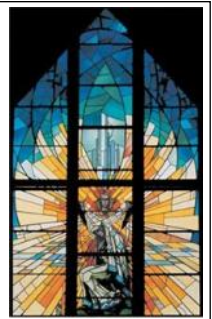




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 19th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 105 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and the weeds to explain what the Kingdom of God is like. My instinct when finding a weed is to pull it out immediately, but the master tells his servants to wait until the harvest. At first, this seems strange. Why allow the weeds to remain? Jesus is teaching us something profound. First, we are called to be vigilant. The enemy continues to sow seeds of selfishness, pride, hatred, and indifference in our hearts and in our world. The question is: Can we recognize these weeds while they are still small? What are the weeds growing in our lives today? Maybe anger, jealousy, gossip, lust, pride, laziness -or perhaps some other habit that slowly draws us away from God." Small compromises, little resentments, and hidden sins, if left unchecked, can slowly take over our lives.

Second, this parable reveals the mercy of God. God does not rush to condemn. He gives us time to repent, grow, and change. The delay until the harvest is not weakness but mercy. It reminds us of Jesus' words in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world..." His desire is not to destroy but to save. At the same time, the Gospel reminds us that God is also just. Mercy and justice are not opposites. God's mercy offers every opportunity for conversion, but His justice ensures that evil will not have the final word. There will be a harvest when truth is revealed, and every person will answer for the choices they have made.



## Mass Intentions This Week

### 18 July: Saturday

10:00 Thanksgiving for the Addiscombe SVP

18:00 All Parishioners \*

### 19 July: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Andy Greenhalgh RIP \*

10:00 Margaret & Felix McGovern RIP \*

11:30 Arthur Fairservice RIP \*

### 20 July: Monday

10:00 Margaret McDowell RIP

### 21 July: Tuesday

10:00 Marie Parsons & Joyce Cox RIP

### 22 July: Wednesday

#### SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

10:00 Deceased Members of the  
O'Donnell & Sweeney Families RIP

### 23 July: Thursday SAINT BRIDGET

10:00 Desmond Gideon RIP

19:30 60th Wedding Anniversary Wishes for  
Roddy & Margaret McGuinn

### 24 July: Friday

10:00 Nadia Ghawi RIP

### 25 July: Saturday SAINT JAMES

10:00 Daemnon Bogle RIP

18:00 Maureen Walsh RIP

### 26 July: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 John Joseph RIP

10:00 All Parishioners

11:30 Martha Nestor RIP 31st Anniversary

\* With Food Bank Sunday

## MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 21st at 10.45am (Small Hall)

**SVP:** Tuesday 21st at 8pm (PRC)

**PPC:** Thursday 23rd at 8pm (PRC)

**Arts & Crafts Group:** Friday 24th at 2pm (Small Hall) *All Are Welcome!*



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 660.50         |
| Loose cash         | £ 486.88         |
| S/Os (Approx)      | £ 1340.00        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>£ 2487.38</b> |

## \*\*\* 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

Last week's ACC collection for *Stella Maris* amounted to £726.74. Many thanks.

*We pray for the sick in our Parish:* Jonathan Leiper, Marie Griffin, Christina Cahill, Anthony Kennedy, Joseph Anand, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Mervat Nasri, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade, Mary-Jane Watson, Anna Buckley & all others

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:* Ben Kudom, Mary Mohammed, Rita Baxter, Christopher Kingman, Andrea Oriani, Florence Pears, 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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

19th July: The Duets

26th July: Kieran White

2nd August: Kevin Kearney

9th August: Shane & Mervyn Owens

16th August: Martin Ruddy

23rd August: Theresa Rodgers

30th August: **Bank Holiday** - Pat Jordan

6th September: Martina & Tommy Maguire - Family Affair

Thank you to Members of the Parish Community & the Social Club for your support of the **Shawn Cuddy & Curtis Magee Evening**. The event raised £2,500.00; these resources will be given to the **Place to be Cafe: Purley**. The organisation supports people with Dementia & their Carers.

### Coming soon:

**Anerley ACROSS Golf Day** followed by an evening with **Effie Neill & Barry Doyle**: Friday, 11th September

**The Dreamettes**, an evening of **Motown Hits**: Friday, 16th October

**The Other Guys'**, leading tributes to **Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons**: Friday, 13th November

## OUR LADY'S AUTUMN FAYRE & FUN DAY Sunday, 27th September

We are delighted with the tremendous offers of help that we have received from Our Lady's Community.

We have negotiated substantial sponsorship for the Autumn Fayre with **Oaks Estate Agents, Bingham Road**. We need 100 households to display a Sales Board for six weeks; from the beginning of September to mid October. If we reach our target, Oaks Estate Agents will make a contribution of £750.00 to the Fayre. If you can assist, please send an Email to the Parish Office - [addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk) with your name, address & mobile number by Friday, 7th August.

The **LMB Group, Croydon**: [www.lmb-lofts.com](http://www.lmb-lofts.com) (Joanna & Lee Murphy) will sponsor the first prize for the Raffle - £500.00! **Dan O'Donovan: Gardening Services** will sponsor the Cake Stall & **Damian Farnan** will sponsor the Dog Show.

The Fayre will be launched over the weekend of 29th/30th August. **All proceeds from the Fayre will be given to support the major repairs to the Church.**

Over the next few weeks we need assistance in the following ways:

- Sponsorship for the Fayre; this can be from Businesses or Private Donations
- Items for Prizes for the Raffle/ Tombola: Meal Vouchers, Sports Merchandise, Golf Vouchers
- A selection of Fruit: Apples, Rhubarb, Berries for the preparation of Jams, Chutneys, Crumbles et al

If you can assist in any way, please contact:  
[patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk)

Next planning meeting: **Tuesday 1st September 8:15pm** (Small hall)

## First Holy Communion 2026/27 NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY

Catechism sessions for children in **NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY** will commence in September 2026.

If your child will be moving into **School Year 3 ONLY** this September, we invite you to email the parish office to register your interest and obtain an application form by **SUNDAY 26th JULY**.

**SAFEGUARDING:** It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding info can be found on the Diocesan website: [safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Safeguarding Reps:**

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Clare George - [addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

## \*\*\* CLEANER REQUIRED FOR CHURCH HALLS\*\*\*

(6hr per week - flexible working across 4/5days)

Cleaning and monitoring of all kitchens & toilets  
& washing/sweeping all floors

**Please speak directly to Fr Keith  
to express your interest and for further details.**

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> July** we will read and share our thoughts about the Epistle of James 2:17-26 (you must perceive that a person is justified by his Works and not by Faith alone).

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT:** The funeral of **Tony Birkby** will take place at **12 noon** on **Thursday 6th August** at **Beckenham Crematorium**.

## CONFIRMATION 2026

If you are currently in Year 8 (moving into Year 9 in September) you are eligible to join this year's cohort for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The application form & handbook are posted on the web site, under the Confirmation tab, and **you have until the end of TODAY (Sunday 19th July) to fill it in and deliver it to Fr. Keith or Fr. Cajetan by hand**. We look forward to meeting you all.

**Further documents will be posted soon and must be completed and brought to the first meeting on Tuesday 8th September at 8pm.**

## NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The new Altar Servers training will be on **Sunday 6th September after 11:30am Mass in the Church**. Please attend with your child, if they have received their First Holy Communion and want to become an Altar Server.

## \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*

### UCM CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT Friday 9th October in the large hall

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start time

Teams of 6-8 people

Bring Your Own Food/Nibbles (no drinks please)

Raffles / Bar will be open

**Tickets £7 per person**

*All proceeds will go to Croydon Nightwatch*

Contact Marie Tross **07774 643159**

**SUMMER MASSES IN THE HOSPITAL:** There will be **NO Weekly Masses** in the hospital during **AUGUST**. Wednesday Masses will resume on **2<sup>nd</sup> September** at 12pm. *All are welcome.*

**PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING:** Our parish has made **£25.95** for Cafod by recycling used printer cartridges! *Thank you* for supporting this project and please continue to donate used cartridges!

## SHRUBLANDS FOOD BANK - AN INVITATION

Shrublands Food Bank have invited us to visit them on **Friday 4th September at 10am** at 7 Broom Road, Shirley, Croydon CR0 8NG. The visit will be about an hour.

Please contact **Chris** on [sciberraschris7@gmail.com](mailto:sciberraschris7@gmail.com) if you would like to come on the visit or have any questions on other aspects of food banks.

## ST JOSEPH'S PEREGRINATION 2/5/26 - 13/3/27

This year, we once again invite our parishioners to entrust all our intentions to St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church.

**If you would like to participate in our Peregrination, please sign up on the list in the porch.** Kindly leave your name and phone number.

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (July)

Readers: (July/August)