



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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*LORD DARLINGTON. Ah, what a fascinating Puritan you are,
 Lady Windermere!*
LADY WINDERMERE. The adjective was unnecessary, Lord Darlington.
*LORD DARLINGTON. I couldn't help it.
 I can resist everything except temptation.*
LADY WINDERMERE. You have the modern affectation of weakness.
*LORD DARLINGTON. [Looking at her.]
 It's only an affectation, Lady Windermere.*

The Merriam-Webster dictionary gives the following definition of affectation: "speech or conduct not natural to oneself; an unnatural form of behaviour meant especially to impress others; the act of taking on or displaying an attitude or mode of behaviour not natural to oneself or not genuinely felt."

We are normally tempted to things which we lack and which we find pleasurable. Temptations are a desire of things which are not good for us, because they lead us to choose against God's will. However, because the object of temptation responds to something in us, it may be more or less irresistible!

Oscar Wilde pointed out that peculiarity of temptation in Lady Windermere's Fan, as you read above. Yet, do we need to follow this route? Lady Windermere had a clear view on that. This is an affectation. The definition of an affectation stresses that it is something "not natural to oneself". Is giving into temptation unnatural for a person? Yes. Although we have a fallen nature, and struggle to follow God's will, Scripture is very clear about the importance of choosing God's will. Moreover, if we choose what God wants for us, it only brings fulfilment, because God cannot desire anything else for us. If we pondered on the 'unnatural' or bad effects of giving into temptation we would be able to see that resisting temptation leads us to freedom.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of inner freedom and truth to see where the roots of our weaknesses lie and the gift of strength to pursue that which brings us real fulfilment and joy.

Fr Tomasz Margol

Mass Intentions This Week

- 17 February: Saturday**
 10:00 Jose Pereira RIP
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP *
- 18 February: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
 08:30 Barbara & Francis Fernandez RIP *
 10:00 Bina Bowen RIP 3rd Anniversary + *
 11:30 All Parishioners + *
- 19 February: Monday**
 10:00 Patricia Mary Brennan RIP
- 20 February: Tuesday**
 10:00 Beatrice Onochie & Family Intentions
- 21 February: Wednesday**
 10:00 100th Birthday Wishes for Josie Brady
15:45 Stations of the Cross
- 22 February: Thursday**
THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER
 10:00 90th B/day Wishes for David Mahoney
 19:30 Michael Collins RIP
- 23 February: Friday**
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Nebo Okolo & Family
- 24 February: Saturday**
 10:00 Martha Sam Vu RIP
 18:00 Margot(RIP) & Michael Evans Wed Ann
- 25 February: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Paul Antoine RIP 12th Ann ~
 11:30 Zena Marshall RIP

- + With Baptism
- * With Foodbank Sunday
- ~ With Uniformed Groups

IMPORTANT NOTICE!
If you have double parked in the car park today, please go now and move your vehicle!
Many thanks.

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

MEETINGS

- Ascent Group:** Tuesday 20th at 10.30am (Small Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 20th at 8pm (PRC)
Adult Catechesis: Wed 21st at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)
RCIA: Wednesday 21st at 7.30pm (PRC) **Stations of the Cross**



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	£ 394.68
Loose cash	£ 852.62
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2537.30

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a Diocesan collection for **Clergy Support Fund**. Please see note overleaf.
Next week there will be a second collection for **CAFOD (Family Fast Day)**. Please pick up an envelope in the porch.

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, Arthur Hughes & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Gordon Thompson, Patrick Joyce, Sr Felicite, Agnes O'Dwyer, Sarah Wright, Dr. Iolo Williams, Irene Griffiths, Sr Mary Cecilia, John DeCaestecker, Eric Houston, Margaret Lock, George Kaazana, Denis Kelleher, Mary McDowell, George Paice, Edmund Claudius, Caroline Assey, Carol Ann Davey, Gerry Marcelle, Bina Bowen, Michael White, Tony Durkan, Marshall Henry Weetman, Jessie Mills, Gerard Chandler, Irene Rodrigues, Rose Childs, Mary Mann, Peter O'Flynn, Elizabeth Comber, Sian O'Hara, Kevin Sweeney, Brian Linnane, Kathleen Milmoie, Bartolomeo Argenziano, Baby Alexander Partridge

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

18th February: Kieran White

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

3rd March: Pat Jordan

10th March: Glen Flynn

17th March: **St Patrick's Day** - Frank Nelson

24th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

31st March: **Easter Sunday Special** - Kieran White

7th April: Theresa Rodgers

- Many thanks to the Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of the recent **Motown Tribute Evening**. The event raised £4,500.00; these resources will be used to provide Gaelic Football Coaching Sessions for Girls & Boys in Schools across South London.

- The final session with the **J & M Country Dance Class** takes place in Church Hall on Sunday at 2:00pm; admission will be £10.00. For more information, call **Michael on 07576 146431**.

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs take place at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon, CR9 7AT on Wednesday evenings from 5:45pm - 7:00pm; they will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- **Our St Patrick's Celebrations include:**

Sabrina Fallon & Shane Moore appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 15th March from 7:30pm. There will also be a display of Dancing by the **Keady Academy of Dance**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Place to be Cafe, Purley**; a Social Club for older people living with **Dementia** and **their Carers**. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling **Pat Winston on 07734 250375**. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

Frank Nelson & Michael Howard will be with us on St Patrick's Day: Sunday, 17th March from 7:30pm. The Castlerea Brass & Reed Band will also give a display of Music. Admission will be by Ticket: Members - £5.00 & Guests £6.00. **To reserve Tickets call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

RECENT DEATH: Please keep Angela Yates and family in your prayers, following the death of her husband **Bill Yates** on 13th February. Our prayers & sympathy go to them all at this sad time.

NEXT UCM MEETING:

Wednesday 6th March - 8pm in the Large Hall

Prison officer Pauline Martindale, will be with us to talk about her experiences working in a prison. Everyone is welcome to attend.

£2 on entry

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

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the SMALL Hall after 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.

20th February: Lent topic led by Pat Stanley

5th March: Faith Journey by Bella

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz delivers catechesis for adults **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall.**

Topic for this week: Meaning of Memorial & Transubstantiation

For Collection: *K Duignan*

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: *Eucharistic Ministers (Feb) Readers (Jan/Feb)*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

On this day, our Church will be one with people all over the world celebrating the call to the message from Palestinian Christian women to **"Bear with one another in love"**. The service seeks to reflect challenging times through scripture, reflection and prayer, encouraging a deeper understanding about sharing the land and the humanity of one another.

The service includes singing, prayer and readings selected by Christian Palestinians in earlier times, & will last for about an hour. There will be a collection for WDP & light refreshments after. **All are welcome!** We look forward to seeing you at the service at **7pm**.

COMMEMERATIVE SOUVENIR 2025 CALENDAR

It is our intention to remember all our loved ones who have passed, and to this end, we are selling RIP days of the month for £20 per name. If you are interested in reserving a date (please also put an alternative date ie a birthday to avoid disappointment) you have two options:

Jan, Mary Ann & Marie will be outside all Masses this weekend to take reservations and money

or

Contact the parish office by email to addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk giving name of loved one and preferred date(s)

Payment is cash or cheque (**made payable to Addiscombe Catholic Church**) and should be placed in an envelope with your loved ones name on the front of the envelope. Payment will confirm your requested entry into the calendar.

JOIN US FOR ADORATION!

Saturday 24th February 10am - 12pm

Mass, Confession, Worship & Prayer Ministry - all are welcome.

WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Woodside Bereavement Service is a Croydon based charity supporting Children, Young People and adults with their bereavement. **The Service requires a new treasurer.**

If you are interested and would like further information please do contact the office and we will get back to you.

Telephone: **020 3256 2009** Email: wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible! Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at:

www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF

You can also donate via telephone (office hours Mon - Fri) **020 7960 2504**, or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today in the church porch. *Please continue to keep Priests in your prayers.*

GRIEF IN LOSS : HOPE IN CHRIST

Is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from March 22nd - 24th, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance.

The residential cost is £230 for a single, £210 for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Tel: **01622 717 272**.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING: We can only accept the small printer cartridges for recycling. Many thanks.

JOB VACANCY

Administration role for busy construction company. Must have experience and a good telephone manner. Please email your CV to lee@lmbgrouppltd.co.uk or call **07904 484963**

Hours of work: 9-5 pm Rate of pay: £14 - 16ph

ADDISCOMBE PARISH'S CENTENARY 2025

Did you know that next year, 2025, is the Centenary of the opening of the Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation?

The first Church opened on 11th October 1925 in the former "button factory" on the corner of Lower Addiscombe Road and Brockenhurst Road. It was a satellite of the Parish of St. Chad's. Our current Church was completed and opened on 8th December 1964, so this year we celebrate 60 years of continuous service in Bingham Road.

We are planning to produce a Souvenir Commemorative Calendar celebrating one hundred years of our Parish.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1. Have you any contacts in companies or work for organisations that would be willing to sponsor a month up to 12 months for advertising their logo?*
- 2. Has anyone got any contacts with a reliable designer and/or printing company that we can use?*
- 3. For costs and with details of the above, please email the Parish office. A letter has been written that can be given to companies and organisations with details of sponsorship.*
- 4. Have you any photos from any past events? Have you any of past Parish Priests? Any memories that you can share?*

Start searching those albums and attics now!

PLEASE HOLD ON TO THEM UNTIL WE ASK YOU FOR THEM!

Our plan is to have the calendars available for sale at the Autumn Fayre 2024. All monies raised will be for Our Lady's - decisions on how it will be used will be discussed in due course.

There will be other celebrations so watch this space in the months to come!

Many thanks

fr Keill.

fr Taman Marçal

and the PPC.