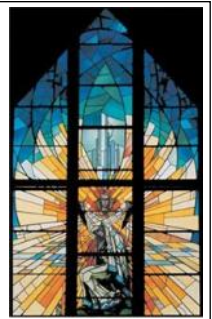




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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20th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 131 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

It's never too late. It's never too late to turn to the Lord. It's never too late to be welcomed by the Lord. It's never too late to stop living an aimless life and live a life full of meaning. It's never too late to leave sin and be welcomed by the mercy of Jesus. It's never too late to be welcomed by the love of Jesus. Jesus told the Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard to teach us that it is never too late to turn to him. It is never too late to receive the grace of Jesus. The Lord continues to go out to the marketplace every hour to invite people to his vineyard.

Those in the parable who complained that they worked hard all day in the heat and received only the same pay as those who worked only for one hour do not reflect our attitude. Their attitude is the attitude of those engaged in economics. Instead, for us, it is a joy to work in the Lord's vineyard all day. If we did not work in the Lord's vineyard we would be missing out on time with the Lord. Instead of grumbling about those who come late to the vineyard, perhaps as late as their deathbed, we should feel privileged to have worked long and hard in the Lord's vineyard. What a joy it is for us to see people coming to the Lord's vineyard at any stage of their life.

GLORY BE.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on the following dates due to staff annual leave, therefore there is **NO NEWSLETTER** next week. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Thursday 24th, Friday 25th, Monday 28th, & Tuesday 29th September

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

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.

MEETINGS

Finance Meeting: Monday 21st at 8pm (PRC)
Ascent Group: Tuesday 22nd at 10.45am (Small Hall) *See overleaf for details*
SVP: Tuesday 22nd & 29th at 8pm (PRC)
RCIA: Wednesday 23rd at 7.30pm (PRC) *The Mass*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 590.92
Loose cash	£ 219.25
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2150.17

Mass Intentions This Week

19 September: Saturday

10:00 Ernie Jayawardena RIP 1st Anniversary

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP ~

20 September: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

08:30 Dec. Mems. of the Hayward Fam. RIP ~

10:00 Anne France RIP ~

11:30 All Parishioners ~

21 September: Monday SAINT MATTHEW

10:00 Marguerite Conn RIP

22 September: Tuesday

10:00 Maria Morris RIP

23 September: Wednesday

FUNERAL MASS

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

10:00 Lorraine Quinlivan RIP

24 September: Thursday

OUR LADY OF WALSLINGHAM

10:00 Jill Newsome RIP

19:30 Nadia Ghawi RIP

25 September: Friday

10:00 Bridget Meek RIP

26 September: Saturday

10:00 Anthony Kennedy RIP

18:00 Samanmali Alas RIP

27 September: (Page 134 of Mass Book) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

08:30 For The SVP, Those They Visit &

Have Befriended Over The Years

10:00 Diamond Wedding Anniversary of

Jill & Terry Braim

11:30 All Parishioners

~ With Food Bank Sunday

*Mass Intentions for next week
are shown overleaf*

*** 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 collection for *Education Sunday* amounted to £1065.87. Many thanks.

This week there will be a Diocesan collection for *Home Mission Sunday*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Lauren Horwood, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Mervat Nasri, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade, Mary-Jane Watson & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Grace Munro, Ernie Jayawardena, John Hayward Jr, Thomas Smyth, Daphne Nawrocka, Monica Gardiner, Archibald Hansen, Robert West, Sophia McLaughlin, Henry Seymour (Harry) Gibbs, Maria Morris, Michael Carroll, Anne Warnock, Owen McSweeney, Sr. Monica Cooley, Teresa Tunesi, Trinidad Lucio, Anthony McTiernan, Margaret Selwesiuk, Winifred Waller, Winifred Dias, Salvatore Di Meo, William Donachy, Brian Kearney, Margaret Skeats, Fr. Patrick Best, Antonio Corazzo, Daphne Higher, Anne Miller

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

20th September: TR Dallas
27th September: Kenny Paul
4th October: Kieran White
11th October: Theresa Rodgers
18th October: Glen Flynn
25th October: The Duets
2nd November: Cross Keys
8th November: Frank Nelson

- Thank to the Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of the **Anerley ACROSS Golf Day** & evening with Effie Neill. The event raised £9,100.00; these resources will be used to take a party of disabled people on a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** in June.

- **The Motown Tribute Evening** featuring the Dreamettes takes place on Friday, 16th October. Admission will be by **TICKET ONLY**. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle and/or Auction. All proceeds from this event will be given to the 28th Croydon Scouts Group to support their refurbishment of facilities programme.

To reserve Tickets for this event, call **Ben Cahill - 07958 903410**

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

We are now entering the final week of preparations for the Fayre. We are grateful for the support that we have received over the last few weeks. This weekend Raffle Tickets will be on Sale after all Masses. **Completed counterfoils & monies must be returned to the Presbytery by Saturday, 26th September.**

We still need the following items:

*** Unwanted Gifts *Toiletries**

- Next Saturday morning from 8:00am we need a Team of Helpers to assist with the assembly of Tents & arrangement of Stalls. Light refreshments will be available for all Volunteers.

- **Cakes, Pies, Crumbles, Homemade Crafts, Fruit & Veg and Plants can be delivered to the Hall from 9:00am on Saturday.**

- **The Dog Show will commence at approx. 3:00pm; entries to be made on the day.**

- **You can make a donation for the Fayre by using the Portal choosing the option "Autumn Fayre".**

- **All proceeds from the Fayre will be used to support the Parish Refurbishment Programme.**

- **Please bring CASH to the fayre.**

**Next weekend there will be very limited space
In the Car Park for Masses.**

NEW EVANGELISATION!!

On **Tuesday September 22nd** our Ascent Group have arranged for the Diocese Advisor on Evangelisation to talk in our Parish after 10am Mass. The title of the talk will be **'What can I do?Sharing Faith with People I Love'** *Please join us - all are welcome, !*

***** SAVE THE DATE - PARISH DINNER & DANCE ***
Saturday 7th November in the large hall**

Tickets £38 - details to follow. Contact **Marie Tross: 07774 643159**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

If your child is in a **Catholic School** and was 7 years old on 31st August 2026 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website. Return forms to the Parish office no later than **Sunday 4th October**.

*The first parents' meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th November - 8pm in the Large Hall**. Please note that this programme is only for children who live & worship weekly at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church/Parish. If you attend another church, your child will receive the Sacrament at that church. Unfortunately we cannot offer catechism sessions for children in school years 4, 5 or 6.*

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (September) Readers: (Sept/October)
Baptism Certificates: Please collect from the parish office.

Mass Intentions 28th September - 4th October

28 September: Monday

10:00 Jude Elrick Outschoorn RIP 2nd Anniversary

29 September: Tuesday

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

10:00 Matty McCarthy RIP

30 September: Wednesday SAINT JEROME

10:00 David Neaves RIP

1 October: Thursday

SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

10:00 UCM Intentions for Tony Birkby RIP

19:30 Joan McHugh RIP

2 October: Friday THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

10:00 Ann Waites RIP

3 October: Saturday

10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

18:00 Gerard Finnerty & Annie-Jo Tighe Finnerty RIP

4 October: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Kathleen Hudnott RIP

10:00 UCM: For All Homeless People

11:30 All Parishioners

APPLICATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Application forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. *Please complete the form fully and return it to the parish office. Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith.* Appointments will be available from **Monday 14th September to Thursday 8th October**. *Primary school interviews will take place later in the year.*

ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB: For years 7 -10 of secondary school, in the large hall. To find out more & register interest please email: **aycouthclub11@gmail.com**

PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME

This is an invitation to parishioners who are currently placing what is termed **'loose cash'** into the offertory baskets, to consider gift aiding their donations via the weekly gift aid envelope method. The order for the 2027/2028 weekly gift aid envelopes is being placed soon. If you would like to join the scheme and wish a set of envelopes to be ordered for you, please collect a request form by the contactless Dona device in the porch and return to the parish office. Gift aid envelopes can still be ordered for this financial year 2026/2027. *All that is required is for you to be a **UK TAX PAYER**.*

AUTUMN FAYRE — INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL

 **Volunteers Needed!**

Once again we're running our popular International Food Stall at the Autumn Fayre — and we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to cook, prepare, serve or assist on the day.

Whether you can cook a dish, help for an hour, or give a hand setting up — Every little helps!   **Get Involved!**

Please speak to **Chimu** on **07523 422134** or the parish office by **Tuesday 22nd September** — if you need any ingredients to prepare for your meal or if you can help in any way please let us know.

Thank you so much — we can't wait to share this wonderful food and fellowship together!  From the International Food Stall Team

HOW DO WE PRAY? HOW DO WE BUILD A BETTER, MORE FULFILLING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called **Teach Me to Pray** facilitated by *Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission*. The programme will be **online** on Tuesdays, starting **6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm**. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can.

For more details, or to sign up see:

aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hq

or email for further information **spirituality@rcaos.org.uk**

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: **safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk**

AN INVITATION TO SING OR PLAY

Those who attend the 8.30am Mass on Sundays know that we generally have an organist to lead the sung worship.

That rôle is taken at other Masses by groups from within the congregation; twice a month each, the 10 o'clock is accompanied by the Cecilians and the Music Group. At 11.30, Jacqueline leads from the piano with a small group of singers.

None of these “units” requires anyone to pass a test, an audition if you like – all you need is a commitment that you’ll attend when you can, and a degree of enthusiasm that says “when you can” means “as often as I possibly can”. This applies to musicians, too; young people have started playing in church from age six; we hope that the experience helped with their musical development as they went through school/college and into the big, wide world. At least two past members are now professionals ...

This is an invitation to turn up at your usual Mass and see if sitting and singing (or playing) with the singers and musicians is indeed for you. You will be more than welcome and can find out rehearsal details, and how each group works, before deciding that, yes, this is for you; yes, you believe that you *can* assist with the leading of the sung worship; and yes, the members of the group are welcoming ‘cos they remember their first time coming to the group.

Contact details are shown on the “Music at Mass” tab inside the “Our Parish” tab on the church’s website (Addiscombecatholicchurch.com) – we all look forward to welcoming you.

