

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

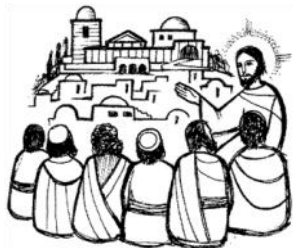
17th November 2019 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 164 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

Today, the readings want to remind us to trust in the Lord. If we trust in God, then the 'sun of justice will arise with its healing rays.' That is to say, we come to recognize that we cannot lead strong spiritual lives just by our own will power. Rather, we must ask God to help us and to change us.

What does it mean to be prepared? One of things that being prepared means is that I must be able to stand up for my faith. Probably I shall never be called on to give my life for my beliefs, but I should be willing to do that. What kind of a person am I? This is a question that comes before us on this Sunday. Do I believe in anything? Am I willing to stand up for anything? Do I believe in something strongly enough that I would be willing to die for it?

In the Christian understanding of these passages of Scriptures, the final days of the world are always right in front of us. That means that we must be ready to die now, at this very moment. There is never any time to waste. If we need to repent from some sin, now is the time. If we want to thank God for something, now is the time. If we need to forgive someone, now is the time. The Scriptures tell us that now is the day of salvation. Now is the time when the Lord is with us, bringing compassion and love. Let us celebrate this Sunday as if it is our final Sunday.

(Monastery of Christ in the Desert)



MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 19th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 19th at 8.30pm (PRC)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 601.15
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 547.37
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2123.52

Mass Intentions This Week

16 November: Saturday

10:00 Lucas, Ubaldina & Sylvia DeSouza RIP
18:00 Thanksgiving for Damiya Christanth ~

17 November: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

08:30 Dr Gerry Marshall RIP ~
10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP ~ #
12:00 All Parishioners ~ +

18 November: Monday

10:00 Anne Farrell RIP

19 November: Tuesday

10:00 Noel Mitchener RIP

20 November: Wednesday

10:00 Holy Souls

21 November: Thursday PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 June Dale RIP
19:30 Antonio Luis Alvares RIP

22 November: Friday SAINT CECILIA

10:00 Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

23 November: Saturday

10:00 Lawrence Periera RIP
18:00 Michael Walsh RIP

24 November: SUNDAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

08:30 Brian O'Brien & Denis Budhu RIP*
10:00 Jim Tully RIP *
12:00 All Parishioners +

With Uniformed Groups
~ With Foodbank Sunday
+ With Baptism
* With Children's Liturgy

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian - 020 8662 0319 or addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *The Archbishop's Admin Fund* amounted to £655.71. Many thanks. Next week there will be a second collection for *Catholic Youth Work* (Gift Aid-able).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Neil Quinn, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Alan Crabb, Lydia Collins, Joseph McNaughton, Alistair Aitchison, Phil Hennessy, Eileen McGreal, Barry Crofts, Muriel McGuinness, Ned Duffin, Ivy Cooper, Doreen Donegan, James Tully, Margaret Dolan, Patrick McHugh, Rita Mc Mahon, Maria Rodrigues, Bernadette Wyatt, John McCarthy, Thomas Lott, James Stewart, Charles Campbell, Reita Pegrum, Ralph Reynolds, Agnes Walker

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

17th November: Sean Wilson

24th November: Glen Flynn

1st December: Finbar & Paul

8th December: Frank Nelson

15th December: Theresa Rodgers

Thank you to our Members & their Guests and the Parish Community for their support of the recent **Declan Nerney Evening**. The event raised £2,500.00 for the **King's College Hospital: Critical Care Centre Appeal**.

The **Abba Sisters & 70's Tribute Evening** will take place on Friday, 29th November. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Royal London Hospital to support a clinical trial for patients with Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML)**. Tickets are 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 items for the Auction/ Raffle such as Bottles of Wines & Spirits, vouchers for Restaurants, 4-Ball Golf Vouchers, Glassware, Boxes of Chocolates & Tins of Biscuits.

The Annual **Anerley ACROSS Fundraising Evening** will take place on Friday, 6th December. Tickets at £5.00 each are now available in the Church Hall.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **Thecla Sulzdorf** will take place here at **Our Lady's** on **Thursday 5th December at 10am**. May she rest in peace.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMA APPEAL

This year we will be collecting pyjamas for the above appeal; the charity collects and distributes pyjamas to all our local children's wards, hospital at home teams and children's hospices in our area.

We need donations of pyjamas for children aged from newborn to 18 years for both girls and boys. The pyjamas must be brand new, not Christmas themed as they will be used throughout the year and not fleece type as hospital wards tend to be warm.

The collection commences at the social club's **Abba Tribute evening** on 29th November in the church hall; also, there will be a box at the back of the church over the weekend 30th November - 1st December for you to leave your pyjamas in. Many thanks.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the presbytery by **Sunday 24th November**, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will run between **Monday 11th and Friday 29th November**.

WINTER FAIR 2019 - St. Thomas Becket Primary School

Our Winter Fair will be held on **Sunday 1st December** from **12 - 4pm**. Come join us for an afternoon of fun including a Disco Dome, Becket BBQ, Bar, Tombolas, Santa's Grotto, Grand Draw, Christmas Shop, Irish Coffee's etc. We'd love to see all members of our community. Over the coming weeks we will be selling raffle tickets for our Grand Draw after masses, £1 per ticket. There will also be envelopes with loose tickets @ £1 per ticket for you to take home and sell to your family & friends.

UCM CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT!

Wednesday, 4th December, 8pm at **Little Bay** restaurant, Selsdon Road, South Croydon. £5 deposit required per person and places are limited. Come and enjoy the Opera Mayhem! Please contact us via email **ucmaddiscombe@gmail.com** or via the parish office.

GAELIC FOOTBALL TASTER SESSION

There will be a final Gaelic Football Taster Sessions for Boys born between 1st January 2006 & 31st December 2008 on **Monday, 18th November**. The sessions will take place at St Mary's RC High School (enter via Tavistock Road) from 6pm and will conclude at 7.30pm. The sessions will focus on the key skills of the game. Participants will require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers. For more information, please call **Danny O'Donovan** on **07796 934748**.

ACCOMMODATION TO LET: Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association would like to invite potential applicants to be on the waiting list for either studio or 1 bedroom properties. The properties are in Addiscombe, close to the shops, buses and tramlink. Applicants should be 55+, not a homeowner or have savings or equity over £30,000 and able to live independently. If interested and require more details, please email **carolinenestor@ACHA.com**. If you do not have access to email, call the Accommodation Officer on 0792 1868011 or the Parish Office on 8654 1709.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Saturday 30th November 2 - 4pm in the Large Hall

I have a small supply of rings for sale to make the wreaths; please contact me by Monday 25th November if you need one. Bring garden clippers/scissors, gloves, and any candles, greenery or decorations you wish to add. **Call or text Joanna on 07793 826103**

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

All children aged 6 to 11 are invited to design a Christmas card and submit an entry to The Centre for Catholic Formation by **Monday 9th December**. 6 winners will be chosen to receive a Jesse Box. Please visit our website **www.ccftootingbec.org.uk** for more information.

LOST PROPERTY: The growing pile of lost property on the shelves at the back of church will be disposed of in December if it remains unclaimed. Please check there is nothing of yours amongst it.

REPOSITORY SHOP

A lovely selection of Christmas cards, calendars and diaries are now on sale in the Shop.

ADDISCOMBE UNITY CLUB (For the Over 60's)

Do you want to meet new friends and take time out to have a good chat? Come and join the Addiscombe Unity Club - we meet every **Friday from 1.45 - 3.45pm** in the **large hall**. There is a varied programme of entertainment, theatre visits and outings. Weekly raffles and refreshments!

Contact **Mary Kingman** on **8406 5377**.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 21st December, 3 - 8pm

For Diversity Christmas carolling, food, gift share and FUN,FUN,FUN! Contact **Agnes** on **07904 426545** or **Sylvia** on **07870 508790** if interested. More details to follow shortly. Sylvia.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of the church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. These envelopes are placed in our Memorial chapel (in the Lady Chapel) and your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

Items for collection: P. Cavanna, E Mansfield, D Pop, I. Rodrigues-Castro, D. Smith, D. Thomson, Smralowski, M Parmionovas Sr Celia x4,

Baptism certificates: J Cabrera, M Linehan Biggs, D Faronbi, V Conkova, Z Mendoza, T Enright, L Serradilla-Rajadurai

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (November), Readers (November / December) Repository (October - December)