forgive and forget'** - they said! Why can't I do it? Why is the pain still coming back? Why does it come into my dreams? - she thought looking in the mirror.

There was so much tiredness in her eyes! She looked as though she were tortured by something from her past!

She sighed deeply, tapped her cheeks and smiled.....'Now, she said, I can pretend that I can face the reality.'

'Forgive and forget' - is a nonsense!

Forgiveness is a gift from the Lord. We forgive to find freedom from injustice and hurt! It is a complicated matter. Forgiveness is an act of our will - not emotions. And it must be done in the Name of Jesus!

Forgiveness does not mean reconciliation. It does not mean behaving as if nothing happened! Because it happened!

Forgiveness sometimes demands stepping back, distancing oneself from those who mistreated us, but never as a form of revenge. It is respect to our own and to others' boundaries.

Every blessing

*Fr Tomasz*



## Mass Intentions This Week

**16 September: Saturday**  
**SS CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN**  
10:00 **FUNERAL MASS**

Fanchea Blackman RIP

18:00 Thanksgiving for the Aloysius Family \*

**17 September:**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**

08:30 Dec. Mems of the Hayward Fam RIP\*

10:00 All Parishioners \*

11:30 Sally Mahoney RIP + \*

**18 September: Monday**

10:00 Brid White RIP

**19 September: Tuesday**

10:00 Lisbey Li RIP

**20 September: Wednesday**  
**SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & PAUL CHONG HA-SANG**

10:00 Denis & Nora O'Donoghue RIP

**21 September: Thursday ST MATTHEW**

10:00 Marguerite Conn RIP

19:30 Wellbeing of Victoria Duffy

**22 September: Friday**

10:00 Maria Morris RIP 2nd Anniversary

**23 September: Saturday**  
**SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**

10:00 Kevin Moynihan RIP

18:00 Frank Queally RIP ~

**24 September: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**

08:30 Birthday Wishes for Avis Aitchison

10:00 Intentions of Agnes Tye

11:30 All Parishioners

+ With Baptism

\* With Foodbank Sunday

~ With Uniformed Groups

\*\*\* **DEFIBRILLATOR** \*\*\*

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

## MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 19th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: Wednesday 20th at 8pm (PRC) *(The Mass)*



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    £ 575.59

Loose cash             £ 688.78

S/Os (Approx)         £ 1290.00

**Total**                    £ 2554.37

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Education Sunday* amounted to £584.22. Many thanks. This week (in a change to advertised) there will be a Diocesan collection for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* - please see the notice on page 3 of the newsletter online for more details.

Next week there will be a second collection for *The SVP Addiscombe Conference*.

*We pray for the sick in our Parish:* Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Michael Hewish, Ann Page

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:* Rouell Dawkins, Thomas Bloxham, Sally Mahoney, Alan Kennedy, Jennifer Burnett, William Carneiro, Angela Marengi, Stephen Hayes, Doris McCarthy, Ivan Rodrigues, Grace Munro, John Hayward Jr, Thomas Smyth, Daphne Nawrocka, Monica Gardiner, Archibald Hansen, Robert West, Sophia McLaughlin, Henry Seymour (Harry) Gibbs, Maria Morris, Michael Carroll, Anne Warnock, Owen McSweeney, Sr. Monica Cooley, Teresa Tunesi, Trinidad Lucio, Anthony McTiernan, Margaret Selwesiuk

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

17th September: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

23rd September: Frank Nelson

1st October: Pat Jordan

8th October: Glen Flynn

15th October: Shane & Mervyn Owens

22nd October: Theresa Rodgers

29th October: The Duets

5th November: Kieran White

- The autumn season of *Tribute Evenings* has now commenced with *A Motown Tribute Evening featuring the Dreamettes* - singing your favourite Motown hits including Diana Ross and The Supremes, Martha and The Vandellas, Tina Turner, Mary Wells and Aretha Franklin on Friday, 13th October. All proceeds from this event will support the Brain Tumour Charity & the Beccehamian Rugby FC Big Build.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

### 28TH CROYDON SCOUTS OPEN DAY AND AGM CALLING ALL YOUNG ADVENTURERS!

Are you ready for an extraordinary journey filled with new skills, thrilling adventures, and lifelong friendships? Find out more at our Open Day and try a few activities.

The day will also involve Church Parade (at 6pm Mass - yes we have moved it to the Saturday), our AGM (at 7:30pm), and will finish with a BBQ. The bar will be open in the evening.

Spread the word and let the excitement begin!

**When:** Saturday 23rd September **Time:** 4pm until late

**Where:** In the large Hall

More info: [www.28thCroydon.org.uk](http://www.28thCroydon.org.uk) or [gsl@28thcroydon.org.uk](mailto:gsl@28thcroydon.org.uk)  
#ScoutingAdventures #SkillsForLife

### DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS Saturday 30th September

Registration for the Annual Diocesan Day for Catechists is now open! This year catechists are invited to register themselves online. The parish will still cover the cost of attending. Please visit the website via this link for all the information about the day and to register: [aec.raos.org.uk/latest/cat23](http://aec.raos.org.uk/latest/cat23)

### \*\*\* MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING \*\*\*

**FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 9.30am - 12.30pm Large Hall**

Please join us in the large hall for a cuppa, a cake and a catch up! You can pop by at any time and stay as long as you want!

*Any donations of cakes, (homemade or shop bought - they are all delicious) would be gratefully received!*

If you are able to make a donation, please contact **Chris** on **07535 978010**. This will help us know what else is needed.

*Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you there!*

### LONDON CONCERT CHORUS

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October – 7.15pm in the Large Hall**

**An evening of contemporary songs with Music from the Shows**

*All proceeds to support  
the Addiscombe Resettlement Community*

**Tickets are available from the Parish Office or the Church Hall**

Licensed Bar

Admission by ticket: **£10**

### ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB

For children in years 7 - 10 of secondary school, in the large hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm. To find out more & register interest please email:

[Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com)

### HELP ST THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL ADVERTISE

The St Thomas Becket School Association are asking families, where possible, to have an Oaks estate agent board put up outside their homes to advertise our Fireworks display (taking place on 20th October). Not only will this drum up interest, but we get a donation of £7 per board.

*If you'd be happy to participate, text Sarah on 07950381029 with your full name and address.*

Discounted early bird tickets for the display are now available through our website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa>

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

*Welcome!* Please introduce yourselves to one of our Priests. There are registration forms in the porch on the table and on the shelf besides the water font with gift aid forms. Our website - *Addiscombe Catholic Church* - has information about groups, activities, current and past newsletters that may be useful to you, or you can call or visit our secretaries, Rachel and Stephanie, in the parish office during opening times (shown overleaf).

### AUTUMN FAYRE SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2023

This year the theme will be *Carnival/Circus*. We are delighted with the tremendous offers of help that we have received from Our Lady's Community. *All proceeds from the Fayre will be given to established Parish Charities including Foodbanks supported by Our Lady's & the Woodside Bereavement Service.*

Next weekend, we would like you to bring Bottles, Unwanted Gifts, Toiletries, fruit for jams, chutneys & apple pies and China for the smashing the crockery stall.

You can return your Raffle Tickets; counterfoils & monies to either the Presbytery or the Parish Office. There will be an opportunity to purchase Raffle Tickets after Masses next weekend. If you can assist in anyway, please contact [patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk)

**RECENT DEATH:** Our sympathies go to Joanna Murphy and family, following the recent death of her mother, *Fanchea Blackman*, whose funeral took place here at Our Lady's yesterday.

*May her gentle soul Rest in Peace.*

**WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE:** Extends a big THANK YOU to all those who donated to its work through the Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> collection in July. The demand for its bereavement counselling services continues to increase and your generous donation of £536 will be applied to ensure that we are able to continue serving the many Croydon residents of all ages and backgrounds who have need of help. God bless you all for this and your kindness over the years.

### WORLD DAY FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Sunday 24th September is the World Day for Refugees and Migrants. Pope Francis has issued a strong statement in preparation. To mark the day, Southwark Diocese Justice and Peace are holding a special day to highlight the church's teaching on **Saturday 23rd September**.

Bishop Paul McAleenan will speak about the Bishops' new teaching document **Love the Stranger**.

**Venue:** St Edmunds Church 20 Village Way Beckenham BR3 3NP for Mass, and across the road for the assembly in the church hall

*The day will start with Mass at 10am, offered by Bishop Paul and he will speak at 11am in the church hall. Lunch is provided.*

**ISABELLA AND FRANCIS:** Would like to thank everyone who helped with their wedding on Saturday 8th July, including those who attended and made it such a joyous occasion. *A Mass will be offered on 15th October at 11:30am for the intentions of all those who assisted in making it such a lovely day.*

*For Collection: MA McGuigan, Sarah Turner*

*Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE*

*Rotas: Readers (Sept/October) Eucharistic Ministers (Sept)*

## ***Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer***

*Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

**<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>**

A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord’s Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

- As we respond to Pope Francis’ invitation to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025 may we seek opportunities to deepen our knowledge and grow in faith.
- The disciples asked, ‘Lord, teach us to pray’;  
may we give more time to prayer, lifting our hearts and minds to God.

### **FACT SHEET**

The second collection of *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference. In the last year this has included:

- Enabling the recording of the videos on the four constitutions.
- Bringing together a working group from across England and Wales to prepare materials for the Jubilee Year 2025 and Year of Prayer 2024.
- Supporting Patrimony experts to deliver funding to 39 projects at outstanding Grade I and II\* Catholic churches with the £6.6million awarded to the Catholic Bishops’ Conference via Historic England through the governments’ Culture Recovery Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Supporting co-ordinators and their teams in dioceses through formation and sharing of best practice.