



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 19th December 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent YEAR C

Fr. Keith & Fr. Jackson would like to thank, on behalf of themselves and all the priests of the deanery, Dulcie, Pat and their band of helpers; Betty, Cherie, Agnes, Jenny, Sylvia, Sandy, Carmelita, Sally, Marie, Paul and Paddy for the tremendous work they put in to serve a three-course dinner after their December meeting last week. It really was very much appreciated.

X THANK YOU X



From Fr Keith & Jacqueline, Fr Jackson and all the Parish Staff

### \*\*\* PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE \*\*\*

Please note that the parish office will be closed over Christmas and New Year from **Wednesday 22nd December**, re-opening on **Thursday 6th January 2022**. Therefore there will NOT be a newsletter published on 2nd January 2022.



*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 DECEMBER - TEAM C

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 449.81
Loose cash	£ 348.19
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1853.00</b>

### Mass Intentions This Week

#### 18 December: Saturday

10:00 Mary Fernandes RIP

18:00 Andy & Nuala Fox RIP ~

#### 19 December:

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 All Parishioners ~

10:00 Josephine Seemampillai RIP ~

11:30 George Hennessy RIP ~

#### 20 December: Monday

10:00 Abbott Family Intentions

#### 21 December: Tuesday

10:00 Pat Harley RIP

#### 22 December: Wednesday

10:00 Martin Fernandez RIP

#### 23 December: Thursday

10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

19:30 Peter You Than Lim RIP

#### 24 December: Friday

10:00 Margot Evans RIP

*Followed by Devotion*

#### CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

18:00 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP \*\*

23:30 All Parishioners \*\*

#### 25 December: Saturday

##### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

08:30 Betty McHugh RIP

10:00 Wellbeing of Pat Winston & Family \*\*

11:30 John Boswood & David Warner RIP

#### 26 December: Sunday THE HOLY

##### FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

08:30 Lucas, Ubaldina & Sylvia DeSouza RIP

10:00 Eileen Chesher RIP

11:30 Margaret Joseph RIP

*~ With Foodbank Sunday*

**\*\* LIVE STREAMED VIA FACEBOOK**

### COLLECTIONS

The **Christmas Day** collection is your personal offering to Fr Keith & Fr Jackson. Special envelopes are available in the porch. Those on the Gift Aid scheme should use their designated envelope for Christmas Day. **CRIB OFFERINGS** will be given to The Friends of the Holy Land & The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Southwark Crisis Fund.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux, Jean Carpenter

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Paddy O'Connor, Rosaleen Jamieson, Mary White, Isabella Rees, May Lally, George Hennessy, Andrew Fox, Helen Smyth, Marie Louise Powell, Tony Nasri, Elizabeth Jerome, Hietty Palmer, Patrick Conway, Patrick Maher, Alfred Henry Daubney, Marie McCann, Richard Avery, Patricia Whiffin, Percy Fowler, Anita Parker, Ashley Jacob, Arthur Gateley, Jacqueline Phillips, Kathleen McCarthy, Mary L. Conway, Ruby D'Souza, Celso Donsion, Ellen Clarke, Eileen McGarey, Sr. Dierdre O'Neill, Sandra Clark, Michael Stammers, Thaddeus Curry

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

19th December: Kieran White

26th December: **Christmas Celebration** - Finbar & Paul

2nd January: **New Year Party** - Ally Harron & Marian Curry

- Thank you for your wonderful support of our **Christmas Raffle**; to date, we have raised £4,600.00+ to support three local charities; **The Alzheimer's Society, The Woodside Bereavement Service & Young Minds**. There will be three cash prizes of £500.00, £300.00 and £100.00 plus ten additional prizes. The Draw will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm in the Church Hall; it will be live streamed. Counterfoils, monies and unsold tickets are to be placed in the Presbytery letter box.

The Results of the Raffle will be published on the Parish website.

- **The Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch** that was scheduled to take place this weekend has been postponed. It will now take place in early April. Further information will be provided in the New Year.

### IN APPRECIATION

I just wish to say a very sincere Thank You for your prayers and messages of condolences on the death of my twin brother, Jim. Knowing that so many were praying for me was what helped me to get through the funeral. I truly felt an inner strength that day as I celebrated the Mass and cremation service. I have offered Mass for you all in appreciation of your prayers and support. Please continue to say the odd prayer for me and the family as we live with the shock and loss. I assure you that bereavement is just as painful for a priest as it is for anyone else! Thank you, **Fr Joe**.

### THANK YOU!

Pakie, David, Clare & families would like to thank you for all your heartfelt condolences, prayers and sympathy since the passing of our wife, mum and nanny, **Maureen Walsh**. Your support has been a great comfort to us all.

We would also like to thank you for your generosity of donations to St Christopher's Hospice in Maureen's memory.

### ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES

**Appeal Sunday 9th January 2022**

We are delighted to tell you that suitable property has been found in East Croydon to house a refugee family. We now expect the family to arrive in early Spring 2022.

There will be a special appeal to the parish at all Masses on Sat/Sun 8/9th January. This will include financial support, more volunteers and specific itemised furniture and household items. More details on 9th January.

*Thank you for all your support to date, which has got us to this point.*

*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.*

### \*\*\* REPOSITORY SHOP \*\*\*

The Repository shop now has a wonderful range of Christmas cards and gifts at great prices! They are happy to accept all **CASH and CHEQUE payments**. Don't forget to pay them a visit after Mass!

### REFUGEE COLLECTION OF COATS (NOT TOYS) - 15th/16th JAN 2022

Due to Covid, the Croydon Refugee Day Centre are unable to hold their Children's Christmas Party this year or distribute toys to refugee children. **They are, however, in need of warm winter clothing!**

We will not therefore be holding our usual Advent Toy Collection but will instead be collecting **WARM coats (and jumpers)** for adults and children (not babies) in the New Year - 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### PENNY JARS

Please leave your jars in the church porch, to be collected and donated to charities that provide support and meals at Christmastime. Many thanks for your continued support. *Nike*.

### ACCOMMODATION TO LET

Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association are opening up the waiting list for accommodation. Applicants should be 55+, not a homeowner or have savings or equity over £30,000 and able to live independently. If interested and require more details, please email [carolinenestor@acha.org.uk](mailto:carolinenestor@acha.org.uk). If you do not have access to email, call **0779 5269533**.

### PAX CHRISTI TALK

The Justice and Peace group invites all parishioners to come to a talk on the work of Pax Christi, the Catholic peace organisation. The talk will be on **Zoom on Tuesday 25th January at 8pm**.

Please contact Chris Sciberras if you are interested in attending. You will be sent a Zoom link before the talk.

### PILL BLISTER PACKS

As the company which recycles blister packs has been overwhelmed by the response, we are unable to collect these for the time being. Please do not leave any more in the church porch until we can let you know that we can handle them for you. Sorry! Many thanks.

*Andy Bebington, Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group*

### PILGRIMAGE, 'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL'

Holy Family parish, in Sanderstead are organising a pilgrimage to Greece, following the missionary journeys of St. Paul. Some of the places to be visited will be Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth and Athens, as well as Kavala where St Paul first set foot in Europe, Agora where he was on trial by Gallio and the ancient port of Kechries where he departed for Ephesus. The pilgrimage also includes visiting the holiest place in modern Greece Mount Athos, a cruise on the Aegean Sea, Meteora which is the home of Eastern Orthodox monasteries where monks still dwell in caves, the Acropolis, Parthenon and the Areopagus where St. Paul spoke to the Athenians and much more.

Flights there and back are from Gatwick.

**Dates: Monday 25th April - Monday 2nd May**

If pilgrimage were to be cancelled, all costs would be returned.

For more details, please contact Fr Malachy:

[malachykeegan@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:malachykeegan@rcaos.org.uk) or **020 8657 1728**

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL:** Have Nursery (part-time and full time) places available for entry September 2022.

Please apply by downloading the form via the website <https://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryschoolstrust.co.uk/> or call in at the school office. The closing date for this 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Items for collection:** Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos, H Munangature, J King

**Baptism certificates:** PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

**Rotas:** Readers (Christmas) Eucharistic Ministers (Christmas)