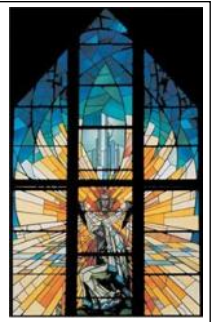




Our Lady of the Annunciation

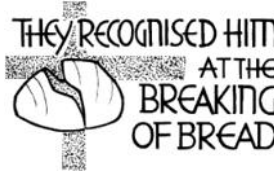


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The journey of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is a symbol of what happens each time we gather, as disciples of Jesus at the Eucharist, when we listen to the word of God in the scriptures, and Christ indeed opens our minds and hearts to his word, and when Christ breaks the bread for us and becomes present to us in this special way in the Eucharist. We, too, recognise Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Nothing complicated so far.

However, another very special aspect of the Emmaus journey is that the disciples are talking with a fellow traveller along the road and show hospitality to this person. Unknown to them, this person is Jesus himself. It's no coincidence that Jesus becomes present to them in the outsider, to whom they show hospitality, and with whom they break bread together. It's only then that their eyes are opened, and they recognise Jesus. If they had not shown hospitality to this person, if they'd let him go on his way, they may never have known who they were walking with and what he had to offer them. Jesus told us, 'what you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me', and again, 'Love God, love your neighbour as yourself.' So hospitality, community and service are completely interconnected in Jesus' kingdom. This weekend's gospel reminds us that Jesus is always with us, always there to encourage us and give us new hope.



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We are to congratulate our sister Sylvia, recognised on Wednesday for the immense work she does as a volunteer in Croydon. The episode in which she is honoured for her work will air on Sunday 31 May on "Songs of Praise." We remember in prayer all those in our parish community who, like Sylvia, are an inspiration to us in the way they give themselves in the service of others.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no newsletter for the weekend of 2nd/3rd May due to staff annual leave. If you have any important items for publication, please ensure they are received in the parish office by Wednesday 22nd April for inclusion in next weekend's newsletter. Many thanks.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 18 April: Saturday**
 10:00 Marie Griffin & Family
 18:00 Mr & Mrs Rasanayagam RIP ~
- 19 April: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 08:30 Kathy Attwater RIP (Birthday) ~
 10:00 Hellen Kassianou & Theresa Rowley RIP ~
 11:30 All Parishioners ~
- 20 April: Monday**
 10:00 Harold, Michael & Harry Sweeney RIP
- 21 April: Tuesday SAINT ANSELM**
 10:00 Birthday Wishes for Josie Shankey
- 22 April: Wednesday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 James Thacker RIP
- 23 April: Thursday SAINT GEORGE**
 10:00 Private Intentions
 19:30 Mike Dunphy RIP
- 24 April: Friday**
 10:00 James Brady RIP 6th Anniversary
- 25 April: Saturday SAINT MARK**
 10:00 Stanley & Stella Alby RIP
 18:00 Karen Walsh RIP 1st Anniversary
- 26 April: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 08:30 Kathleen McSharry RIP
 10:00 All Parishioners *
 11:30 Tony & Bernie Potter RIP +

- ~ With Foodbank Sunday
 * With Uniformed Groups
 + With Baptism

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 21st at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 731.98
Loose cash	£ 465.14
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2537.12

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS:

Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for *The Priest Training Fund*. Please see the note overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Casey, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Mary Jayawardena, Peggy Wall, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu, Paddy Ryan, Lorraine Quinlivan, Westley Adaken, Mervat Nasri, John Wright, Holly Bland & all others

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, Peter Philipsz, Aidan Holder, William Doherty, John Flanagan, Patrick Irvine, Noel O'Dwyer, Bernard Kingman, Mary (Bernie) Nolan, Phyllis Mobsby, Lorelai Fisher, Daniel Harris, Denis Wells, Patrick Moorehead, Eve Emmanuel, Doris Pinto, Peter Enahoro, Ellen Conroy, Rita Fido, Joe Garry, Norma Waddell

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

19th April: *Effie Neill* with the Barry Doyle Band
26th April: *First appearance* - Anton
3rd May: *Bank Holiday* - Theresa Rodgers
10th May: Ally Harron & Marian Curry
17th May: Shane & Mervyn Owens
24th May: *Bank Holiday* - Kieran White
31st May: Kevin Kearney
7th June: TR Dallas

- *Jiving sessions are returning*: J & M will be facilitating Jiving Sessions in the Hall on Sunday, 19th April commencing at 5:00pm. For more information, call *Della Reilly on 07403 227935*.

Effie Neill with the Barry Doyle Band will be on Stage from 8:00pm singing many of her hits over the last three years including; *Living the Dream, The Fiddle on the Wall, The Craic is always 90, Country is the Best, Batten Down the Hatches*.

- *Declan Nerney & His Band* will appear in the Social Club on Friday, 24th April. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Brain Tumour Charity*. To reserve Tickets at £20.00 each, please call *Pat Winston on 07734 250375*.

UPPER ROOM EXPERIENCE

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group invites all the people of the parish for the celebration of the feast of the Pentecost at St Andrew's Church, Thornton Heath, Croydon CR7 7RD on **Sunday 24 May from 3pm onwards**.

The feast of Pentecost is an integral part of our Christian life and let us come together to celebrate the birthday of our church. Food and drinks will be provided after the celebration. *Please see the poster on the notice board for more information*. Thank you

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage to Fatima (8th - 15th July 2026)
Closing date 28 April

Pilgrimage to Italy (1st - 10th September 2026)
Closing date 23 June

Further information is available at
<https://www adaywithmary.org/>

SOUTHWARK DIOCESE YOUTH DAY

Our next youth day takes place at **The John Fisher School**, Peaks Hill, Purely on **Saturday 9th May from 11am - 5pm**.

Please visit www.tinyurl.com/scysevents for more information and booking.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Are you an Adult Catholic, perhaps already retired, and interested in some up-to-date on-going Faith Formation? Would you like to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Could you be free to join us in the Small Hall, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at about 10.45 after 10.00am Mass?

On **Tuesday 28th April** we will welcome Sr. Priscilla, to lead us in 'Praying with Scripture'.

We are also planning to visit Worth Abbey in May, to experience a day of Benedictine Reflection. More Details to come!! You could come to join us??

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH – ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Archbishop John Wilson has commissioned a series of short videos and worksheets to answer some of the most important and fundamental questions about our faith.

For further details see page three of the online newsletter or the posters in the church porch.

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (April) Readers: (March/April)

For Collection: P Stanley (Ascent)

Baptism Certificates: Please collect from the Parish Office

*** NEW CARD MACHINES IN CHURCH ***

The observant among you will have noticed the card machines in church, which gives more flexibility when donating or paying for candles or the Repository. When using for the first time it does take a minute to enter Gift Aid details, but the good news is you only have to do it once.

The best way to make your offering remains to do so by Standing Order each week, whether you Gift Aid or not.

Also, you can now make a card payment for Mass stipends in the parish office. *This can only be done in person, not over the phone.*

UCM NEWS

The UCM would like to thank all who supported the Murder Mystery night last weekend. ***We raised over £1000 for Sarcoma UK***, thank you.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th May when we will be having a talk by the homeless charity Croydon Nightwatch, one of our local charities we are supporting this year.

All are welcome to attend, we meet in the large hall at 8pm.

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for **years 1 to 'A' level**
On **Sundays in Our Lady's small hall between 1 - 5pm.**

£25 p/h for years 1 - 9

£30 p/h for GCSE & A Level

To register your interest please contact:

Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MARYHILL SCHOOL UGANDA

Thank you so much for your generous donations and support over the years to Maryhill School. Unfortunately, due to constraints on office staff and our organizer, Angela Yates, stepping down, we will no longer accept donations via standing order, so please cancel with immediate effect. Instead, a yearly collection will be organised and sent to the school. You are very welcome to include your donation by cheque or cash as part of this collection. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. *Fr Keith*

SAVE THE SCOUT HUT ROOF!

The 28th Croydon Scout Group are raising money to fix their roof! We have lots of exciting events planned and wish to say thank you for all those who helped and came to the race night, as well as all those who have generously donated already!

So many of the parish's young people have benefited and still do from this wonderful organisation that gives so much for our young people. If you would like to donate to help us raise £20,000, please find our 'Just giving' page by scanning this QR code.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

- Donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am-5pm)
- Use the envelopes at the back of church

Leave a lasting legacy to the Church

Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will. Find out more:
www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy

Thank you for your prayers and support.

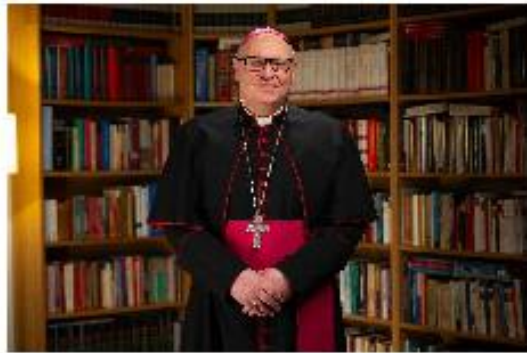




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Ambassadors for Christ

Building witnesses for the Lord Jesus and His Church



Ambassadors for Christ is a new year-long video series from the Archdiocese of Southwark, created to help Catholics feel more confident talking about their faith so they can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

As interest in the Catholic Church continues to grow, many people find themselves asking big questions, or being asked them by friends, family and colleagues. This project offers clear, trustworthy answers through 52 short weekly videos, each presented by a Catholic priest and designed to be easy to understand, practical and rooted in the teachings of the Church. (The videos are 5-10 minutes each)

Each video has a supporting worksheet for personal use or for discussions in a group.

Full details are available on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist>

<https://rcaos.org.uk/worksheets>

The videos can also be watched on the Archdiocese You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1>