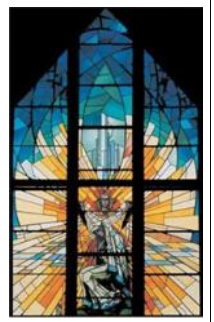




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

**19th February 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 139 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A**

Today's Gospel looks at this virtue of meekness. A person is said to be meek when he or she is at once strong and gentle. Sometimes another person's aggression is too hurtful and the best we can do is to admit our inability to cope. We distance ourselves from the aggression. We know we are being weak but there doesn't seem to be any other way. At other times we put up a fight and give as well as we get. On such occasions we may even feel strong and assertive, but it is a risky strategy and can cause a lot of hurt to the other person as well as to ourselves. Jesus shows us another way to respond where we neither run away in weakness nor treat our attacker with the same kind of nastiness with which he or she is treating us. Jesus shows us how to be strong by standing our ground and not letting evil have its way unchallenged, while at the same time responding gently and with love. This is called meekness and we can learn it from him who is 'meek and humble of heart'.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE **DO NOT** DOUBLE PARK IN THE CAR PARK  
 OR ON THE CHURCH DRIVEWAY - EVER!  
 IT IS HAZARDOUS TO ALL PARISHIONERS  
 AND IMPEDES EMERGENCY VEHICLES.  
 THANK YOU!

### CHANT:

Spirit of God, show me Jesus.  
 Remove the darkness, let truth shine through.  
 Spirit of God, show me Jesus,  
 Reveal the fullness of His love to me.

### MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 21st at 10.30am (Large Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 21st at 8pm (PRC)



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
 Fridays 10.30am - 12pm  
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 23rd FEBRUARY - TEAM D

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 335.13
Loose cash	£ 340.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1815.13</b>

### Mass Intentions This Week

- 18 February: Saturday**  
 10:00 Barbara & Francis Fernandez RIP  
 18:00 Anthony Harman RIP\*
- 19 February: SEVENTH SUNDAY**  
 08:30 Jose Pereira RIP \*  
 10:00 Bina Bowen RIP Anniversary \* ~  
 11:30 David Shrimpton RIP \*
- 20 February: Monday**  
 10:00 Wellbeing of Derek & Nell Bentley & Marie-Line Brackin
- 21 February: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Gloria Brown RIP
- 22 February: Wednesday**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 10:00 Michael & Margot (RIP) Evans  
 Wedding Anniversary  
 19:30 Christopher Mackey RIP
- 23 February: Thursday FUNERAL MASS**  
 10:00 Veronica Kearsley RIP  
 19:30 Nora Beck RIP
- 24 February: Friday**  
 10:00 James Brady RIP
- 25 February: Saturday**  
 10:00 Martha Sam Vu RIP  
 18:00 Zena Marshall RIP
- 26 February: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 08:30 All Parishioners #  
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Jose & the Pinto Fam #  
 11:30 Pauline & Terry Maguire RIP

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

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

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

### COLLECTIONS

Last week's second collection for **British Red Cross (Ukraine)** amounted to £745.00. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for **Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal**. Next week there will be a second collection for **The Clergy Support Fund** (please see note overleaf).

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Kevin Moynihan, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Sr Felicite, Agnes O'Dwyer, Sarah Wright, Dr. Iolo Williams, Irene Griffiths, Sr Mary Cecilia, John DeCaestecker, Eric Houston, Margaret Lock, George Kaazana, Denis Kelleher, Mary McDowell, George Paice, Edmund Claudius, Caroline Assey, Carol Ann Davey, Gerry Marcelle, Bina Bowen, Michael White, Tony Durkan, Marshall Henry Weetman, Jessie Mills, Gerard Chandler, Irene Rodrigues, Rose Childs, Mary Mann, Peter O'Flynn, Elizabeth Comber, Sian O'Hara, Kevin Sweeney, Brian Linnane, Kathleen Milmoie, Bartolomeo Argenziano, Baby Alexander Partridge, Hanora Daly, Immacolata Di Meo, Antonietta Catley, Michael Grogan, Anne Rogers, Inocencia Fernandes

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

19th February: The Foot Tappers

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

5th March: Finbar & Paul

12th March: Frank Nelson with the *Keady Academy of Irish Dance*

19th March: Glen Flynn

26th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

2nd April: Pat Jordan

9th April: Shawn Cuddy

- *Gaelic Football Taster Sessions* for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs will commence on Wednesday, 1st February at Trinity School from 5.45pm and concluding at 7.00pm. The sessions will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- *Jiving Classes* take place on Sunday afternoons from 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Large Hall; the sessions would be ideal for both experienced dancers & beginners.

- Our *St Patrick's Celebrations* will commence with a *Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance* on Friday, 10th March. Entertainment will be by *Barry Doyle & His Band*. All proceeds from this event will be given to *the Anerley ACROSS Charity*. To reserve tickets at £15.00 each, please contact Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

### RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the sudden unexpected death of *Simon Nolan* (husband of Philomena). Funeral arrangements will be published shortly. Please keep Philomena and the whole family in your prayers at this difficult time. May he *Rest In Peace*.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS IN CUH

There will be Mass at 12 noon on Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February) with distribution of ashes, in the Hospital Chapel.

*All are most welcome.*

Please note – this is the only Mass during Lent in the Hospital Chapel this year.

### CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

### BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

How to get the marriage you want out of the marriage you have. This Saturday morning online course on February 18th is aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to improve their relationship further and gain insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no personal sharing between couples.

Contact Carole on [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) or phone 07983 524 727.

### THE GREAT BOOK SALE!

**Saturday 11th March, 10am - 4pm Shirley Methodist Church**

Good quality paperbacks, hardbacks, children's books, CDs, Records and DVDs. (No VHS thanks) gratefully received - drop off at Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon Rd on Wednesday morning 10am - 12pm.

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

*Items for collection: H Carmichael*

*Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE*

*Rotas: Readers (Jan/Feb) Eucharistic Ministers (Feb)*

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 7pm

A big THANK YOU to all who kindly volunteered to play roles for this service. The programme will now be finalised and annotated service booklets can be collected by volunteers from the Sacristy next weekend.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to be part of a huge wave of prayer circling the earth for 38 hours beginning at dawn in Western Samoa and closing at dusk in American Samoa. A collection will be made for WDP during the service and there will be light refreshments after. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any queries, please contact Anne on [anne.barcellos@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.barcellos@btinternet.com)

### VERONICA KEARSLEY RIP - 23rd February 10am

If you are able to bring a donation along to the reception in the hall, please sign up on the sheet in the porch, leaving your name and what you are bringing. *Many thanks for your support as always.*

### UCM - ZUMBA GOLD CLASS

**Wednesday 1st March 8pm in the Large Hall - £5 entry**

Zumba Gold is a lower-intensity version of the typical Zumba class, aimed at older adults. All parishioners are invited to attend.

### 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.

**21st Feb:** Part 2 - Beloved Disciples video "Changing Your World"

**7th March:** Part 3 - Beloved Disciples video "Thy Will Be Done"

**21st March:** Part 4 of the Video "The Best Is Yet To Come"

### ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP

Would like to invite you for a day of healing and prayer at Our Lady's on Saturday 25th February from 10am until 4pm. The programme will begin with Eucharistic celebration followed by rosary, Holy wounds novena, adoration, confession, healing prayer and praise and Worship. Come and encounter the Lord who forgives all our iniquities.'

### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

**St James the Great Catholic Primary School, Thornton Heath**

For full details & application forms visit: [www.stjamesthegreat.org](http://www.stjamesthegreat.org)

### CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.

In 2022, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1.33 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be generous today with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you!

Donate Online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>

Telephone Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504

Cash / Cheque –

(please use the Clergy Support Fund envelopes at the back of church)

### THE REAL EASTER EGG

**Save postage, promote a real, Christian, Easter**

For full details of this offer, see the poster in the porch, read page 3 of this newsletter on the website or contact Andy on 020 8777 4840

## THE REAL EASTER EGG – A BULK ORDER

The Real Easter Egg Company is again offering several choices of fair-trade Easter eggs this year, each of which marks Easter in a special way. A Christian company, they believe in saying that Easter isn't just a time for buying chocolate, it's a reason to stop and think about why we have Easter (and Easter eggs) at all.

By buying in bulk, we will avoid the postage associated with individual purchases – these eggs are not going to be available in supermarkets – and you have until early March to place your order through the parish.

The choices are:

- The Dark Chocolate egg, with a 24-page Easter story-activity book, a prize competition and a 150gm smooth super-thick dark chocolate egg – at £5.50
- A milk chocolate “Original” egg with a 24-page Easter story-activity book, a prize competition and a 150gm milk chocolate egg – at £4.50
- The Special Edition has a simple guide to Easter, a designer Easter card, an Easter blessing milk chocolate bar (80gm) and a luxury milk chocolate egg (200gm) – at £9.99
- A Sharing Box containing 30 Belgian chocolate midi eggs (20gm each) and 30 Easter story activity posters – at £30.00
- A Fun Pack containing 6 milk chocolate midi eggs (20gm each) and an Easter story activity poster – at £5.00
- Easter Blessings bars featuring “The Resurrection” image by award-winning artist Martina Peluso – 80gm fair-trade milk chocolate – at £3.00



As well as being made from fair-trade ingredients, all are palm-oil free and plastic free, consistent with the company's concern for the environment.

Order via our Justice Peace & Integrity of Creation group – Andy Bebington will be placing a bulk order on 5 March and will happily arrange delivery of your order when it comes in.

Cash with order, please, either by cheque (payable to A Bebington) to 79 Shirley Way, Shirley CR0 8PL or credit AP & ME Bebington at 56-00-46 account 01038893. Please detail exactly what you want and give your address and phone number so that we can deliver your order in due course. If you have any queries, or want to confirm your order, Andy is at [andy.bebington@gmail.com](mailto:andy.bebington@gmail.com).