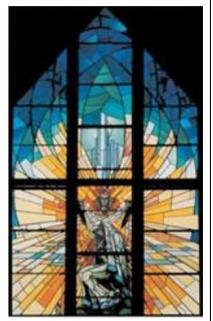




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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17th October 2021 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

If there is one thing we know for sure about predestination it is this: God created everyone for success. God did not create anyone for failure. But what do success and failure mean? For most people, as for James and John, success means to be head of the pack. To succeed means to excel. Success is measured by comparing one's achievements against the achievements of one's "competitors." That is why James and John go to Jesus and ask not that they be granted a place in his kingdom but that they be granted "to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." "You do not know what you are asking," Jesus says to them, and then proceeds to teach them a new understanding of success.

For Jesus success means people realizing and fulfilling God's dream for them. Jesus tells us, contrary to popular thinking, that anybody cannot be anything. Before people come into this world, divine providence has already crafted a dream for each person to live out. We do not come into life to write our own job description, we come with a divine job description in our hands and with the physical and mental traits necessary to get the job done. That is what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is all about. God needed a singular job to be done, that of being the mother of His incarnate Son, and He created a woman fully prepared and equipped specifically to do the job. No other woman before or after Mary could have become the mother of God out of her own personal effort or ambition. This is why Jesus tells James and John that, "to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

Does this mean that God has already determined, from the word go, the outcome of our earthly existence? No. God has an intended destination for which He created you and me. This is predestination. But whether you and I attain this destination or not depends on how we cooperate with God's grace. To say that whatever people are or do in life is what God created them to be and do is 'determinism'. The Bible teaches predestination (God has something in mind for creating you and me) but does not teach determinism (whatever we are or do is what God has predestined for us). God gives us free will to cooperate with divine grace or not. That is why, even though God predestined Mary to be the mother of our Saviour, when the time came for her to accomplish this mission, God sent an angel to seek her cooperation. She is a perfect example of success because she courageously said yes to the word of God detailing to her what Providence has in store for her.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 16 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Wendy & Clement Pereira RIP
 18:00 Winifred & Ernest Foster & Emilio Cicco RIP +*
- 17 October: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Intentions of the O'Sullivan Family *
 10:00 Joan McHugh RIP *
 11:30 Annie O'Rourke RIP *
- 18 October: Monday SAINT LUKE**
 10:00 May Jacks RIP
- 19 October: Tuesday**
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Mariam Joseph
- 20 October: Wednesday**
 10:00 Danielle Domah & Micheline Charnier RIP
- 21 October: Thursday**
 10:00 Joe & Dec. Mems. of the Lavin Fam RIP
 19:30 Wellbeing in Exams for Ryanghoo & Asung Joo
- 22 October: Friday**
 10:00 Jack & Ivy Devereux RIP
- 23 October: Saturday**
 10:00 100th Birthday Wishes & Blessings for John Minus
 18:00 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP
- 24 October: THIRTIETH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Michael, Harold & Harry Sweeney RIP +
 11:30 Mickey Murray RIP

+ With Baptism
 * With Foodbank Sunday

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 19th at 8.30pm (PRC)



Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page and on the 'Live Masses' page of the parish website.

CHURCH CLEANING
 21st OCTOBER - TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 317.70 |
| Loose cash | £ 538.30 |
| S/Os (Approx) | £ 1055.00 |
| Total | £ 1911.00 |

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 3pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next week there will be a second collection for *Missio*. Please use the boxes on the wall for your donation. Many thanks.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Karen Pearson, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Jerry Orpwood, Mary Griffiths, Rudolph ("Rudi") Agacy, Phyllis Chopin, Maurice Baxter, Mary Morrissey, Mary Connolly, Laila Tambini, Mary Feeney, Laurence Ellis, Nellie King, Bernadette Petts, John Daly, Bianca Buchhaus, Margaret Linnane, Sheila Braim, James Clancy, Kathleen Brandon, Aileen Talbot, Veronica Locke, George Pichery, Merlyn O'Connell, Margaret Mary Gibbs, Barbara Stevens, Kenneth Nicholas, Richard Schenk, Mary Ann Fowler, Anthony Brunson, Maisie Wyatt, Abina Martin, Sophie Jones

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

After a break of 82 weeks the Social Club reopened last weekend. On Saturday, Fr Keith celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Social Club and remembered our members who have died in the last two years. Thank you to Jacqueline Sylvia for enhancing the liturgy by coordinating the Music. After Mass, a reception was held in the Hall; it was like a school reunion as many people were meeting friends for the first time in nearly two years!

We had a very good attendance on Sunday evening with all of our Members & Friends following the agreed *Covid protocols*.

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

17th October: Finbar & Paul

24th October: Theresa Rodgers

31st October: Pete Brazil

7th November: Kenny Paul

14th November: TR Dallas

21st November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

28th November: Frank Nelson

The *Freddie Mercury Tribute Evening* takes place on Friday, 12th November commencing at 7.30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Alzheimer's Society, Croydon*. Tickets at £10.00 each are now available in the Church Hall or from Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle or the Auction.

Coming soon:

- *ABBA Tribute Evening* on Friday, 10th December

The Social Club in partnership with Our Lady's Parish will be facilitating a *Christmas Raffle* to support three local charities; *The Alzheimer's Society, The Woodside Bereavement Service & Young Minds* (a charity which makes sure every young person gets the mental health support that they need, when they need it, no matter what and to stop young people's mental health reaching crisis point).

There will be three cash prizes of £500.00, £300.00 and £100.00 plus seven additional prizes. During the last week we have received sponsorship from the *LMB Group, DA Lindsay & Sons, Addiscombe Youth Club, Ray Molloy (Esler Hills Golf Course), Peony Court, The Cricketers, Rowland Brothers + Private Sponsors*.

We still need items such as Christmas Hampers, Bottles of Spirits, Cases of Wine/ Prosecco, Restaurant Vouchers, Sports merchandise, 4-Ball Golf Vouchers et al. If you can help in anyway or you have any ideas that we should consider, please send an email to patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk.

The Raffle will be launched over the weekend of 30th/31st October.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL TREE

During November we will be setting up a '*Memorial Tree*' in the Lady Chapel to remember all those who have died, especially those who sadly passed away during lockdown periods with our community unable to gather together due to restrictions on funerals and gatherings.

If you have a loved one you would like to add as part of this display please send in a photo by email or in an envelope to the parish office by *Sunday 24th October*. Photos will be glued and possibly cut so please don't send originals as we are not able to return them. Thanks.

THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE ON US

Climate change affects us all. But the poorest communities are suffering the most. Join the CAFOD campaign to help fight the climate crisis and reclaim our common home. Send a card to the British Government asking them to support the poorest communities in the world affected by climate change. Fill in an 'Eyes of the World' card and drop it in the postbox by the church entrance.

RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Duncan Pears* who died on Friday 15th October. Details of his funeral will follow shortly. Our sympathies go to his wife Florence and all the family at this very sad time.

FOODBANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Collections of non-perishable food and drink items for The Vine food bank have resumed on the third Sunday of each month. Items donated this weekend will be picked up on Tuesday and delivered to The Vine. Thank you for your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/2022

If your child is in a Catholic School and was 7 years old or older on 31st August 2021 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website. Those who are not at Catholic school, but have completed the first year of preparation should also submit an application form. Forms should be returned to the Parish office **by Sunday 24th October**. A date for the first parents' meeting will follow shortly. **Incomplete/late applications will not be accepted.**

PROPOSED PPC FOR ADDISCOMBE

On Thursday 30th September a small working party met together with Frs. Keith and Jackson to take the first steps towards establishing a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) following the Parish Annual Meeting in July. The purposes of a PPC and how it might operate were discussed at some length, but most of the time was spent discussing and identifying what the membership of the PCC should be.

It was agreed that the membership should be as representative of the parish and its activities as possible while, at the same time, not making the PPC so large that it would prove to be ineffective.

An initial list of the parish organisations and activities was drawn up. These were then grouped into "blocks", linking organisations or activities with similar interests or concerns. It was suggested that at least one representative from each "block" would be a member of the PCC. However, the representative could send a substitute from the block if necessary. Similarly, it would be open for any member of a block to attend the PPC regarding issues of particular concern to their organisation.

It will take some time, given the number of organisations within the Parish, to contact them all about their representation. This will be done as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you would like to help in the process of setting up the PPC, please contact **Arthur Hughes** on **020 8654 3943** or email him at arthur.hughes116@gmail.com

For information, the next meeting of the working party will be at **7.45pm on November 4th in the PRC** when the composition of the PPC going forward will be further discussed.

THE PASSAGE: Is grateful to those parishioners who have volunteered to help with its street collection on Tuesday 19 October. There is a final opportunity to volunteer contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk **020 7592 1886 (07928 703131) by 12 noon on Monday 18 October**.

Do look out for Passage collectors on Tuesday if you are in Westminster in Victoria Street or Oxford Street. If you do not carry cash to donate the campaign online at www.passage.org.uk/street

FAIRTRADE ADVENT CALENDARS: Once again, the Justice & Peace Group will be offering fair trade advent calendars in November. Please see the Traidcraft page <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/divine-milk-chocolate-advent-calendar> **-85g** for details. Please let me know (andy.bebington@gmail.com, or **0777 4840**) how many you want, by 25th October...*Thanks, Andy.*