

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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

19th May 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter (page 274 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

Today's readings are about new things: *the New Jerusalem, a new Heaven and a new earth, and a new commandment*. In the reading taken from the Book of Revelation, God tells us that His saving and healing work in the world is ongoing: "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5a).

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, describes how the small Christian communities helped the work of renewal in their members by their *agápe* love, imitating the *agápe* love of Paul and Barnabas.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145) prays that "Your faithful ones" may "make known Your might to the children of Adam," not just to Israel.

The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, explains how God renews His Church by being present in her members and in their parish communities and liturgical celebrations.

Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practice of Jesus' new commandment: "*Love one another as I have loved you*" (John 13:35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by telling us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that He has loved us. Hence, the renewal of Christian life means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment. For most of us, "renewal" is something that comes at different stages in our lives, each time bringing us to a deeper understanding, insight and commitment.

Fr Jackson would like to visit your family and bless your home with new Holy Water according to your convenience in the evenings. Please email him directly on: jacksonmaveli@gmail.com with your contact details.

Mass Intentions This Week

18 May: Saturday SAINT JOHN I

10:00 Intentions of David Nott

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

12:00 Maura Waller RIP

18:00 Vivian & Alan Sorrell RIP ~

19 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 All Parishioners ~

10:00 Dec Members of the Cahill Family RIP ~

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

12:00 Ann Hazell RIP ~

20 May: Monday

10:00 John Crowley RIP

21 May: Tuesday

10:00 Intentions of All Children Taking Exams

22 May: Wednesday

10:00 Wellbeing of Margaret Banjo

23 May: Thursday

10:00 Gertie Linehan RIP

24 May: Friday

10:00 Edith & Thomas Martin RIP

25 May: Saturday

10:00 Isabella Rees RIP

18:00 Patrick Maher RIP +

26 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 John Donovan RIP

10:00 All Parishioners

12:00 Jack Mulcahy RIP +

+ With Baptism

~ With Foodbank Sunday

MEETINGS

Diversity Arts & Crafts: Monday 20th at 7pm (Small Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 21st at 8.30pm (PRC)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team D

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 631.90
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 834.01
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2440.91

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Ecclesiastical Education* amounted to £757.13. Many thanks. Next week there will be a second collection for *Maryhill*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Flanagan, Anna Tsakalis, Jim Orbell, Eunice Bambery, Teresa Flanagan, Bartholomew McGuane, Michelle Berry, Margaret McSorley, Daphne Andrews, Baby Beatrice Wallace, Mary McHale, Mary Kate Collins, Margaret Hayes, Brigid Thompson, Mary Dillon, Bridget Brennan, Amelia Cully, Daniel Gorey, Jack Linmane, Sarah Summers, Lynda Ticehurst, Francis Chambers, Cyril Kelly, Nancy Smith

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Ann Marie Christian - 020 8662 0319 or amc@annmariechristian.com

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

19th May: Eugene Doonan
26th May: *Bank Holiday special* with Theresa Rodgers
2nd June: Glen Flynn
9th June: Finbar & Paul
16th June: Eugene Doonan
23rd June: Gerry Kelly
30th June: TR Dallas

On Sunday evening at 7pm, there will be a training session on the use of the recently installed *Defibrillator*.

Later in the evening, there will be a presentation to some of our nominated charities of funds raised at recent events. This will include, the Addiscombe Guides: £2,000.00, St Christopher's Hospice: £2,000.00, Great Street Hospital for Sick Children: £2,500.00 and the Brain Tumour Charity: £3,500.00. We are very grateful to our members & their guests and the Parish Community for their continued support of our fundraising strategy.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **James Stone** will take place at **10.45am** on **Thursday 23rd May** at **Croydon Crematorium**. James' family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support at this sad time.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY JUNE 2nd CELEBRATION

The slips of paper for you to state your donation and box to put them in are now at the back of the church.

You are warmly invited to a meeting on **Sunday 26th May** at **1.15pm** (straight after the 12 o'clock Mass) in the **PRC Room**. The focus will be to finalise plans for our celebrations. Looking forward to seeing you there, thanks. Best regards **Sylvia 07870 508790**

SUPPORT FOR CHARITY BIKE RIDE

From 31st May – 8th June one of our parishioners, Derek Harper, is cycling 1017 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats in order to raise money for a charity close to his heart. If you would like to find out more and sponsor his efforts please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/derek-harper4>.

All funds raised will go to the charity and any costs are met by Derek.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2019

Some places are still available on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Paul Hendricks, 23rd - 30th August 2019. For details please see www.tangney-tours.com/CA and go to their special section for Southwark.

FAITHS TOGETHER BIKE RIDE AND PICNIC IN PARK

Faiths Together in Croydon (FTIC) invite you to their 5th annual Interfaith Bike ride & Big Lunch picnic!

The picnic starts at **2pm** on **June 9th** in **Parkhill park**.

All the information on the different bike rides and the picnic can be found on Eventbrite at:

<https://interfaithbikeandpicnic.eventbrite.co.uk>

FTIC exists to be a collective voice for faiths communities in Croydon. It serves as an inter-faith network representing the diverse faiths of Croydon. Its members work actively, collaboratively and strategically to improve Croydon for all people in Croydon.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If so, you are invited to **St George's Cathedral** at **3pm** on **Saturday 13th July** for a special Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony, with refreshments afterwards. Places are limited so make sure of your personal invitation from Archbishop Peter Smith by **emailing mflsw@rcaos.org.uk** We need to know your full names, address, phone number, parish and the special anniversary you are celebrating this year: anyone celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ qualifies. Close family are welcome to come with you. **Last date to apply is 10th June.**

COULD YOU READ AT MASS?

It is a privilege to proclaim the Word of God! We are looking to increase the number of readers we have for all weekend Masses. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please speak with Fr Keith after Mass.

UCM PROSECCO AND BINGO

Wednesday 5th June at 8.15pm in the Large Hall

Fundraiser in aid of Croydon University children's cancer wing. **£10 entry** includes 2 glasses of Prosecco and 2 games of bingo. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles and drink too. Expect an evening of good fun and entertainment! All ladies welcome - bring your friends!

Email: ucmaddiscombe@gmail.com or call **Chris** on **07535 978010**.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Many thanks to all those who have supported the Sunday coffee mornings after 10am Mass. A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one.

FURNITURE OFFERED

We have been made aware through our SVP Conference of several items of furniture etc that are being given away. If you are interested in any item please contact Elizabeth at priory_leslie@hotmail.co.uk

4 wardrobes, 2 dressing tables, 2 chest of drawers,
2 divan beds (single), 2 bedside tables, kitchen table
2 china cabinets, 1 sideboard, 1 dining table & 6 chairs
2 armchairs (single), 4 fireside chairs, 1 writing bureau
1 coffee table, 1 cabinet, 1 large TV with glass stand
Bed linen and various pieces of china.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The programme is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille', or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on **7th – 9th June**

call or text **07887 296983 07973 380443**

email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Items for collection: Sr Celia x 2, Hera Fernandes, Margaret Grimsley, I Chapman, S Gougoue, J Lisiecki, M Bowen, R Oldbury, N Sharma, J Garner

Baptism certificates: C Porebska-Evans, L Jones, R Ayers, A Klein

Rotas: Readers (May / June)