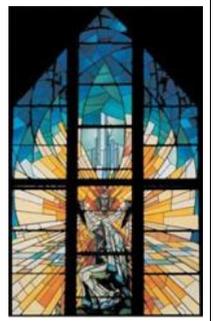




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 18th July 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,** on Thursday evening we received an email from the Diocese with the latest news from the Bishops of England and Wales in two documents relating to the easing of Covid restrictions. The first laid out in some detail the practicalities of returning to some sort of normality in church and it is much as we expected: Track and Trace remains in place, no need to socially distance, no need to refrain from passing the plate or offertory processions and no need for stewards or one way systems. However, the Bishops also state along with the government that Covid is still a very real threat and we are by no means living in normal times. Restrictions that remain in place are: no water stoops, constant cleaning of touch points, congregational singing only if masked, communion in one kind (on the tongue is permitted, though that makes no sense to me and we will not be introducing that at this time), and there should be no physical sign of peace.

The Bishops continue to emphasise that we must be responsible and refrain from close contact in the building, and even suggest that we reserve an area of the church for those who are still wary, and who wish to remain socially distanced, though that could drop to 1 meter. They also stress we are to respond to local conditions, mindful of the rise and fall of infections within our own towns and communities and responding accordingly.

The second document focused on the restoration of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, reminding us that it is the foundation of all we do. The most significant paragraph reads: *'It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.'* I interpret the second part of this sentence to mean that if you are happily attending Mass now you should consider yourselves under obligation, so long as your circumstances remain unchanged.

I see no reason to change what was stated last week, we will gently return to life as normal here at Our Lady's as, whilst much of the above makes sense, some does not, (silly little things like being able to receive the plate from the person next to you but not shaking their hands at the peace, singing into a mask yet being able to breath all over the Eucharistic Ministers hand when receiving on the tongue etc). The sharing of books remains an issue and, as far as I can see, was not addressed in the letters. We do not have book racks on the back of our pews in which we could leave the books whilst we fog. Their reintroduction would render no stoops or Sign of Peace meaningless. Answers on a postcard please!

God bless.

*Fr Keill.*

### PARISH MEETING, THIS WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY AT 8PM

All parishioners are invited and the agenda will include the presentation of accounts, brief reports from parochial bodies, the restoration of a Pastoral Committee, and a 'present and future' report from Fr Keith.



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

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 22nd JULY

**TEAM A**

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 17 July: Saturday

10:00 Mary Rayner & Merita De Saa RIP  
 17:30 Joan McHugh RIP  
 18:30 John Francis McGovern RIP

### 18 July: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

09:00 Amancio Sequeira RIP  
 10:00 Ann Fox RIP  
 11:00 All Parishioners

#### *With First Holy Communion*

12:00 David Warner RIP

### 19 July: Monday

10:00 Wellbeing of Liz Dwyer

### 20 July: Tuesday

10:00 Joe & Lily Pereira RIP

### 21 July: Wednesday

10:00 Ellen & Patrick McLaughlin RIP

### 22 July: Thursday

#### SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

10:00 Wellbeing of Mary O'Donoghue  
 19:30 Josie Clark RIP

### 23 July: Friday SAINT BRIDGET

10:00 Michael Semeta RIP

### 24 July: Saturday

10:00 Clement & Wendy Pereira RIP  
 17:30 John Boswood RIP  
 18:30 Martha Nestor RIP

### 25 July: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

09:00 Tony Borfiga RIP  
 10:00 Intentions of the Tavares Family  
 11:00 All Parishioners  
 12:00 Arthur Fairservice RIP

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 542.00         |
| Loose cash         | £ 420.00         |
| S/Os (Approx)      | £ 1055.00        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>£ 2017.00</b> |

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney*

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Patricia M. White, Alice Connolly, Ben Kudom, Mary Mohammed, Rita Baxter, Christopher Kingman, Andrea Oriani, Arthur Braim, Domenico Casale, Eileen Chandler, Beryl Bennett, Edith Masters, Darin DeSouza, Mary Jones, Kathleen Ryan, Thomas Davie, Leo McHugo, Bernard Moynihan*

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!

- *Ethel Corduff*, a member of our Parish Community, has recently launched her book *Ireland's Loss Britain's Gain*. The book tells the story of the impact of Irish Nurses on the British Health Service. The phenomenon is traced back to the Florence Nightingale era through to the early years of the Millennium.

The book is available within the UK for £12.00 including P & P. To reserve a copy, please send an email to [ecorduff@hotmail.com](mailto:ecorduff@hotmail.com).

**Annual ACROSS Charity Golf Classic**  
*Anerley ACROSS is a Charity which takes disabled children on annual pilgrimage to Lourdes*  
**De Vere Selsdon Estate - Friday, 10th September 2021**

10.00am: Arrival with Bacon Rolls and Tea/ Coffee  
11.00am: 18 Holes of Golf

The Golf Day is available at **£50.00 per person**

You can also support the event by  
Sponsoring a Hole at £50.00  
Donating items for the Auction/ Raffle

*For more information, please contact*  
**Ben Cahill on 07958 903410 or**  
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### NEEDED ESSENTIALLY: SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PARISH

This post (vacant for a year) is key to the good standing of the parish and the protection of all its members. The safeguarding of all children and young people as well as vulnerable elderly people, is required both by the Church and Government.

The post holder will be responsible to Fr. Keith for all aspects of Safeguarding, especially ensuring that Disclosure & Barring (DBS) checks for involved parishioners are completed; that essential personal records are kept; and that suitable training is organised.

A commitment of time and energy, balanced by satisfaction, will be required of the post holder.

*No specific qualifications are required but relevant experience is desirable.*

*We have reduced the distance between some of the seating in church to accommodate greater numbers at one or two of our Masses.*

*We are still maintaining over a meter's distance, (and in some areas two) and we are still asked to wear masks and to maintain social distancing when moving around the building and the grounds. THANK YOU.*

**PLEASE NOTE: We now have a QR CODE for the church, which is displayed at all entrances and exits, for use by those who have the NHS COVID19 App. The church mobile number (07548 868418) for Track and Trace is still in use if you do not have the App.**

### MASS TIMES FROM AUGUST 2021

From... **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July: Mass 6pm**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August: Mass 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am**

### GIFT AID NEW YEAR!

THE NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES ARE NOW IN USE!

If you have not yet collected your new box, (or small set for the Standing Order donors) they are available from the table in the porch.

Please recycle the old yellow envelopes now. Many scheme numbers have changed including all between 220 and 260. Many thanks.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last weekend. We ask you all to keep to them and their families in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

*Also, please pray for the 5 children in Fr Jackson's catechism group and their families, as they receive the Sacrament for the first time at 11am Mass this Sunday.*

### CONFIRMATION 2021

If you are currently in Year 8 (moving into Year 9 in September) or above, you are eligible to join this year's cohort for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The documents you need are posted on the web site, please fill them in and deliver them *by hand* to Fr. Keith or Fr. Jackson *by the end of TODAY, Sunday 18th July*. Late applications cannot be accepted.

We look forward to meeting you all!

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays**. All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

### CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. *Many thanks.*

*Lord Jesus,*

*When you walked with us on earth  
you spread your healing power.*

*We place in your loving care all  
who are affected by Coronavirus.*

*Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.*

*Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,  
protect those who care for us.*

*We lift our prayer to you Lord,  
and trust in your infinite mercy,  
as we wait for the daybreak.*

*Amen.*

### \*\*\* POLITE REMINDER \*\*\*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.