



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

19th April 2020 Second Sunday of Easter YEAR A

This Sunday in our Gospel we see Thomas struggling with the wound he bears, that of not being able to believe until he sees. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday when we are reminded after the Lord's resurrection that he went to the Cross to heal the wounds of our sins; our failings, our doubts and fears, as well as our obvious transgressions. From the Diary of Sr Faustina:

The greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice.

"From all My wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls. The flames of compassion burn Me. I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls. Speak to the whole world about My mercy."

Excerpted from Diary of Sr. M. Faustina Kowalska.



We will continue to livestream the 10am Mass each Sunday through our Facebook page. The link will also appear on our website under the LIVE MASSES tab.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 18 April: Easter Saturday**
10:00 Francis Dermody & Briget Dermody RIP
18:00 Elizabeth McCorry RIP
- 19 April: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
08:30 David Warner RIP
10:00 99th Birthday Wishes for Eileen O'Dowd
- 20 April: Monday**
10:00 Harold & Michael Sweeney RIP
- 21 April: Tuesday**
10:00 In Honour of the Holy Spirit
- 22 April: Wednesday**
10:00 Dec. Mem. of the Conlan Family RIP
- 23 April: Thursday SAINT GEORGE**
10:00 Anthony Simons RIP
19:30 Intentions of David Nott
- 24 April: Friday**
10:00 Liam Moylan RIP
- 25 April: Saturday**
10:00 Pat Shevlin RIP
18:00 Vivian & Alan Sorrell RIP
- 26 April: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
10:00 Thanksgiving for the Onichabor Family
12:00 James & Aggie Sweeney RIP

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

All second collections have ceased until public worship resumes. Please see the notice overleaf regarding the offertory.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Maria Walicka, Julia Hinchcliffe, Paul Geddes, Olivia Green, Amalorpava Rasanayagam, Kate Gladden, Henryka Starkowski, Mary Anderson, Harold Sweeney, Patrick Walsh, Joseph Brady, Maria Robinson, William Doherty, John Flanagan, Noel O'Dwyer, Bernard Kingman, Mary (Bernie) Nolan, Phyllis Mobsby, Lorelai Fisher, Daniel Harris, Denis Wells, Patrick Moorehead, Eve Emmanuel, Doris Pinto, Ellen Conroy, Rita Fido, Joe Garry, Norma Waddell

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club Committee, I hope that you are all safe and well!

Thank you to the Members of the Parish Community who have supported the *Hospital Heroes Fund at King's College Hospital*.

To date, almost £200,000.00 has been raised; these resources have been used to provide additional care, support, and well being for staff during this undeniably challenging time. In addition, the charity will also be supporting patients impacted by the pandemic, by providing equipment such as radios, personal DVD players, puzzles and games to entertain and distract patients who are isolated from receiving visits from their loved ones. They will also provide food hampers for patients who would otherwise be returning home to bare cupboards after being discharged from hospital.

The hospital are planning to launch a *virtual Grand Raffle* to raise additional resources for the above appeal. They are in need of prizes for the raffle such as restaurant vouchers, tickets for sports events, sporting merchandise, 4-Ball golf vouchers and tickets for concerts & the theatre. If you can help in anyway, please send an email to Pat Winston (patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk).

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. *No task is too small - please make contact.*

RECENT DEATHS

We are sad to announce the recent deaths of John McCaughey and Seamus Brady. Remembrance details for them both will follow. Our sympathies go out to their families at this very sad time. Please remember them both in your prayers.

OFFERTORY

We have had a number of people ask how to make their weekly offering to church during this time of lockdown. There are a couple of ways you can still do this....

- You can put the money you would normally place in the plate to one side each week, and when we are worshipping together again, hand it all in at once.

- If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme you can do the same with your filled envelopes, or drop them through our letterbox if passing.

- You might consider increasing your standing order at this difficult time for the church. *However if you do decide to do this PLEASE EITHER RING THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO ADVISE US OF IT.*

- If you do not have a standing order but wish to make a *ONE OFF DONATION* via online banking, again *please ring the parish office who can then provide you with the correct details and reference needed to do this.*

EASTER OFFERINGS FOR YOUR PRIESTS - Will be deferred to a date later in the year.

Many thanks for your continued support

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Sadly, as you may have guessed, due to the extended lockdown period First Holy Communion at Our Lady's in May, has been cancelled. Any further information about this situation will be posted on our website, as soon as we have it, so please keep a look out. Many thanks.

MARYHILL

Huge thanks to those who have already given their donation for Maryhill. For those who have not yet done so, *please be advised that you can still hand in your donation through the parish office or presbytery letterbox, (without need to make contact with anyone) and it will be banked in the usual manner.* Many thanks Angela Yates.

REFUGEE SUPPORT - COVID 19

A number of people kindly filled out standing order pledges to support the community sponsorship scheme. We wrote to you in February to let you know we intended to activate the standing orders in April and to use our new bank account. In recent weeks we had a short list of potential properties and were close to finalising on behalf of the family. The home office has now advised us not to enter into any property lease commitments for the time being due to Covid 19.

With this in mind, it would be wrong to take your standing order donations at this time. Consequently, we will defer activation of the standing orders until a later date; hopefully by the Summer.

Addiscombe Welcomes Refugees would like to thank everyone who has given support to this amazing cause and we look forward to resurrecting the project as soon as the home office give us the go ahead.

CAN THE SVP HELP YOU?

During this difficult time of lockdown, our SVP members are asking if you, or anyone you know of in the parish that might appreciate a phone call or two during the week? If so, please send your/their details to the SVP, by emailing noelmsvas@hotmail.com and they will be delighted to add them to their list. Don't be lonely!

PASSING ON THE FAITH

Parents have a lot more time with their children at the moment. So we felt it timely to offer a programme we have run in the past in several parishes but now, as an online service for families. This is a programme to help parents with a most important task, answering the following questions. What are the fundamental aspects of our faith which need to be there from day one? How can parents answer children's questions in a way that makes sense to them? Reflecting about God and about faith is of necessity an intimate, one-to-one activity, so this programme, aimed specifically at parents, starts with the existence of God, then moves on to Jesus and then to prayer (how to do it really well). Christian morality/ethics come later. There will be input, worksheets and discussions with others who have children of similar ages, over several online sessions. *For more details email Lisette Blanchet-Ball on mflse@rcaos.org.uk*