



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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

17th December 2017 Third Sunday Of Advent (page 87 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob. *Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84):1*



CHRISTMAS AT OUR LADY'S

Everyone's Nativity
 Sunday 17th December at 3pm

Christmas Eve Mass
 6pm & 11.30pm

Christmas Day Mass
 8.30am, 10am & 12pm



*** FINAL REMINDER ***

No 12pm Mass on the 24th December
(That is no midday Mass on Advent 4.)

Also, don't forget - those coming to the 10am on that day please consider staying for a short while to help decorate the church. It should be fun!

Mass Intentions This Week

16 December: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Martin McCorry RIP ~

17 December:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 All Parishioners ~
 10:00 Gerry Finigan RIP ~ *
 12:00 Michael O'Brien RIP + ~
 15:00 'Everyone's Nativity' Service

18 December: Monday

10:00 Mario A Bianchet (SICK)

19 December: Tuesday

10:00 Josephine Seemampillai

20 December: Wednesday

10:00 Gabriel Maguire RIP
 19:30 RECONCILIATION SERVICE

21 December: Thursday

10:00 Bridie Birkett RIP

22 December: Friday

10:00 Ashley Jacob RIP 1st Anniversary

23 December: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Andy & Nuala Fox RIP

24 December:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 Ruby D'Souza RIP
 10:00 Alf & Bubs McSweeney RIP

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

18:00 Laila Tambini RIP
 23:30 All Parishioners

+ With Baptism

~ With Foodbank Sunday

* With Uniformed Groups

WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Brian Simpson

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 639.93
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 527.15
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2142.08

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM B

COLLECTIONS

Last week's ACA collection for *The Friends of the Holy Land*, amounted to £802. Many thanks. Next week, **THE CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES** collection is your personal offering to Fr Keith. Special envelopes will be available in the porch. Those in the Gift Aid Scheme should use their designated envelope for Christmas Day. **CRIB OFFERINGS** will be given to The Friends of the Holy Land.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Steve Richer, José Fernandez, Dominic Audibert-Moloney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Louise Carter, Elsie Carpenter, Sr. Elizabeth Craig, Ellen Curry, John Knight, Baby James Naylor, Norah Everest, Dennis Godfree, George Fowler, Paddy O'Connor, Rosaleen Jamieson, Mary White, May Lally, Andrew Fox, Marie Louise Powell, Tony Nasri, Elizabeth Jerome, Hietty Palmer, Patrick Conway, Patrick Maher, Alfred Henry Daubney, Marie McCann, Richard Avery, Patricia Whiffin, Percy Fowler, Anita Parker, Ashley Jacob, Arthur Gateley, Jacqueline Phillips, Kathleen McCarthy

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 17th December: Finbar & Bernie
Sunday, 31st December: *New Year's Eve Party*
Sunday, 7th January: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 14th January: Kevin keys
Sunday, 21st January: *Back by popular demand TR Dallas*
Sunday, 28th January: Walter Kennedy

The Social Club has recently send a cheque to the value of £500.00 to the *St Mildred's Drop In Centre*; these resources will be used to provide a meal for the Homeless on Christmas Day. Thank you to our members and the parish community for your continued support of our fundraising programme.

The key events for the Christmas & New Year programme are:

- Friday, 22nd December: *Members' Party*
- Wednesday, 27th December: *Tea Dance* with Kevin Keys from 3.00pm. This event is open to all members of our Parish Community.
- Sunday, 31st December: *New Year's Eve Party* - all guests are requested to bring a plate of light refreshments, sausage rolls, mince pies etc. Tickets at £5.00 each are available from the Church Hall or our coordinator Danny O'Donovan.

Coming soon

- *Take That & Robbie Williams Tribute Night* on Friday, 26th January

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be an "Everyone's Nativity" held on **Sunday 17th December** at **3pm** here at **Our Lady's**, followed by refreshments in the large hall. If any child OR adult would like to take part please come to the church on the day dressed as a character from the Nativity. It doesn't matter how many Mary's, Joseph's, Donkeys, Innkeepers, Stars, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels and King Herod's we have, everyone will be included!

We look forward to seeing you there!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR Do something different this Advent

Every day in Advent, as you open a door in your Advent Calendar, put one item into a box or bag, the contents of which will be donated to a food bank after Christmas.

The usual items of tinned goods are perfect but also toiletries, ladies sanitary products, nappies (size 4,5 & 6) are items greatly needed. Bring the filled box to the Church after Christmas. The boxes will be collected by **1pm** on **Saturday 30th December** and delivered to the Croydon Food Bank.

Remember this is NOT a Christmas box but a way of thinking about others during Advent and seeing that the food banks are well stocked for the coming year. January can be a long and desperate month.

For more information or for a more detailed list of suggested items please contact **Ivonne** on **07906558676**



Items for collection: A Callow, Mary Walsh, Sr Celia, Brian Simpson
Bapt Certs: Tusiime Kabalega, Loubao, Ssebanakitta
Rotas: Repository (December/January)

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 19th at 8pm (PRC)

ADVENT EVENTS

EVERYONE'S NATIVITY: Sunday 17th at 3pm - see notice

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:
Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm with visiting priests

TOY SORTING EVENING - Sunday 17th 5pm Large Hall

Following our toy collection, we are calling on all the newly confirmed & young people of the parish to come & help sort the toys for refugee children. Nibbles are provided, so please come along!

CAROLING - CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be carol singing around the hospital on the evening of **Thursday 21st December**. We would be grateful if as many singers as possible supported us in spreading some Christmas cheer! We will meet in the hospital Chapel for **7pm**, divide into several 'choirs' and then head off to sing on wards before returning to the Chapel for refreshments. Many thanks, Revd Hilary Fife, Senior Chaplain.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

At this time of the year please remember my ongoing appeal for used postage stamps. If you are able to trim these from the envelope, please leave a border of half a centimetre, or otherwise leave for me to trim. The labelled box for the stamps is placed on the counter in the porch. At the end of January the stamps are then given to the hospice "Shooting Star Chase" who are also interested in old stamp collections/albums. Many thanks **David Warner**.

REPOSITORY

The **REPOSITORY SHOP**, is filled with all sorts of lovely new Christmassy things. **Come and see!!**
Advent Calendars and other Calendars, Candles, Cribs: large and small, Decorations, Gifts, and a **wide selection of cards**.
(Due to lack of space, other things have been put away until January)

GOLDEN PENNY JARS: Thanks to all who have sent in their filled Golden Penny jars. Latest collection of pennies: reserved a place for one person at Crisis at Christmas (£26.08) and donated £5 to Red Cross Christmas appeal.

I will be doing a last festive season collection just before the New Year so please feel free to drop your filled penny jar in the porch and pick up an empty jar if you wish. Thank you and keep those pennies coming! **Nike**.

MEETINGS FOR CATECHISTS: There are two upcoming meetings in January for Catechists, organised by the Teachers' Enterprise in Religious Education. Full details for both on are the posters in the porch. If you wish to attend, pre booking is advised.
Please email - info@tere.org

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION: Are holding their next dance on **29th December** at the Rhodrons Club, Chessington KT9 1BA, call **020 8397 2683**. Dancing **8.30 - 11.30pm** featuring Eugene Doonan. Local parking, raffle and licensed bar.
Tickets **£5.00** on the door.

CHAPERONE REQUIRED

A young disabled season ticket holder of Crystal Palace FC needs a chaperone to take him to home fixtures for the remainder of the season. The Chaperone will meet the young person at Selhurst Park on match days and a ticket will be available for all games. If you could assist in any way, please call **07734 250375**.