



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

**18th December 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent (page 90 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A**

The visit of Mary to Elizabeth was not a mere coincidence. It was a well thought plan of God, which was executed at the appropriate time. This season, God has planned to honour each one of us personally with a divine visit. This visit is not by accident. Rather, it is a well planned visit. He knows the way to where we live, he knows our house number, he knows the number of our flat, and he knows exactly the number of our room. He comes quickly to visit us personally in order to bring about some remarkable changes in our lives.

This season my brothers and sisters, what we are about to have is a divine visitation and encounter with the child Jesus. This encounter will fill us with the Holy Spirit who will empower us as he empowered Elizabeth. This divine encounter with Christ will bring us transformation and it will provoke peace and greater joy in our hearts as it did for Elizabeth and the child in her womb. We need to be open and expectant as these two female heroes of our faith.

Finally, soon and very soon, we shall hear a knock at our door, and hear the voice of Mary the new arc of the covenant bearing the divine child. They are close to us. So let us dot all our "Is", and cross all our "Ts" in our hearts and minds in order to receive them, so that our joy may be complete this season. As we wait for our divine visitation and encounter this season, let us implore the Lord: "God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved."



**\*\*\* PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE \*\*\***

Please note that the Parish office be closed from Friday 23rd December until Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 17 December: Saturday

10:00 Granny Anne RIP  
18:00 Andy & Nuala Fox RIP ~

### 18 December:

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 Kathy Attwater RIP ~  
10:00 Joan McHugh RIP ~ #  
11:30 George Hennessy RIP ~

### 19 December: Monday

10:00 Josephine Seemampillai RIP

### 20 December: Tuesday

10:00 John Devereux RIP  
19:30 *Advent Reconciliation Service*

### 21 December: Wednesday

10:00 Patricia Harley RIP

### 22 December: Thursday

10:00 Martin Fernandez RIP  
19:30 Mr K Somasundaram RIP

### 23 December: Friday

10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

### 24 December: Saturday

10:00 Thanksgiving for The Soumahoro Family

#### CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

18:00 Margot Evans RIP  
23:30 All Parishioners

### 25 December: SUNDAY

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

08:30 Eileen Cheshire RIP  
10:00 Deceased Members Of The Heskin & Sweeney Families  
11:30 Maria Morris RIP

~ *With Foodbank Sunday*  
# *With Uniformed Groups*

## MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 20th at 8pm (PRC)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 12pm  
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### CHURCH CLEANING

22nd DECEMBER - TEAM C

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 272.30
Loose cash	£ 408.20
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1820.50</b>

**\*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\***

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

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Barnabas Aid* amounted to £201.50. Many thanks. The *Christmas Day* collection is your personal offering to Fr Keith & Fr Jackson. Special envelopes are available in the porch. Those on the Gift Aid scheme should use their designated envelope for Christmas Day. **CRIB OFFERINGS** will be given to The Friends of the Holy Land & The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Southwark Crisis Fund.

*We pray for the sick in our Parish:* Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Kevin Moynihan, Baby Noah, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:* Norah Everest, Dennis Godfree, George Fowler, Paddy O'Connor, Rosaleen Jamieson, Mary White, Isabella Rees, May Lally, George Hennessy, Andrew Fox, Helen Smyth, 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, Mary L. Conway, Ruby D'Souza, Celso Donsion, Ellen Clarke

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

18th December: Kieran White

1st January: New Year Party with Ally Harron & Marian Curry

8th January: Kieran White

15th January: Theresa Rodgers

22nd January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

29th January: Cross Keys

5th February: Finbar & Paul

12th February: Kieran White

- There will be a **Ceili Night (Sets, Jives & Waltzes)** on Friday, 13th January commencing at 7.30pm. Admission will be £12.00.

### RECENT DEATHS

We are sad to announce the sudden deaths of **Christine Brooks** and **Michael Cafferkey**.

**Michael** was buried in Ireland this week, but there will be a Memorial Mass for him here at **Our Lady's** on **Saturday 14th January at 4pm**. All are welcome to attend.

Details of **Christine's** funeral will follow shortly.

Please keep Michael, Christine and their families in your prayers at this difficult time and may their gentle souls **Rest In Peace**.

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED!:** To join the choir at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The more voices the merrier!

**There will be a practice of all the hymns and carols on Friday 23rd December at 10.30am** (after the weekday Mass).

All are welcome to join us, so please come along!

### \*\*\* CONFIRMATION 2022 CERTIFICATES \*\*\*

Are now available for collection from the parish office.

**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER 1-4pm:** For our **Welderlies Festive Cheer** in Our Lady's large hall! Delicious food, drink, and Christmas themed quiz and raffle. Sing carols, enjoy the fun in good company and dancing music.

Call or text Sylvia **07870 508790**

### OUR LADY'S PENNY JARS

Thank you to all parishioners who have been collecting pennies over the past few months!

I am delighted to tell you that our pennies amounted to £115. At Christmas we give this for hot Christmas meals for the homeless and elderly or vulnerable.

May I also add thanks to our young parishioner Natalia, and to Adrian for counting all the pennies.

Many thanks everyone and Happy Christmas! Nike.

**ALL PARISHIONER MASSES:** It may have come to your attention recently, that we have not held an 'All Parishioners' Mass every weekend, as is usual. Unfortunately this is due to the number of funerals being held, meaning that other Mass intentions have been moved to accommodate them. In the short term we have used the 'All Parishioners' Masses to pray for those displaced intentions.

### JOB VACANCY

St Mary Magdalene with St Martins in Addiscombe is looking for an experienced Deputy manager for a permanent position in their preschool, term time only, (subject to a 6-month probation period). Full details are on a poster in the porch.

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS:** A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one. Thanks for your continued support in hosting these events.

**Items for collection:** B Cronin, M A McGuigan, H Carmichael J Coleman, N Vas, S Turner

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

**Rotas:** Readers (Christmas & Jan/Feb) Eucharistic Ministers (December)

## Christmas at Our Lady's

### Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm

### Christmas Eve Mass

6pm & 11.30pm

### Christmas Day Mass

8.30am, 10am & **11.30am**

## O come, let us adore Him

### THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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**We invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities**

Please see link below for this week's Universe Catholic Weekly.

<https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/december-2022/UNIVERSE-09-DECEMBER-2022.pdf>

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL - JOB VACANCIES

**St Chad's Catholic Primary School** are looking to appoint Teaching Assistants. Please visit our website for more details on the role and application forms - [www.stchadsprimaryschool.com](http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.com) - closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Please phone 020 8771 3470 to arrange a visit to the school.

St. Chad's is a popular and successful inner city Catholic primary school, graded GOOD by OFSTED (Sept 2018). We are a happy, caring, two-form entry school. We celebrate the rich diversity of our multicultural community and are committed to providing a safe and inclusive learning environment. Our children are keen to learn and we enjoy supportive parents and a highly professional, creative team of teaching and support staff.

**Laleham Lea School** are seeking to appoint a Deputy Head teacher for our school with effect from the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 / 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Please visit <https://lalehamlea.co.uk/about-us/staff-vacancies/> for more information or contact Mrs Strachan [sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk) or telephone 0208 660 3351 for an application pack. *The Governing Body & the Diocese are committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of children & young persons, & the Head Teacher ensures that the highest priority is given to following the guidance & regulations to safeguard children & young persons. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an Enhanced DBS Disclosure and reference checks.*

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

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the Large 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.

**10th January:** we will be looking at the Gospel reading for the day.