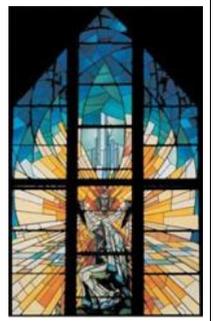




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 By appointment only

19th July 2020 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

Taken by itself, the parable of the Wheat and the Weeds, as with all the parables in the chapter, addresses the nature of the kingdom of God. If, as Jesus maintains (Matt 4:17; 12:28), the kingdom has already dawned, why such a continuing focus on evil when it cannot prevail? Or why has God not already intervened to root out evil and establish His rule once and for all?



To this the parable responds that the onset of the kingdom is not taking place on neutral ground. A powerful opposition is at work and it is dangerous to deny it. It too has a powerful hold on the human heart, hence the perceived slowness of the growth of God's Kingdom in modern times.

In Palestine a poisonous weed known as darnel affects wheat crops. In the early stages of growth it looks very like the young shoots of wheat. By the time both plants can be distinguished, the roots are so entwined as to as to make tearing out the darnel dangerous also to the wheat.

Likewise, good and evil are, at present, so closely entwined in the world as to make too ruthless to attempt to eradicate the one, fatal to a successful harvest of the other. In the harvest time to come, however, God will deal once and for all with evil, before gathering in 'the wheat' of His Kingdom.

A reminder of the pattern of our Masses for Sunday, which need to be followed if we are going to maximise the number of people who can attend on a Sunday Morning.

Sat	5.30pm	Family bubbles only
Sat	6.30pm	Household of one or two people only
Sun	9.00am	Household of one or two people only
Sun	10.00am	Family bubbles only
Sun	11.0am	Household of one or two people only
Sun	12.00pm	Household of one or two people only

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

*** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION ***

*In order to comply with the government's track & trace guidelines, please bring your phone to Mass and text your name to this parish telephone number - **07548 868418**. This will enable us to keep a record and contact number for those in attendance each day if needed. Many thanks for your cooperation.*



We will continue to livestream the 10.00am 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 July: Saturday

10:00 Isabella Lias Rees RIP
 Birthday Remembrance
 17:30 Pat Harley RIP
 18:30 Martha Nestor RIP

19 July: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

09:00 All Parishioners
 10:00 Intentions of Mr & Mrs Williams
 11:00 Andreas Kassianou RIP
 12:00 Edith Masters RIP 2nd Anniversary

20 July: Monday

10:00 Eileen McSweeney RIP

21 July: Tuesday

10:00 Arthur Fairservice RIP

22 July: Wednesday

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
 10:00 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP

23 July: Thursday SAINT BRIDGET

10:00 Eileen & Patrick McLaughlin RIP
 19:30 Michael McCrory RIP

24 July: Friday

10:00 John Boswood RIP

25 July: Saturday SAINT JAMES

10:00 Donor's Intentions
 17:30 Robert Wood RIP
 18:30 Ellen Connor RIP

26 July: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

09:00 Mick Semeta RIP
 10:00 John Joseph RIP
 11:00 Baby Donnch  O'Donovan RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

Intentions booked for the 6pm Saturday evening and 8.30am Sunday morning Mass times, will move to 6.30pm Saturday and 9am Sunday respectively for the time being. Please contact the office if this is not suitable.

COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

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, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Ben Kudom, Mary Mohammed, Rita Baxter, Christopher Kingman, Andrea Oriani, Arthur Braim, Domenico Casale, Eileen Chandler, Beryl Bennett, Edith Masters, Darin DeSouza, Mary Jones, Kathleen Ryan, Thomas Davie, Leo McHugo, Bernard Moynihan, Irene Groombridge, Martha Nestor

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 many members of the Parish Community who have supported the *Hospital Heroes Appeal at King's College Hospital*. To date, the Appeal has raised over £800,000.00 as well as many gifts for both members of staff and patients being donated to the Hospital.

St Mildred's Drop In Centre for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed when the Centre reopens.

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

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.*

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAT HARLEY

Pat Harley's body will be received into church here at Our Lady's on **Monday 27th July at 3.30pm**. The funeral Rite will take place on **Tuesday 28th July at 11.30am**. Obviously due to lockdown restrictions these will be private services, however we ask you all to keep Pat and her family in your prayers, especially at that time next week. *May she Rest in Peace.*

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: As the parish office remains closed to the public, if you wish to purchase a Mass card, *you will only be able to do so when the Church is open during the times shown above. Please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED!

Are you good with flowers, creative, or even just willing to help and learn with supervision? Our flower team is shrinking and we need more volunteers to come and help make our church a beautiful place to worship!

If you are willing and able to assist, please email the parish office at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk and we will pass your information on.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: If you are waiting to receive a Baptism certificate, please ring the Parish office to arrange a suitable time to collect from there. Many thanks.

FR JACKSON MUST GET MOTORING!



The Parish is now in a position to purchase a car for Fr Jackson, which he needs sooner rather than later! *Please contact Fr Keith if you know of anything suitable or of someone who can help with this.*

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday 9am – 10.50am

Saturday - 9am - 10.30am and 5pm - 7pm

Sunday - 8am – 12.30pm

The church will close between Mass times for cleaning

Lord Jesus,

*when you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.*

*We place in your loving care
all who are affected by Coronavirus.*

*Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.
Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.*

*We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.*

Amen.

A NOTE OF THANKS!: Fr Keith and Fr Jackson would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed and worked behind the scenes in these challenging times. It has been no mean feat to keep the parish community connected through modern technology (Facebook, streaming, recording music and readings, website updates etc), or to ensure that we can worship together again in church SAFELY.

So to all involved...cleaners, musicians, readers, flower arrangers, FaceBook 'massagers', website technicians, live streaming team, secretaries, MC's, Eucharistic ministers, Sacristans - **THANK YOU!**

DISHWASHER: We have a 6 place setting dishwasher in excellent condition looking for a new home. If you are in need and can make good use of it, please speak to Fr Keith.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Usually around this time, the new sets of Gift Aid envelopes are being handed out after Mass - not this year! We will of course distribute them as soon as we are able, however in the meantime if you have run out of envelopes, please just write *Offertory* along with your *Gift Aid number* on a plain envelope, hand it in and it will be counted accordingly. Many thanks *Jenny*

OFFERTORY

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

- You can put the money you would normally place in the plate to one side each week, and when you return to church, hand it all in at once into the offertory box in the porch.
- If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme you can post the filled weekly envelope into the offertory box or through the Presbytery/Parish Office door. Alternatively, save up your weekly offering and then place all contributions into the **ONE envelope** dated for that week. All Gift Aid contributions are entered on individual records for the week they are received and banked and this would save the counters hours of work opening envelopes for individual weeks of lockdown.

*An Offertory box is now located in the church porch
if you wish to drop off your donation.*

**STAY
ALERT** 

**CONTROL
THE VIRUS**



**SAVE
LIVES**