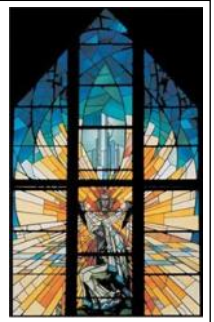




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

## 18th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 120 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Four times in the text of the Gospel we have received today, Jesus speaks to us about eating τρώγω (trogo) His flesh. This Greek word really means to *gnaw*, to *chew*. Jesus expects his followers to *chew* His flesh so that they may have life. This persistent action of chewing or gnawing represents on one hand perseverance of the eating, and on the other, the pleasure coming from chewing, an enjoyment of that particular food. It seems to be also an addictive behaviour which brings a particular result.

Through His words Jesus points out that He is to be the One we are to desire to such an extent, that He not only sustains us but also give us such a joy, that we become constantly engaged with Him.

For sure these words of Our Lord were not easy to listen to in His own time. Yet a deeper reflection would lead His listeners to realisation that really God was the One who sustained Hebrews in the desert and that Jesus' words are true. This is why many of them became His followers - Christians.

We are invited again to ponder on our relationship with Jesus. Where is my sustenance? Where do I find the source of my energy and happiness? If I am to nourish my body and my psyche, where and how do I nourish my spirit?

Jesus gives us a clear guidance: *Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me* (Jn 6.51-57).

*fr Tamasz*

### PLEASE NOTE:

The newsletter will only be published fortnightly through the summer break. Therefore the next newsletter will be on the weekend of **31st August/1st September**. Also, the parish office will not be manned on **Friday 23rd August** due to staff annual leave.

## Mass Intentions This Week

- 17 August: Saturday**  
 10:00 Mrs Emily Okeke Birthday Intentions  
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP \*
- 18 August: TWENTIETH SUNDAY**  
 08:30 All Parishioners \*  
 10:00 Thanksgiving Intentions for Dr Nike Arowobusoye \*  
 11:30 Christopher Kanu RIP \* +
- 19 August: Monday**  
 10:00 Ann & Matt Nolan RIP
- 20 August: Tuesday SAINT BERNARD**  
 10:00 Wellbeing of Matilda Olatunji
- 21 August: Wednesday SAINT PIUS X**  
 10:00 Kathy Attwater RIP 2nd Anniversary
- 22 August: Thursday THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Charlene & Marie Adaken  
 19:30 Ethel Paul RIP
- 23 August: Friday**  
 10:00 Anne France RIP
- 24 August: Saturday SAINT BARTHOLOMEW**  
 10:00 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP  
 18:00 Mr & Mrs Mathiyas RIP
- 25 August: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY**  
 08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 Elizabeth Muir RIP  
 11:30 Kevin Quinn RIP

- \* With Foodbank Sunday  
 + With Baptism

*Mass Intentions for next week are printed overleaf*

## MEETINGS

**SVP:** Tuesday 20th & 27th at 8pm (PRC)  
**Young Adults' Fellowship:** Friday 23rd at 7pm (PRC)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### OFFERTORY

**3/4th August      £2692.40**

**10/11th August      £2558.50**

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATORS \*\*\*

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **APF - Red Box Appeal** amounted to £677.00. Many thanks. The next second collection will be on 1st September for **SVP Addiscombe Conference**.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Herminia Menezes, Daniel Hanley, David Morgan, Sophia Greer, Daniel Farrell, Maria Schenk, Lucrezia Mansi, Roger Gallett, Kenneth Waller, Peter Sutcliffe, Br. Fidelis -Tony Knight, George Andrews, Don Galvin, Anthony Rosemeyer, Frances Mary Murphy, Diana Carrapiett, Antony Sapiano, Sylvia Kinghorn, Kathleen Attwater, Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth Neale, Maria Andrews, Desmond Yow, John Marshall, Kevin Boyle

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

18th August: Finbar & Paul

25th August: Theresa Rodgers

1st September: Kenny Paul

8th September: TR Dallas

15th September: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

22nd September: Kieran White

29th September: Shane & Mervyn Owens

6th October: Finbar & Paul

- The **Anerley ACROSS Golf Day** will take place at the **Farleigh Golf Club on Friday, 6th September** commencing at 10am. Coffee, Tea & Bacon Rolls will be provided upon arrival followed by 18 holes of Golf. At the end of the day, Golfers will have sandwiches & chips followed by a Presentation to the winners. The day will conclude with a Raffle & Auction. The cost of the event will be £60.00 per person. You can sponsor a Hole at £50.00.

In the evening, there will be a **Dance & Supper at Our Lady's Church Hall**, Bingham Road, Addiscombe. The Supper will include Fish & Chips, Chicken & Chips or Sausage & Chips; a vegetarian option will also be available. The evening entertainment will be with Barry Doyle. **Admission will be by Ticket Only at £15.00.** You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

To reserve tickets for either the Golf Day and/or the evening event please call **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410** by 6.00pm on Sunday, 1st September.

### RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of former parishioner **Joan Hoey** (wife of Jack). Joan's funeral will be held at **St Dominic's Church**, Waddon, on **Tuesday 3rd September at 12 noon.**

Please keep Joan and family in your prayers at this sad time.

### SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

A new rota is up in the church porch for anyone wishing to sign up and run one. Thank you.

### OUR LADY'S AUTUMN FAYRE & FUN DAY: Sunday, 29th September

The Fayre will be launched next weekend, 24th/25th August. **All proceeds from the Fayre will be given to support the major repairs to the roof of the church hall.**

If you can assist in any way, please contact **patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk**

**The next planning meeting will be on Thursday, 5th September at 8pm in the PRC room.**

### WEEKLY MASSES IN CUH

There will be **NO MASSES IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**

The weekly Masses will resume on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel.

### ADORATION WITH PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP Sunday 22nd September from 4.30pm in Church

The Padre Pio prayer group kindly invite you to join them for Adoration in church on Sunday 22nd September at 4.30pm, followed by refreshments and a meeting with the Padre Pio missionary group from San Giovanni, in the small hall.

**All are welcome!**

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

**Welcome!** Please introduce yourselves to one of our Priests. There are registration forms in the porch on the table and on the shelf besides the water font with gift aid forms.

Our website - **Addiscombe Catholic Church** - has information about groups, activities, current and past newsletters that may be useful to you, or you can call or visit our secretaries, Rachel and Stephanie, in the parish office during opening times (shown overleaf).

### Mass Intentions 26th August - 1st September

**26 August: Monday**

10:00 Vincent Ndekwe RIP

**27 August: Tuesday SAINT MONICA**

10:00 Hannah Simons RIP

**28 August: Wednesday SAINT AUGUSTINE**

10:00 Aurelia Romeo RIP

**29 August: Thursday**

**THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

10:00 Joan Smith RIP

19:30 Mary Komalom RIP

**30 August: Friday SAINTS MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD**

10:00 Jessie Lissenburg RIP

**31 August: Saturday**

10:00 Lai Chang RIP

18:00 All Parishioners

**1 September: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY**

08:30 Len & Cella Dickens RIP

10:00 Vera & Owen O'Neill RIP

11:30 Wellbeing of Patricia Quinn

### UCM CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

**Wednesday 4th September 7.30pm in the large hall**

This annual charity event is open to ALL parishioners, families and friends! Teams of up to 6 people. If you can't make a full team we will sort it out for you.

**£20 per person** which includes a fish, chicken or veggie supper with chips, plus a glass of Prosecco. There will be raffles too. All proceeds will go to local charities.

Please contact **Marie Tross on 07774 643159** to secure your place

**THE MUSIC GROUP:** Will assist the congregation in their sung worship at the 10am Mass on Sunday 1st September - anyone interested in seeing what we do and how, is welcome to come to our rehearsal on **Friday 30th August at 7pm in the Sacristy** for perhaps 45 minutes.

### CONFIRMATION 2024

The remaining documents required for the Confirmation programme 2024 are now available to download from our website, under the Confirmation tab.

Complete the consent form and **ensure your sponsor completes their form too.**

The completed forms should then be handed in to the parish office or, at the very latest, brought along to the **first meeting on Tuesday 3rd September in the large hall.** We look forward to seeing you all!

### First Holy Communion 2024/25 NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY

Catechism sessions for children in **NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY** will commence in September 2024.

If your child will be moving into **School Year 3 ONLY** this September, we invite you to email the parish office to register your interest.

**The first catechism session/welcome evening will be on Tuesday, 10th September at 6pm in the Large Hall.** Sessions thereafter will be on Tuesdays, term time only from 6 - 6.45pm in the Large Hall.

### SPUC APPEAL - 2 CHILD BENEFIT CAP

The two child benefit cap targets the poor and vulnerable. Please help mothers to choose life and overturn the cruel and punitive two-child benefit cap by signing the petition/cards in the church porch.

**For Collection:** UCM, Marilyn Beecham

**Baptism certificates:** COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (August) Readers (September/October)