



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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19th September 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

In today's gospel, Jesus foretells his imminent suffering, death and resurrection. Unfortunately, instead of reflecting on what Christ was saying, his disciples were busy quarrelling secretly over who was the greatest. Of course, their argument was aimed at the earthly government they imagined that Christ had come to establish. So, like the community that James wrote to, Jesus' disciples were experiencing a conflict of interest.

This is what we often see in any society, church, family, and indeed anywhere that personal ambition is considered more important than anything else. There, we see in-fighting, gossips, indifference, aggression, threats to lives and properties, hatred, and all sorts of vices. All these, come at the expense of the common good and peaceful coexistence. Wherever these exist, there can be no progress, prosperity and peace.

By using a child as an example for us today, Jesus is simply teaching us that we have to become like children in order to be great. Of course, this does not mean being childish. Rather, it means being child-like. It means that, we have to live our lives in humble service to God and to one another.

To be great is to be focused on something other than oneself. It means our ability to accommodate, welcome, and work in harmony with others just as children do. It also means the readiness to accept the truth and, to reflect positively on it.



As we begin to return to 'normal service' with printed Mass sheets and newsletters (although these will be in limited numbers and A3 size only as we strongly encourage the continued use of online facilities for those who are able) please note that any news items must be submitted to the office by WEDNESDAY EVENING to be included that weekend.

Please also try to keep them as short and concise as possible as we are once again limited to one side of A4 only. Many thanks.

Fr Keill.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 21st at 8.30pm (PRC)



Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page and on the 'Live Masses' page of the parish website.

CHURCH CLEANING
 23rd SEPTEMBER - TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 442.70
Loose cash	£ 389.68
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
Total	£ 1887.38

+ With Baptism

Mass Intentions This Week

18 September: Saturday

10:00 Harold, Michael & Harry Sweeney RIP

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

19 September: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

08:30 Anne Walsh RIP

10:00 Dec. Mem. of the Hayward Family RIP

11:30 All Parishioners

20 September: Monday

SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & PAUL CHING HA-SANG & COMPANIONS

10:00 Mossie O'Carroll RIP

21 September: Tuesday

SAINT MATTHEW

10:00 Marguerite Conn RIP

22 September: Wednesday

10:00 Birthday Wishes for Sheila Moore

23 September: Thursday

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)

10:00 Joe & Lily Pereira RIP

19:30 Wellbeing of Marie Terese Hessian

24 September: Friday

OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

10:00 Hannah Beston RIP

25 September: Saturday

10:00 Thanksgiving for the Tran Family's Ints.

18:00 Thanksgiving for the Aloysius Family

26 September: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

08:30 John Flanagan RIP

10:00 All Parishioners +

11:30 John Boswood RIP

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for the *Catholic Education Service* amounted to £213.62. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *Home Mission Sunday*. Please use the *2nd collection boxes* on the wall for your donation.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Karen Pearson, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, Duncan Pears, John Devereux

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: William Carneiro, Angela Marengi, Stephen Hayes, Doris McCarthy, Ivan Rodrigues, Grace Munro, John Hayward Jr, Thomas Smyth, Daphne Nawrocka, Monica Gardiner, Archibald Hansen, Robert West, Sophia McLaughlin, Henry Seymour (Harry) Gibbs, Michael Carroll, Anne Warnock, Owen McSweeney, Sr. Monica Cooley, Teresa Tunesi, Trinidad Lucio, Anthony McTiernan, Winifred Waller

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

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

- **Save the date - Sunday, 26th September**: There will be a meeting to discuss proposals for the reopening of the **Social Club: the Ballroom of Romance**. The evening will commence at 6pm with Tea/Coffee being available. The formal meeting will start at approx. 7pm; we will address a range of issues including Covid protocols, a programme for the remainder of the year and a Christmas Raffle to support local charities.

- **The Social Club** introduced a weekly electronic Newsletter at the start of the start of the pandemic. To receive a copy of the document, send an email to patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk.

*** MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING ***

FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 9.30am - 12.30pm Large Hall

Please join us in the large hall for a cuppa, a cake and a catch up! You can pop by at any time and stay as long as you want!

Any donations of cakes, (homemade or shop bought - they are all delicious) would be gratefully received!

If you are able to make a donation, please contact **Chris** on **07535 978010**. This will help us know what else is needed.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you there!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](http://cafod.org.uk/petition) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

WHAT IS THE LIVE SIMPLY AWARD?

The Live Simply Award is an opportunity for Catholic communities such as parishes and schools, to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.

Some Live Simply Award communities have encouraged people to walk or cycle to church or school, install solar panels, start recycling schemes, join a climate change campaign, support Fairtrade stalls or donate to a local food bank. The award celebrates what you have already done and inspires you to do more. It helps your community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully.

For more details see

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Livesimply-award>

Our parish will be applying for the Live Simply Award. **Join us for a talk on this award after the mass at 7pm on Monday 4th October.**

SUPPORTING PARISHES: In terms of evangelisation, catechesis and formation, is the work of the **Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis** which celebrated its first anniversary this month (September 2021). If you would like to find out more on the courses, resources and support they offer please visit the website: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk>; follow them on various social media platforms @[aecsouthwark](https://twitter.com/aecsouthwark) or subscribe to their free monthly newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/heWjml>

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. **Please complete the form and return it to the presbytery/parish office by Friday 8th October.** Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available from Monday 20th September to Friday 15th October.

Primary school interviews will take place later in the year.

VISIT OUR REPOSITORY SHOP!

Don't forget to pay the Repository shop a visit after Mass each weekend. The new Confirmation cards and gifts are now on display, and a great selection of Christmas things are sure to follow soon after. **Bag yourself a bargain and support Sr Celia and her team!**

FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We would like to resume Adoration on a Friday between the hours of **11am and 3pm from 1st October.**

Are you able to commit one hour of your day to the Lord?

We need **two responsible people** to sit with the congregation **per hour**. If you are able to commit to this, please sign the form in the porch and speak to Fr Keith.

THERE REMAIN 50+ ENVELOPE BOXES AWAITING COLLECTION FROM THE CHURCH PORCH!

There are also 30+ small sets of 2nd collection envelopes unclaimed. I suspect that some parishioners who donate by Standing Order may have forgotten that they requested these. **PLEASE CHECK and see if there is a set waiting for you as the 2nd collections recommence.**

NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WHO RESIDE IN THE PARISH

and wish their children to prepare for First Holy Communion

Application forms for the two year (term time only), First Holy Communion programme for children in years 2 & 3 at non Catholic schools can now be downloaded from our website. Forms should be completed and handed into the Parish office no later than **Sunday 26th September. IT IS ESSENTIAL to attend the first session and introduction (WITH PARENTS) on Tuesday 28 September at 5pm promptly in the Large Hall**, which will finish at 5.30pm. For safeguarding and support, Parents/Guardians must stay with their child every week.

Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.

HELP OUR BROWNIES BUILD BAT BOXES!

Dear all, the Brownies are going to help out in Spring Park Woods and have had a request to build some bat boxes. The Brownies would like to learn how to use a hammer and nails **but not a saw** so we wondered if any parishioners would be able to make up untreated timber into the right sizes for us to use to make up the boxes (a table saw would be ideal for this purpose)? I have the instructions as required. If you could help we would be extremely grateful.

Please contact: Clare Buxton on **07779 782275**

SVP: One of the things which we do is call and visit people in our parish, particularly, those who are on their own. If you are one of these people or, you might know somebody in our parish who might like us to befriend them, please get in touch with us, via the parish office, or see the SVP contact details in the parish website:

<http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/st-vincent-de-paul-svp>

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS FROM SEPTEMBER

Many thanks to all those who have supported them in the past. A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one.