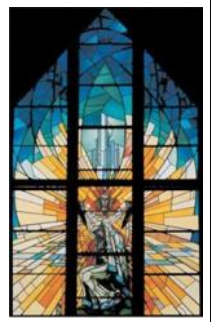




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 By appointment only

20th September 2020 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

As predicted back in the summer, the situation with regard to the pandemic looks like it will last round to the spring and summer months next year. The precautions taken by the diocese to ensure we worship as safely as possible will also remain in place for the foreseeable future. Your priests recognise that, for many, the sanctity of our Sunday mornings feels compromised as the sanitization routine effects the celebration of the Mass and our time of fellowship afterwards. However, the Mass is the Mass, and when it is celebrated with faith by God's holy people Grace flows.

That said, if we could all ensure that we consume the sacrament reverently in front of the Eucharistic Minister (and parents ensure that the children do the same), and refrain from 'chatting whilst chewing' immediately we have exited the church, that would go a long way to improve the situation for those who are coming out after you.

Many say that the best of this year's weather is behind us!! This brings us to the sticky subject of the ethics of heating the church through the autumn and winter months. Best practice in times of a pandemic must be maintained; doors open to avoid handling, space well ventilated, etc. etc. There will be little point in having the heating on for extended periods before the church is occupied, and it may be that the heating is only effective for those sat right in front of it under these circumstances. To be honest, we just don't know. We do not want to burn Gas and money without benefit. Be patient with us whilst we experiment, and be prepared to wear an extra layer if you are one who feels the cold. And yes, at time of going to print, *we still can't open the loo!* Sorry.

Fr Keill.

*** 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.

*** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION ***

*Please text your name to this parish telephone number - **07548 868418**.
 Many thanks for your cooperation.*

Mass Intentions This Week

19 September: Saturday

First Holy Communion Mass
 10:00 Dermot Enright RIP

First Holy Communion Mass
 17:30 Philomena Hoskins RIP

18:30 Anne Walsh RIP (Anniversary)

20 September:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

09:00 Kit Ord RIP

First Holy Communion Mass
 10:00 Michael McCrory RIP

11:00 All Parishioners

12:00 Dulcie Elizabeth Morrison RIP

21 September: Monday SAINT MATTHEW

10:00 Marguerite Conn RIP

22 September: Tuesday

10:00 Wellbeing of Keith Dougherty

23 September: Wednesday SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELICINA

10:00 Sophia Benedict RIP

24 September: Thursday

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

10:00 Eugene McKeon RIP

19:30 Eileen Haynes RIP

25 September: Friday

10:00 Donal & Peggy Kelleher RIP

26 September: Saturday

First Holy Communion Mass

10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP

First Holy Communion Mass

17:30 Michelle & David Harris'

30th Wedding Anniversary

18:30 John Boswood RIP

27 September:

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

09:00 SVP. Intentions for the Lonely & Vulnerable of the Parish

First Holy Communion Mass

10:00 All Parishioners

11:00 For Peace in the Dem. Rep. of Congo

12:00 John McElhinney RIP



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 457.21
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 640.79
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2073.00

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: 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, Winifred Dias, Salvatore Di Meo, William Donachy, Margaret Skeats, Fr. Patrick Best, Antonio Corazzo, Daphne Higher, Anne Miller

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!

The Annual *Anerley ACROSS Golf Classic* at the *Selsdon Park Golf Club* was a magnificent success; the event raised **£4,650.00**. Christina & Ben Cahill would like to thank the Golfers, Sponsors and the many Friends who made donations. Notable winners on the day included *Michael Bowen* with the Seniors Prize and *John Cately & Ben Cahill* winning the *nearest to the pin events*.

The Social Club in partnership with Our Lady's Parish are proposing to have a *Christmas Raffle* to support three local charities; *The Lily Pad Appeal* (Children with Cancer) at Croydon University Hospital, the *Woodside Bereavement Service* and *St Mildred's Church* (Drop In Centre & Toys for Children in Care). There will be three cash prizes of £300, £200 and £100 plus seven additional prizes. Over the next two weeks, we are seeking sponsors for the Prizes. If you can help in anyway, please send an email to patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk.

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 them 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.*

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: *Although we cannot yet confirm that Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 1st November, catechism is still going ahead.* Therefore candidates are asked to sign up to one of two sessions that are to be delivered on consecutive Sundays, EITHER October 4th OR October 11th.

Please call the parish office to book your place.

The day will start at 9am in the hall with a discussion about the Mass, we will join the celebration of the 10am Mass in church, before returning to the Hall for the rest of the day. Fr Keith has yet to draw up the timetable for the day, but we hope to finish around 5.30pm. Social distancing will be observed on site. We will have a takeaway for lunch, and other refreshments will be served in single use units.

COMPULSORY FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

It is **compulsory to wear a face covering during Mass**. We respectfully ask that people provide their own masks and wear them during Mass. Many thanks.

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.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS who wish their children to start preparation 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 27th September**. The first session and introduction (WITH PARENTS) is on **Tuesday 6th October at 5pm promptly** in the **large hall** and will finish at 5.30pm. Late applications cannot be accepted.

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 Sunday 27th September**. Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available from Monday 21st September to Friday 9th October.

Primary school interviews will take place later in the year.

'WILL WEEK' FOR ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOSPICE

St Christopher's Will Week takes place from 21st – 25th September. During Will Week we team up with local solicitors who waive their usual Will-writing fee in return for a donation to St Christopher's Hospice. People can bring their affairs up to date, giving peace of mind, while supporting their local hospice. Full details of how it works and the list of local solicitors participating can be found on our website www.stchristophers.org.uk/willweek

OPEN EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Open Evening for entry to year 7 in 2021 on **Tuesday 6th October**. Tours from **5pm until 7pm**, with the head teacher's speech at 5.15pm. Alternatively, open days on **Monday 21st September to Friday 25th September 9am to 10am**, or by appointment. Parents & children will have the opportunity to meet the head teacher, senior staff, classroom teachers & students at the event. We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any questions in advance please contact us through:

admissions@stmaryscroydon.co.uk or by phoning **020 8686 3837**

All social distancing measures will be in place

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

Sat	5.30pm	Family bubbles only
Sat	6.30pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	9.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	10.00am	Family bubbles only
Sun	11.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	12.00pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

STAY ALERT 

CONTROL THE VIRUS

 **SAVE LIVES**