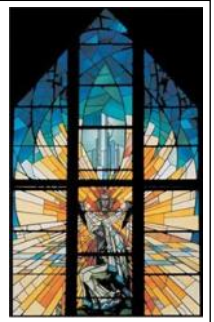




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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20th October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 146 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25 Sunday O.T year B, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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Mass Intentions This Week

- 19 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Thanksgiving & Good Health for Mariam Joseph
 18:00 Win & Ern Foster & Emilio Cicco RIP ~
- 20 October: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Ronald Rakusen RIP ~
 10:00 Sheila Braim RIP Anniversary ~
 11:30 John Walsh RIP 2nd Anniversary ~
- 21 October: Monday**
 10:00 Roy Hedderman RIP
- 22 October: Tuesday**
 10:00 Wellbeing of Matilda Olatunji
- 23 October: Wednesday**
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Mary McCaughey
- 24 October: Thursday**
 10:00 Deceased Children of the Binkiewicz Family RIP
 19:30 Thomas Corduff RIP
- 25 October: Friday**
 10:00 Martha & Abraham Pereira RIP
- 26 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Kathleen Finnegan RIP
 18:00 Nora (Ann.), Paddy & John Walsh RIP
- 27 October: THIRTIETH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Sebastian & Maryla Gomez RIP
 10:00 All Parishioners
 11:30 The Welfare of Coloma & All Catholic Education

~ With Foodbank Sunday

MEETINGS

- Finance Committee:** Monday 21st at 8pm (PRC)
Ascent Group: Tuesday 22nd at 10.30am (Small Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 22nd at 8pm (PRC)
Bible Study: Wednesday at 11.15am (Large Hall) *Letter to Philemon*
RCIA: Wednesday 23rd at 8pm (PRC) *Death, Resurrection & Anointing of Sick*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 561.55
Loose cash	£ 806.13
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2707.68

*** 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

This week there is a Diocesan collection for *World Mission Sunday* - see note overleaf.
 Next week there will be an ACC collection for *Barnabas Aid*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Daly, Bianca Buchhaus, Margaret Linnane, Sheila Braim, John Walsh, James Clancy, Kathleen Brandon, Aileen Talbot, Veronica Locke, George Pichery, Merlyn O'Connell, Margaret Mary Gibbs, Barbara Stevens, Kenneth Nicholas, Richard Schenk, Anna Schalck, Mary Ann Fowler, Anthony Brunson, Maisie Wyatt, Abina Martin, Sophie Jones, John Davis, Walter Elfer, Anastazy Kachellek, Richard Allen Wilding, Kathleen Finnegan, Catherine Grogan, Innes Gosine, Matthew McCabe, Mark McDonald

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

20th October: The Duets

27th October: Theresa Rodgers

3rd November: Frank Nelson

10th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

17th November: Cross Keys

24th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens

1st December: Theresa Rodgers

8th December: Glen Flynn

- Thank you to the Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of the **Dreamettes: Motown Tribute Evening**. The event raised £3,000.00; these resources will be split between **the Big Build at Beccahamians RFC & the Brain Tumour Charity**.

- The **ABBA Tribute Evening** featuring all of their hits over the last 40+ years takes place on Friday, 15th November commencing at 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to **CLAPA (Cleft Lip & Palate Association)** and the **NICU (Neuro Intensive Care Unit) at St George's Hospital, Tooting**.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

OUR LADY'S CENTENARY CALENDARS

Calendars will be on sale after all Masses **this weekend**. Priced at £10 each, *cash only please*.

If you'd like to reserve any copies, please contact **Marie Tross** on **07774 643159** or email tross.marie@gmail.com. Alternatively you can contact or visit the parish office.

WEEKLY MASS IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There is Mass every **Wednesday** at 12noon in Croydon University Hospital Chapel. All are most welcome.

SR SHEILA: There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Sister Sheila in St. Andrew's, Thornton Heath, on Tuesday 5th November at 7pm. All are most welcome.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united in God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need.

To donate, use the **Missio envelopes**, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit mission.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

ASSISTED DYING BILL: PLEASE ACT NOW

The first reading of a bill on assisted dying (when a sick person is given access to lethal drugs which they administer themselves) took place in parliament last week, with a vote expected in December. This attempt to legalise state-sponsored killing comes just weeks after the Health Secretary described the NHS as "in crisis". Sick and elderly people, already struggling to access the care and support they need, are in great danger of being encouraged to see themselves as 'burdens' rather than the unique and precious children of God they really are.

To defeat this bill, we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Our MP, Natasha Irons, is new to Parliament so has not voted on this issue before. She will be getting a barrage of messages – we must make sure our voice is heard. **Email natasha.irons.mp@parliament.uk**

For more information, please see page 3 of the newsletter online

ADVENT: Please see page 3 of this newsletter online where there is a note about establishing house groups for Advent, where we will follow a professionally-prepared course of bible study.

For Collection: *A Barcellos*

Rotas: *Eucharistic Ministers (Oct) Readers (September/October)*

ADDISCOMBE RESETTLEMENT COMMUNITY

It has been just over two years now since our refugee family from Afghanistan arrived in Croydon. While our group will continue to support the family with their integration into life in the UK, our financial support for the family has now come to an end.

We, along with the family, would like to thank all the members of the parish who have offered their support so generously during that period with gifts of money, time, and their prayers. Anyone who has a standing order to donate to the group, should cancel this by contacting their bank or building society.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/2025

If your child is in a **Catholic School** and was 7 years old on 31st August 2024 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 27th October**. The first parents' meeting will be on Tuesday 19th November. **Incomplete/late applications will not be accepted.**

ROSARY PRAYER

Monday - Saturday 9.30 - 9.50am

Friday - 9.15am - Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Rosary

CELEBRATION!

Next year we celebrate the centenary of Our Lady's Church. We have the keepsake calendar and now I see this as an exciting opportunity for a group to get together to design and create a wall hanging/alter frontal. Come along with your thoughts, ideas and ways that you can contribute towards this project and be part of a team to create something special to show our love of our church. Please let me know that you are interested joining in this project.

Contact Jenny Lucas on

07711 533781 or email jayelle15@gmail.com

Meeting on Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm in the PRC

DAY TRIP TO ST MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT

A visit is planned to St. Mary's College, Oscott - the seminary for the Archdiocese of Birmingham, on Sunday 9th February 2025.

The college was opened in 1794 and has ties with St. John Henry Newman and Pugin architecture. It is a chance to meet some of the seminarians, have a tour of the college, enjoy afternoon tea with cakes baked on-site and attend Evening Prayer with Benediction.

Costs will be for transport only (to be determined once numbers are known), tickets are by donation only. Planned departure at 11:00am, return by 21:30pm.

To express interest, please email francisbunch500@hotmail.com

BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS WITH FR TOMASZ

Starting on Wednesday 23rd October, we will have Bible Study sessions after coffee morning in the large hall. We will start with the topic: **'Letter to Philemon - new reality of Christian faith'**.

We will then work through the Old Testament Books focusing on the theme of the 'Faithful love of God'. **All are welcome!**

Please bring your Bible; the best translation would be the **Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition**.

THE PARISH ASCENT GROUP

On Tuesday 22nd, Our Lady's Ascent Group will be joined by Southwark Life Ascending Groups from other parishes, for a Day of Recollection, after 10.00 am Mass, in the small hall.

The Speaker will be Sr Sheila Barrett DMJ and the theme for the day will be "Prayer".

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting is on **Sunday 27th October at 12.30pm** in the large hall. Agenda will include feedback from our successful day out to Arundel, and our Christmas bring & share with carols and secret Santa and your shout (Saturday 14th Dec). Warmest regards Sylvia

ASSISTED DYING BILL: PLEASE ACT NOW

This booklet is very helpful (and inspiring) [Stories of ordinary people opposed to assisted suicide](#)

This webpage is useful <https://www.spuc.org.uk/livesworthliving>

However, if you are too busy to read up on the matter, just write a brief email to Natasha Irons in your own words, mentioning your own concerns about assisted suicide. Do you have a disability that will make you vulnerable? Or have family members you'd be worried about? Natasha is a Labour MP – you could remind her of her party's commitment to the poor and vulnerable. *Many thanks!*

HOUSE GROUPS FOR ADVENT

“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belong to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work”
(2 Timothy, 3:16,17)

From Psalm 119 ... *“O teach me true understanding and knowledge”* (v. 66); *“Give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments”* (v. 73).

Sermons are good – they can be very good – but are they enough?

Did our understanding of our faith come to a halt after Confirmation? If “Yes!!”, does this bother you? Would you welcome a convivial way of deepening and broadening your knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a Christian today?

In times past locally, there have been house groups and Bible study groups (generally of between 6 and 10 members), aimed at enabling us all to learn more, in a guided way, perhaps focused on a short season such as Advent or Lent. Following a short booklet covering (say) four weeks of Advent, groups examine and discuss what relevance to today there might be in (say) the Parable of the Prodigal Son, or The Council of Trent, or the various stories of deaths in the Bible (Goliath, Lazarus, Judas Iscariot and of course Jesus himself), or why and how the Old Testament is a formative element in the Christian faith.

Yes, it may sound daunting – but it isn't. For each week, the booklet might have a suggested Bible reading, a few paragraphs of commentary and several questions. It is these questions which the group leader would focus on with the members, drawing out insights and experiences which help others to see more clearly the important issues of the day in the light of their (we hope now expanded) Christian faith. To have groups at all, we clearly need hosts who can seat up to ten people more or less comfortably, and leaders who are prepared to ensure that a balanced conversation is held, with the discussion including everyone and not dominated by one or two people.

If you believe you could do either (or both) of these, please let Andy Bebington know via **020 8777 4849** or, preferably, andy.bebington@gmail.com, giving your name and contact details and an indication of which afternoons or evenings you'd generally expect to be available.

If you think you might like to join a group just as a member, (subject to date, and time of day), please also let him know your “availability” so that the numbers of groups can be arranged.

