



# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

## 18th February 2018 1st Sunday in Lent (page 148 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

When we think of temptations, we tend to think of sexual sins, telling lies, losing our tempers, gossiping about people's (imagined) faults, getting angry, feeling resentment and the like. But the really dangerous temptations are to want material wealth for its own sake (the ability to turn anything into money ['bread']), to want status (everyone looks up to me), and power (I can manipulate people and things for my own ends).

These are dangerous because they reduce other people and even the material world to things that can be used purely for my personal gain. They are dangerous because they create a world and a society in which everyone has to compete to get as much for themselves as they can. In such a rat race world, a minority corners to itself a disproportionate amount of the world's goods while the majority is left without what they need. Above all, such people are dangerous because they can create the prevailing laws of the society in which we live. They believe that undiluted happiness comes with winning millions in the lottery. They believe that the ownership of what they have acquired is absolute. But there is no absolute ownership of anything.

The world, the Kingdom that Jesus came to build, has a different set of values altogether. And it is those values we seek to rediscover and embrace in our hearts during Lent. Many Christians are chasing the idols of wealth, status and power just as fanatically as those for whom life is no more than the short number of years we have in this world. They are not the way to Jesus, they are not the way to the Kingdom, nor indeed are they the way to a fully human, fully satisfying life for anyone in the here and now.

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### Lent Prose

"Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
 For we have sinned against thee."

### Gospel Acclamation

"Lord we praise you, Christ we give you glory.  
 Glory and praise to you, Word of God."

### Bidding Prayers.

"O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me.  
 O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me."

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 17 February: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service  
 18:00 Jim Stewart RIP \*

### 18 February:

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 John Wren RIP \*  
 10:00 Prince Adeyera Adeyemo \* ~  
 12:00 All Parishioners \*

### 19 February: Monday

10:00 Bridget Mary Watts RIP

### 20 February: Tuesday

10:00 Martina Oseni RIP

### 21 February: FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Hilda Margaret Maguire RIP

### 22 February: Thursday

10:00 Intentions of Briege & Harry Sweeney

### 23 February: Friday

10:00 Martha Sam Vu RIP

### 24 February: Saturday

10:00 FUNERAL MASS Monica Grant RIP  
 18:00 Zena Marshall RIP

### 18 February:

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners + #  
 10:00 Marcos Noronha RIP #  
 12:00 Robin Davis RIP +

\* With Foodbank Sunday  
 ~ With Uniformed Groups  
 # With Children's Liturgy

### CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM C

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 526.55
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 661.74
S/Os	£ 975.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2163.29</b>

### COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **Poor Parishes** amounted to £728.51. Many thanks. This week there will be the monthly ACA collection for **Barnabus Fund**.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Steve Richer, José Fernandez, Dominic Audibert-Moloney

**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, George Kaazana, Denis Kelleher, Mary McDowell, George Paice, Edmund Claudius, Caroline Assey, Carol Ann Davey, Michael White, Tony Durkan, Jessie Mills, Marshall Henry Weetman, Gerard Chandler, Irene Rodrigues, Rose Childs, Mary Mann, Peter O'Flynn, Elizabeth Comber, Sian O'Hara, Kevin Sweeney, Brian Linnane, Kathleen Milmoie, Bartolomeo Argenziano

### SOCIAL CLUB

#### Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 18th February: Tom Healy  
Sunday, 25th February: Eugene Doonan  
Sunday, 4th March: First appearance of *Theresa Rodgers*  
Sunday, 11th March: Finbar & Bernie

Tickets for the *Ceili & Social Dancing* on Friday, 23rd February are now available in the Church Hall. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Children's Ward at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

There will be two events for the St Patrick's weekend. On Friday, 16th March there will be the annual *Bacon & Cabbage Dinner and Dance*; tickets at £12.00 each are now available in the Church Hall. On Sunday, 18th March, *Ally Harron & Marion Curry* will provide the entertainment. During the evening, there will be presentations to *St Christopher's Hospice* and the *Woodside Bereavement Counselling Service* with proceeds from recent fundraising events.

*Coming soon* .....

*The Beatles and Elvis Tribute Night* on Friday, 13th April  
*Strictly Come Dancing* on Friday, 18th May

**LENTEN STUDY GUIDE "WALK WITH ME"**: Is available at the back of church. It contains daily readings and reflections to help mark the season.

The children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion are to receive a colourful poster calendar for Lent, with a question, prayer or suggestion for each day, in the same way helping them to mark this holy and joyful season.

#### 'ANOTHER STORY MUST BEGIN' by Jonathan Meyer

Is an original lent course based on the Victor Hugo novel, *Les Misérables*. The course starts with the showing of the film on **18th February at 6pm**. Through discussion of some of the themes and principal characters of this epic narrative, the course explores the grace of God, alongside our fallen state and opportunities for redemption. It asks us to reassess what we can do with our lives, both for ourselves and for those around us.

The film and all further sessions - Tuesdays in Lent (20th, & 27th February and 6th, 13th & 20th Mar) at 1.30pm and 7.30pm - will be held at **St. George's Church, Elstan Way, Shirley CR0 7QJ**.

Hope to see you there!

#### NURSE REQUIRED FOR ANERLEY ACROSS CHARITY

Nurse required for Anerley Across Charity, for their Lourdes Pilgrimage in June 2018. Dates are Thursday 7th to Saturday 16th.

If interested please ring **Ben Cahill** for more details **07958 903410**

Also, if you would like to join our **200 Club** please get in touch. **£5 a month**, with a draw every month.

£100 | First prize - Second £50 - Third £50

You can visit our website. **www.anerleyacross.org.uk**

#### CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

A Lifetime of Loving is the title of a day in which married couples with average/good marriages can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communications skills and the call of the Church to the married. The date is **Saturday 10th March** from **9.45am – 4.30pm**. The venue is Holy Cross School, New Malden in south west London.

Booking is essential! There is a suggested donation payable of £25.

More information from Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond on **020 8651 2477** or email **philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk**

### MEETINGS

**Ascent Group**: Tuesday 20th at 10.30am (Large Hall)

**SVP**: Tuesday 20th at 8pm (PRC)

**RCIA**: Stations of the Cross - Prayer

Wednesday 21st - 8pm start in the Church

**Refugee Support Group**: Thursday 22nd at 7.30pm (Small Hall)

### NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training of new servers (Year 4 & up) will begin at the end of the month. If you would like your child to participate, please attend the parents meeting on **Thursday 22nd February at 7pm** in the church. Notices with training dates will be available from the Parish office.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday 2nd March 2018 at 7.30pm**

Everyone is warmly invited to attend and take part in this lovely service in our Church and share in this worldwide day of prayer. This year the theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!'. **Can those who have already volunteered to take part, please collect their envelopes with all the details, from the sacristy corridor.**

Any one who would like to be involved is asked to contact **Anne Barcellos** on **0208 656 2687** or by e-mail on **anne.barcellos@btinternet.com** as soon as possible.

**K MENSAH**: Please ring the Parish office - 8654 1709. Thank you.

### LENTEN MASSES IN CUH

There will be a Mass every **MONDAY** during Lent at **12 noon** in the hospital chapel.

### RECYCLING

We are no longer able to recycle computer cartridges. Many charities, such as St. Christopher's Hospice Charity Shop in Addiscombe High Street, accept cartridges. We currently recycle small batteries. Would another parishioner be able to take on this small task?

Please contact **Chris Sciberras** on **020 8654 6150**

**CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRESENT**: Natural fertility - An introduction. Friday 23rd February, 7.30pm, at St John the Baptist Church Hall, 48 Dale Road Purley, CR8 2EF. Come along and find out more about how natural fertility fits into everyday life.

### FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

**14th March 2018** celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. **£599** per person sharing. Contact Patricia anytime on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email **knockpilgrimages@gmail.com**. See the poster in the porch.

### USED ENGLISH AND FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS

The number of used stamps left for my collection has been exceptional this year. May I thank you for your support and although I expect the numbers to drop off now, please continue to collect, placing the stamps in the labelled box on the counter in the porch. When removing stamps from the envelopes please remember to leave a border of at least half a centimetre. Those received which are too close to, or on the perforation, can often not be used.

Old stamp albums and foreign coins are also welcome. Please telephone me to arrange collection. **David Warner** 8654 5918

### ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT DEMENTIA?

Here at Our Lady's on **Monday 5th March at 7.30pm** in the **Large Hall**, there will be a talk and discussion about spotting the first signs of dementia and what we can do about them. Refreshments and cash bar available. All are welcome.

For more details contact: **John Woodhouse 07908 888586 (Text)**

**Items for collection**: John & Megan McKee, C Buxton, Sr Celia, Fiona Lobo, S Stone, M Menezes, S Wachuku-King  
**Bapt Certs**: Tusiime Kabalega, Loubao, Ssebanakitta, Lyons, Graham  
**Rotas**: Repository (February-April)