Our Lady of the Annunciation

19th February 2017  Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 139 of Parish Mass Book)  YEAR A

When Jesus talks about ‘the enemy’ he is talking about someone who is close to us, who is making life difficult for us, not necessarily referring to an enemy in war.

The enemy can arouse hatred in us. When we discover our capacity to hate and harm, it is very humbling. We discover perhaps that the enemy is not outside us but inside us. Our enemies are not those who hate us but those whom we hate.

In Leviticus, the commandment ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself’ is restricted to fellow-Israelites. Here in the gospel Jesus broadens it to include everyone, enemies as well as friends. His disciples are to love as God loves.

Loving those within one’s group is merely a natural and universal human trait. It does not distinguish the Christian from the non-Christian. What makes the disciples of Christ different from other people is their ability to love even their enemies. In this they are imitating the Father’s love. He shows equal love towards good and bad, because he loves without limit. We imitate his generosity by not exercising vengeance, or bearing a grudge against another.

To love an enemy goes clean contrary to human nature. Only God can help us to love in the way Christ asks us to love. God loves his children unconditionally. He loves them not because they are good, but because he is good. Loving one’s enemy is to allow him/her to be themselves and not try to turn them into copies of ourselves.
ROTA:

BAPT CERTS:

ITEMS FOR COLLECTION:

February

GO should please contact the school office by come back and join in with the celebrations.

Afterwards. All old pupils, families and staff are warmly invited to school hall at 9.30am. Starting at 10.30am. All welcome. Refreshments available.

ST CHAD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Next month St Chad’s Primary School celebrates it’s 40th year! On 2nd March there will be tours of the school for old students and staff, starting at 9.30am, followed by a Mass in the school hall at 10.30am. Refreshments will be available afterwards. All old pupils, families and staff are warmly invited to come back and join in with the celebrations. Anyone hoping to go should please contact the school office by Friday 24th February on 020 8771 3470.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 21st at 8pm (PRC)
RCIA: What is Lent? Wednesday 22nd at 8pm (PRC)
Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesday 22nd at 7.30pm
J&P Group Meeting: Wednesday 22nd at 8pm
Parish Council: Thursday 23rd at 8pm

JOIN THE 5th ADDISCOMBE RAINBOWS!

If your daughter is age 5 and would like to join our unit, please contact us. We meet on a Wednesday from 5 - 6pm in the small hall.

07802 702533 (Tracey) or 07931 588571 (Elisa)

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR AN IMMEDIATE START

28TH CROYDON SCOUT GROUP

FAMILY BINGO EVENING

Saturday 1st April 2017 - in the Large Hall
7pm for 7.30pm start.

Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5’s free)
Reserve your place by calling Andrea on 07952 664224.

A TALK FOR THE PARISH FROM THE REFUGEE SUPPORT NETWORK

Tuesday 14th March 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the Small Hall

How can our parish help refugees? Hannah Elwyn from Refugee Support Network will give a short talk on the UK refugee situation and lead a discussion on what we can do to help? Open to all parishioners, and could all parish groups send along a representative please.

THE VOCATION OF HEALTHCARE:

MAKING PEOPLE WHOLE

The Catholic Medical Association Kent Branch is holding meetings in Chislehurst and Canterbury in March. Please visit their website www.catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/events or see the poster at the back of Church.

Chislehurst meeting: Friday 10th March at 7.30pm
St Mary the Virgin 28 Crown Lane BR7 5PL

ICTIAC PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesday 1st March 7.30 - 9.15pm
New Life Christian Centre, 5 Cairo New Rd Croydon

There will also be an ICTIAC Prayer Room open at New Life that week. Anyone is welcome to come along and pray in that room.

Tuesday 28th February 10am - 10pm
Wednesday 1st March 10am - 6pm
Thursday 2nd March 10am - 10pm

LENTEN Masses at

CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel of Croydon University Hospital on Ash Wednesday (1st March) and every MONDAY during Lent at 12 noon. All are most welcome.

Items for collection: O Fernandes, C Schierras, Sr Celia, P Winston, 1st Rainbows, M Hewish, J & P Group
Bapt Cert: Cadar, Dickson, Waton, Mitchell, Kelly x 2, Wojcicka-Konas, Low, Muchenje
Rotas: Repository (Feb - April)