



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

20th June 2021 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

Message From Bishop John Sherrington
Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Church in England and Wales

We celebrate Day for Life on Sunday 20 June 2021. This day, inaugurated by Saint John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach.

Global Pandemic: The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have each made sacrifices for the greater good during this pandemic. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

Assisted Dying: Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come, it is now a question of 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons.

This year's theme for Day for Life focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. The online resources are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share with people our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person.

Donate: Day for Life adds an authenticity to our witness to the dignity of life and this is enabled by the generosity of people in the pews supporting our work.

In 2020, we were unable to hold our annual 'Day for Life' collection due to the pandemic, our funds are very much depleted & the threats to life have never been greater. Day for Life is a simple, practical response which pushes back against 'the use and throwaway logic' often at the heart of a culture which seeks to abandon its elderly, sick and dying when 'they no longer serve our interests.'

If you can offer financial support no matter how small, please visit our Donate page.

REMINDER - PARISH MEETING ON 21st JULY - 8pm in the LARGE HALL
To discuss the restoration of a Parish Pastoral Council

We would like to invite **ALL** the bodies associated with the parish to give a very brief verbal account (2 mins) of how they have fared through the pandemic, their plans for start-up as restrictions ease and their aspirations and concerns for the future. We will be contacting the leaders directly with an invitation to take part. We hope as many people as possible will take advantage of this opportunity to engage once again with the local church, and it's witness through the satellite activities of our parish, as well as being prepared to commit to new initiatives to insure we continue to function as a dynamic and vibrant community who know they are loved and guided by God.

Mass Intentions This Week

19 June: Saturday

10:00 Patrick Larkin Senior RIP
 17:30 Joan McHugh RIP
 18:30 Kathleen & Jack Winston RIP

20 June: TWELFTH SUNDAY

09:00 Intentions of Bridie Fowley
 10:00 Harry Sweeney RIP
 11:00 All Parishioners
 12:00 Mary Rayner RIP

21 June: Monday

SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
 10:00 Mary Rayner RIP

22 June: Tuesday SAINTS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

10:00 Errol MacBean RIP

23 June: Wednesday

10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

24 June: Thursday THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

10:00 Birthday Wishes for George Peazold
 19:30 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP

25 June: Friday

10:00 Intentions of Bridie Fowley

26 June: Saturday

10:00 Alice Marion Wolfe RIP
 17:30 Dr L J D'Costa RIP
 18:30 Baby Harvey Jones RIP 18th Ann.

27 June: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

09:00 Donncha O'Donovan RIP
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Fr Sean Davidson
 11:00 Bina Bowen RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners



*Our 10am Mass each Sunday is
 LIVE STREAMED
 through our Facebook page.*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 520.76
Loose cash	£ 386.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1881.76

PLEASE NOTE: We now have a QR CODE for the church, which is displayed at all entrances and exits, for use by those who have the NHS COVID19 App. The church mobile number (07548 868418) for Track and Trace is still in use if you do not have the App.

CHURCH CLEANING - 24th JUNE
TEAM A

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Edward Casey, Edna Cooper, Veronica Fisher, Johanna O'Dwyer, Frances Conroy, Cecil "Andy" Anderson, Marie Birch, Ellen Slater, Eleanor Dalrymple-Alford, Jean Thompson, Baby Harvey Jones, Sylvia Tierney, Eileen Barnett, Kenneth Smith, Patricia Lyons, Clorinda Andrews, Michael Kerepecki, Bridget O'Sullivan, Herbert Harwood, Kathleen Haffenden, Kathleen Clark, Adrienne Baptiste, Martin Cullen, Peter Payne, Katherine Mullins, Eslyn Earl, Maurice Bird, Marjorie O'Sullivan, Cecilia Ann Fennell, Michael Conroy, Bridget Teresa Rowland

*** POLITE REMINDER ***

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

The Golf Day followed by a Gala Dinner & Dance, with all proceeds going to the Brain Tumour Charity, is now a complete Sell Out. However, the *Gala Dinner & Dance* has been cancelled following the directives from Central Government. Thank you for your magnificent support!!

CONFIRMATION 2021

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

The documents you need are posted on the web site, and you have about a month to fill them in and deliver them to Fr. Keith or Fr. Jackson **by hand** as stated in the handbook. We look forward to meeting you all.

1st HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS & CARDS

We have a wonderful selection in our Repository shop at great prices, so please pay us visit **BEFORE OR AFTER** Mass at the weekend!

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian has stepped down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith. *Many thanks.*

LATEST NEWS - ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES

We are pleased to share positive news that, earlier this month, the Home Office confirmed they are happy to continue to approve our application in principle. This means that we can confidently proceed to find a home for a refugee family, who we hope will move into the local area very soon. Members of our group are now actively hunting the rental market and viewing houses, with a view to signing a tenancy agreement imminently.

If you know of a property that might be suitable, or a landlord that would be supportive of this cause, we'd love to hear from you! The benefits are guaranteed rental income for two years, whilst at the same time helping a family in need. Anyone interested may also find this video useful to watch: "Do you have a property you could rent to refugees? Find out why this could be the best decision ever:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DznmKmpLSsY>

For more information please contact us at:

addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at **3pm on Saturday 9th October at St George's Cathedral.** You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

MASS TIMES FROM AUGUST 2021

As mentioned previously, the number of Masses offered will return to normal for the beginning of the holiday season in August, though with one slight alteration. From...

Saturday 31st July: Mass 6pm

Sunday 1st August: Mass 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am

In moving the last Mass of the day forward the gap between Masses is unified and it allows us to continue to offer Baptism outside the Mass at 4pm on Saturday and 1pm on Sunday, though from August we expect Baptism to be celebrated within the Mass once again.

Many thanks, Fr Keith

GIFT AID NEW YEAR!

THE NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES COME INTO USE THIS WEEKEND!

If you have not yet collected your new box, (or small set for the Standing Order donors) they are available from the table in the porch.

Please recycle the old yellow envelopes now. Many scheme numbers have changed including all between 220 and 260. Many thanks.

**ST THOMAS BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Open Morning Visits for Admission to Reception in 2022**

We will be holding three open mornings for you to visit and have a tour of the school on **Thursday 30th September, Wednesday 13th October and Thursday 21st October** starting at **9.30am.**

If you would like to book onto one of these tours please email:

admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can ring the office on **020 8654 3006**

We will be holding a prospective Reception parents information open evening, at the school, on **Thursday 4 November 2021**

DEANERY MENTORS: The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is developing a model of parish support called *Some Definite Service* and is looking for people who might be willing to volunteer as Deanery Mentors! This is an exciting opportunity to serve the Church and your fellow parishioners. As you serve, you will also receive formation, training, be accompanied and invested in.

For more information, please visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds

**PLEASE MEET YOUR MP TO LOBBY AGAINST
DIY ABORTION AND ASSISTED SUICIDE**

SPUC is holding a **Mass lobby of MPs on Friday 16 July or Saturday 17 July 2021.** We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised.

Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to **end DIY abortion.** Please ask your MP to **vote against assisted suicide.**

SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021

HM Government

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HANDS**



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FACE**



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SPACE**



THE NEW NORMAL - WHAT DO WE WANT AS A PARISH?

Much has been said about "the new normal" when the pandemic allows things to settle down. The sort of comments heard have been:

- what did we *used* to do, that (for a year) we haven't and that we miss? How soon can we re-start?
- what did we *used* to do, that (for a year) we haven't and we *don't* miss? Do we *have* to pick them up again?
- what have we done in lockdown that we didn't do before but we want to keep doing?
- what have we done in lockdown that we didn't do before and will happily drop again?

An example of these might be "doing jigsaws was lovely, but after a year it's time to stop", or "having my shopping delivered was lovely but I do miss visiting the high street", or "I really missed hugging the family".

Those are all at a personal level - but what about at a parish level? We haven't had the Mass attendances of yesteryear - do those who've stayed away want to come back? I know that I do ... and the Obligation will be reintroduced at some point. Do we want to have social events again (probably "yes")? What have we missed that we can still do without? What have we done differently that we'd rather do the "old" way (like attending Mass without a mask, or receiving Holy Communion at the "usual" point of the service)?

The time has come, or is soon to arrive, when we will need to address these thoughts both as individuals and as a parish - as Fr Keith has said, it is our parish and we have a responsibility to run things while the Priests undertake their sacramental and pastoral roles. How can we do that? Do we need committees or working groups to coordinate (for example) the summer fair, the worship, the buildings and grounds, outreach and mission, so forth?

If so, who would serve on those groups? A comment has been made that some such groups are seen as parallel to the wider community's view of the Church of England - most of them don't go or get involved *but they feel comfortable knowing that it's there*. If someone in the parish feels that there should be (for example) a worship committee to assist the Priests with preparations for Easter or Christmas, what would they say if no-one stepped forward to serve on that committee?

Putting it bluntly, what only happens now because one or other of the Priests does it? And how would you feel if they stopped doing it (as being outside their sacramental and pastoral role) and it didn't happen? Would you be ready to step forward and say "I valued that; I want to ensure it continues; how can I help?" ... or would you let it die?

It's time to think ...
Andy Bebington

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION

If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either visit the parish office, use an 'Intentions' form & envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or download it from our website under the **COVID 19** tab. Please complete the form and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed. Many thanks.

Our Repository shop has an excellent selection of Mass cards.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays**. All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

CAFOD: THANK YOU! Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

DEAR HUSBAND & WIFE... You are invited to give each other a gift by spending **July 10th** online between **9am and 1pm** exploring and improving your relationship. The event, entitled '**Building A Better Marriage**', will provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. There is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better – whether you married five years ago or 50! Booking is essential.

Telephone **07983 524727** or Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. *Many thanks.*

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.