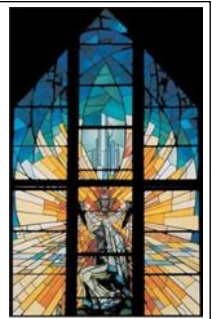




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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18th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 143 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

When Jesus asked for the coin, he realized his challengers were asking him to make a choice. Did he publicly side with the religious idealism of the Pharisees who resisted Rome? Or, did Jesus side with the accommodating Herodians who saw relations with Rome as the only way to prosper moving forward? If he agreed with the Pharisees, the Herodians could charge him with revolution against the Romans. If he agreed with the Herodians, the Pharisees could charge him with idolatry. He had a hard choice of priorities. Or, did he? When Jesus asked for the image and the title on the coin, he made the Pharisees and the Herodians face up to the choice they gave him. Idealism or reality? Jesus cracked the ideology of both groups with a single answer. Give all to God, but give Caesar his due. In other words, live the ideal life the best you can. But, do live in the real world. Religious decisions apply the ideal to real world situations, not an exercise of the ideal in spite of the real world. By taking a position in the middle, by stressing the personal responsibility of religious action, Jesus placed the onus of action back on the Pharisees and the Herodians. The ideal and the real are not mutually exclusive.



Mass Intentions This Week

17 October: Saturday
SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
10:00 John Devereux RIP
18:00 All Parishioners ~ +

18 October: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
08:30 Ern & Win Foster & Emilio Cicco RIP ~
10:00 Tom Higgins RIP ~ +
11:30 Keith Osborne RIP ~

19 October: Monday
10:00 80th Birthday Wishes for Mariam Joseph

20 October: Tuesday
10:00 Speedy Recovery of Uche Eddy Igwe

21 October: Wednesday
10:00 Bennie Dowd RIP

22 October: Thursday
10:00 Deceased Members of the
Fernandes & D'Costa Families RIP
19:30 Richard Green RIP

23 October: Friday
10:00 Mick Gill RIP

24 October: Saturday
10:00 Josephine Moran RIP
18:00 Nora, Paddy & John Walsh RIP +

25 October: THIRTIETH SUNDAY
08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 Martha & Abraham Pereira RIP
11:30 Mrs Mariama Sebastian RIP

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 19th at 8pm (PRC)
RCIA: Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm (PRC) *The Sacrament of the Eucharist*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 668.30
Loose cash	£ 612.37
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2620.67

~ With Food Bank Sunday
+ With Baptism

*** 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

This week there will be a Diocesan collection for **World Mission Sunday**.
Next week there will be an ACC collection for **Barnabas Aid**.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Lauren Horwood, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Mervat Nasri, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade, Mary-Jane Watson, Michael Bowen & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Mary Morrissey, Mary Connolly, Laila Tambini, Mary Feeney, Laurence Ellis, Nellie King, Bernadette Petts, John Brogan, John Daly, Bianca Buchhaus, Margaret Linnane, Sheila Braim, John Walsh, James Clancy, Kathleen Brandon, Aileen Talbot, Veronica Locke, George Pichery, Merlyn O'Connell, Margaret Mary Gibbs, Barbara Stevens, Kenneth Nicholas, Richard Schenk, Anna Schalck, Mary Ann Fowler, Anthony Brunson, Maisie Wyatt, Abina Martin, Sophie Jones, Frank Congerton

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

18th October: Glen Flynn

25th October: The Duets

2nd November: Cross Keys

8th November: Frank Nelson

15th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens

22nd November: Kieran White

29th November: TR Dallas

6th December: Theresa Rodgers

- **Mayo Celebration: Green & Red Night** on Sunday, 25th October from 7:30pm. Mayo officially ended their 75-year drought by winning the All-Ireland Football Final in July. We will celebrate their victory with entertainment from Kathleen & Tommy Moran - The Duets.

- **Dancing with the Stars** on Friday 30th October - an evening of Fun Dancing: Jives, Slosh, Set Dancing & Waltzes; **Entertainment with Anton. All proceeds to the Crystal Palace for Life Foundation** - supporting young people in South London. Admission will be £5.00; call into the Social Club on a Sunday evening to reserve a Ticket.

- Jiving sessions are returning: J & M will be facilitating Jiving Sessions in the Hall on Sundays, 8th & 15th November commencing at 5:00pm. For more information, call **Della Reilly on 07403 227935**.

- **The Other Guys'**, leading tributes to **Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons**; takes place on Friday, 13th November. All members of the Group trained at one of the UK's most prestigious Theatre Schools "The Guildford School of Acting" and regularly perform in various West End productions. Admission will be by **TICKET ONLY. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle and/or Auction**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Anerley ACROSS; a charity which will take a party of disabled people to Lourdes in June.

To reserve Tickets for this event, call **Ben Cahill - 07958 903410**

RECENT DEATH & FUNERAL ARRANGMENT

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Sebastian Keen**. His funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's** on **Wednesday 28th October at 11am**. Please remember his family in your prayers at this time and may he *Rest In Peace*.

THE UCM: Would like to thank all who supported their charity quiz night. Thanks to your generosity we raised **£1234** for Croydon Nightwatch!

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Many thanks for the wonderful generosity of your parish last weekend, in supporting our mission. A total of **£1,646** was donated to the charity.

Please do sign up to receive our news by either mailing in the response form on the leaflets left in the Church or online at www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/register

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Lady's Ascent Group has been meeting regularly for more than 23 years. It now meets on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays each month in the Small Hall after 10am Mass. We start with tea/coffee etc at about 10.45 and each month we try to invite a Speaker to help us share and inspire us in our Catholic Faith. **Anyone interested in updating an understanding of what we believe and increasing your relationship with Jesus, is most welcome.**

On Tuesday 13th Deacon Sean had us read from Holy Scripture, especially from Saints Luke and Matthew; all relating to 'The Annunciation'. In describing Church Teaching and the social and religious background of the times, he encouraged a lot of questions and answered them in considerable detail. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th when Fr. Cajetan will be our guest Speaker.**

ST JOSEPH'S PEREGRINATION 2/5/26 - 13/3/27

If you would like to participate in our Peregrination, please sign up on the list in the porch. Kindly leave your name and phone number.

INTERESTED IN SINGING OR PLAYING IN CHURCH?

Please see page 3 of this newsletter online on our website.

**** TICKETS NOW ON SALE ****

PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS DINNER DANCE

Saturday 7th November in the large hall

Glass of fizz on arrival

2 course meal

Same brilliant band as last year!

Bar

Tickets £38

To secure your place please contact **Marie Tross 07774 643159**

GOLDEN PENNIES

Kindly bring your full jar of pennies and take away an empty jar to fill and return at the end of November. *Nike*.

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

All interested parishioners are invited to our next meeting, **TODAY Sunday 18th October at 12.45pm** (after the 11.30am Mass) in the **PRC room**. Discussions will focus mainly on further activities. Thanks and see you there. Kind regards, *Sylvia*.

A DAY WITH MARY: Is taking place at **here at Our Lady's** on **Saturday 31st October** (9.45am to 5.00pm).

Please pick up a flyer in the porch for more information.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING TRAINING WITH WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Do you have a listening ear?

Do you have a desire to help others?

Do you have spare time?

Then please consider joining our 50-hour bereavement training course.

Commences **Monday 18th January 2027**

Course Fee **£350**

Please email: wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk

For an information pack

LOST PROPERTY

Please note that the shelves at the back of the church where all lost property is deposited, **will be cleared in the coming weeks**.

Please check and see if anything belongs to you before it's too late!

ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB: For years 7 -10 of secondary school, in the large hall. To find out more & register interest please email: aycouthclub11@gmail.com

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for **years 1 to 'A' level**

On **Sundays** in **Our Lady's small hall** between **1 - 5pm**.

£25 p/h for years 1 - 9 £30 p/h for GCSE & A Level

To register your interest please contact:

Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009

SAFEGUARDING: It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding info can be found on the Diocesan website: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Joanna Murphy - Addicombeds@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Clare George - addiscombesgl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES!

We have Baptism certificates dating back more than 5 years, that are yet to be collected. If you are applying to a faith school, you will need to present this certificate. Please contact the parish office to pick up this important document as soon as possible! **Many thanks.**

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (October)

Readers: (Nov/Dec)

AN INVITATION TO SING OR PLAY

Those who attend the 8.30am Mass on Sundays know that we generally have an organist to lead the sung worship.

That rôle is taken at other Masses by groups from within the congregation; twice a month each, the 10 o'clock is accompanied by the Cecilians and the Music Group. At 11.30, Jacqueline leads from the piano with a small group of singers.

None of these “units” requires anyone to pass a test, an audition if you like – all you need is a commitment that you’ll attend when you can, and a degree of enthusiasm that says “when you can” means “as often as I possibly can”. This applies to musicians, too; young people have started playing in church from age six; we hope that the experience helped with their musical development as they went through school/college and into the big, wide world. At least two past members are now professionals ...

This is an invitation to turn up at your usual Mass and see if sitting and singing (or playing) with the singers and musicians is indeed for you. You will be more than welcome and can find out rehearsal details, and how each group works, before deciding that, yes, this is for you; yes, you believe that you *can* assist with the leading of the sung worship; and yes, the members of the group are welcoming ‘cos they remember their first time coming to the group.

Contact details are shown on the “Music at Mass” tab inside the “Our Parish” tab on the church’s website (Addiscombecatholicchurch.com) – we all look forward to welcoming you.

