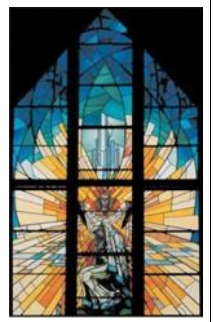




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 By appointment only

20th December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent YEAR B

Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas
 and a
Happy New Year

Fr. Keith, Jacqueline and family, and Fr Jackson.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 6:pm: Sing A Long Mass STREAMED ONLY
 11.30pm: Midnight Mass STREAMED & PUBLIC

Christmas Day: 9am PUBLIC ATTENDANCE
 10am STREAMED & PUBLIC ATTENDANCE
 11am PUBLIC ATTENDANCE
 12pm PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Please bear in mind that your obligation is fulfilled if you attend Mass at anytime over the Octave of Christmas.

*** RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ***

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS TO YOUR PRIESTS

As with everything else in 2020, your Christmas offerings to Fr Keith and Fr Jackson will be slightly different this year! The Diocese have recognised that parishioners may not be able to attend Mass in their usual way over the Christmas period, but may still want to give something to their priest in the traditional way.

Therefore, all of the collections (including electronic and standing order) which are received on each of the days within the 'Octave of the Nativity of the Lord' and up to and including 6th January 2021, will constitute your personal Christmas offering.

However, there are still special envelopes available near the exit in the porch if you wish to use them. Those on the Gift Aid scheme should use their designated envelope for Christmas Day if possible. Many thanks.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 942.47
Loose cash	£ 304.00
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2221.47

Mass Intentions This Week

19 December: Saturday

10:00 Josephine Seemampillai RIP
 17:30 Joan McHugh RIP
 18:30 Andy & Nuala Fox RIP

20 December:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

09:00 Pat Harley RIP
 10:00 Desire Toure RIP
 11:00 Margot Evans RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners

21 December: Monday

10:00 Martin Fernandez RIP

22 December: Tuesday

10:00 Prince & Chief
 Mrs Patrick Adeyemo RIP

23 December: Wednesday

10:00 Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

24 December: Thursday

10:00 Kathleen Margot Evans RIP

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

18:00 Giulio & Liliana Salvi RIP
 23:30 All Parishioners

25 December: Friday

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

09:00 Mr David Knott RIP
 10:00 Elizabeth Marnane RIP
 11:00 George Manning RIP
 12:00 Monica Grant RIP

26 December: Saturday SAINT STEVEN

10:00 Wellbeing of Margaret Joseph
 17:30 Joan Browne RIP 10th Anniversary
 18:30 Ints of Sr Josepha Caruana

27 December: Sunday THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

09:00 All Parishioners
 10:00 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP
 11:00 John, Eileen & John Jr Fleury RIP
 12:00 Mr & Mrs Abiodum RIP

Please see overleaf for Mass Intentions up to Sunday 10th January

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, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney, Teresa Savitri

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: May Lally, 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, Eileen McGarey, Sr. Dierdre O'Neill, Sandra Clark, Michael Stammers, Thaddeus Curry, Martin Curry, Ernest Gray, Margaret Rowe, Joseph Gatt

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - [07548 868418](tel:07548868418). Many thanks for your cooperation.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the support and contributions that people have shown to the Social Club over the years.

The Social Club has not been open since March and little did we know then that we would be closed for the remainder of the year. We are all kept in touch by the weekly newsletter that Pat Winston circulates and what a wonderful job he does.

The Social Club does not run on its own and there are too many people to mention by name who help us day in and day out; I do have to thank the Committee members and all those who attend the club throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have Fr Keith and Jacqueline who work alongside the Committee; they are always willing to help and I greatly appreciate their support.

I am very aware that people are missing the Club and the social interaction with friends. Hopefully 2021 will see us all back in the Club and on the dance floor. I know that many people have asked when will the Club reopen but the truth is that we don't know when, we can only open the Club once it is safe to do so following the lifting of Government restrictions and with the permission of the Archdiocese. Once it is safe to open we will let everyone know. We now have an approved vaccine and, we pray, the exit strategy for this pandemic draws nearer.

I hope that 2021 will be a year in which we hope the future will become brighter and that we will stay stronger together.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. **Ben Cahill**

Ally Harron & Marian Curry invite you to a Christmas Special, "*Dancing in the Kitchen*", on Wednesday, 23rd December at 8.00pm. The Concert will be available via Ally Harron's Facebook site. Please send your requests to Marian marian.music@hotmail.co.uk.

Following the success of the Christmas Raffle, there will be a **Bonus Draw** for all ticket holders on **Sunday, 27th December** following the 10.00am Mass. The Prizes will be **three Hampers** and **two Free Entries for Win a Home in London**. www.winahomeinlondon.com

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the death of Michael McGarvey. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Michael was a very valued and respected member of the Social Club. He looked forward to visiting the Social Club to meet his many friends, enjoy the entertainment and fully support the fundraising programme.

Please remember his Family & Friends in your thoughts & prayers at this difficult time. We will arrange for Fr Keith to celebrate a Mass for Michael & his Family.

CRIB OFFERINGS: Will be given to The Friends of the Holy Land & The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Southwark Crisis Fund.

GIFT AID: With Christmas in mind, there are still 70+ sets of Gift Aid envelopes uncollected in the parish office. If you would like yours, please ring the office giving your FULL NAME and your box will be left on the table in the church entrance for collection.

RECENT DEATHS: We are sad to announce the recent death of **Edith Smith** and also the sudden death of **Adam Coleman** (son of Clare and Anthony).

Please keep Edith, Adam's and both their families in your thoughts and prayers, especially at this difficult time of year.

May their souls Rest in Peace.

Mass Intentions

28 December: Monday THE HOLY INNOCENTS

10:00 Betty McHugh RIP

29 December: Tuesday ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

10:00 Intentions of Michele, Adam & Clemie

30 December: Wednesday

10:00 Thanksgiving for the Joseph Family

31 December: Thursday

10:00 Caroline Koch RIP

1 January: Friday MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 Eileen Fowley RIP

2 January: Saturday SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

10:00 Paddy McLoone RIP

17:30 Michael Rodrigues

18:30 John Fitzpatrick RIP

3 January: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

09:00 Frank Corduff RIP

10:00 George Pichery RIP 1st Anniversary

11:00 All Parishioners

12:00 Kathy Keehan RIP

4 January: Monday

10:00 Jane Lumala RIP

5 January: Tuesday

10:00 John Boswood RIP 1st Anniversary

6 January: Wednesday THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:00 David Warner RIP 1st Anniversary

7 January: Thursday

10:00 Alwyn Cornabe RIP

8 January: Friday

10:00 Deceased Members of the Lavin Family RIP

9 January: Saturday

10:00 Colin Cully RIP

17:30 Adrienne Baptiste RIP

18:30 Mary Rose Farrell RIP

10 January: Sunday THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

09:00 All Parishioners

10:00 Intentions of Margaret & John Grimsley

11:00 Anthony McClosky RIP

12:00 Mary Joyce RIP

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish office will close on **Wednesday 23rd December** and reopen on **Monday 4th January 2021**. You can still contact a priest in an emergency on the office telephone number.

HM Government

NHS

**WASH
HANDS**

**COVER
FACE**

**MAKE
SPACE**



OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or 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: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, *please visit the Repository shop at the weekend, or see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

***** THE REPOSITORY SHOP AT CHRISTMAS *****

There's a great selection of Christmas cards, diaries, calendars, candles, some lovely cribs, and other Christmassy bits available now! The shop will be open before and after each of the weekend Masses.

Early shoppers will have the best selection, so get in quick!!

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL
COLLECTIONS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE**

As the nights draw in and temperatures plummet, we will be collecting items to help support homeless people in our community, supporting two Croydon-based charities.

NIGHTWATCH

Nightwatch volunteers are out every night in the centre of Croydon, giving food and other help. Later this month they will distribute more than 100 Christmas presents. Additional contributions would be very welcome.

Their greatest need is for:

- Sleeping Bags
- Hand Sanitiser
- Face Masks
- Warm hats, gloves and scarfs

STREETLINK

StreetLink exists to end rough sleeping by enabling members of the public to connect people sleeping rough with the local services that can support them.

They are in need of:

- Men's underwear
- Jogging bottoms (for men and women)

We will be collecting donations in a clearly marked box, at the back of the church, until Sunday 20 December.

*These collections are being coordinated by members of the
Addiscombe Welcomes Refugees group
addiscombewelcomesrefugees@gmail.com*

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring to let us know when you will collect.

Many thanks.

**ACT NOW AND ASK YOUR MP TO OPPOSE
INTRODUCING ASSISTED SUICIDE**

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide.

It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

FRATELLI TUTTI: The new encyclical of Pope Francis, is a message for everyone, not just Catholics or people of other faiths. The Holy Father argues that at a time of pandemic we cannot just return to politics as normal, but need to show fraternity and social friendship to build a better, more just and peaceful world. To find out more about Fratelli Tutti, please follow the links on the parish website.

How can you show fraternity and social friendship in our Parish?

Please contact one of the following groups in our Parish: the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), who visit and befriend parishioners; the Refugee Support group, who are preparing to bring a vulnerable family for resettlement in the UK, and the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation group, who campaign on social issues in line with Catholic social teaching. Details of how to contact these groups can be found on the website or you can contact the parish office.

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION TO THE HOMELESS

Sadly, due to restrictions imposed on our older members by the COVID pandemic and lack of further volunteers, the Good Shepherd Mission To the Homeless (GSMH) are no longer able to continue our work in distributing food, clothing and toiletries to homeless people in Lincoln's Inn and Waterloo. *Now seems to be a natural ending to nearly forty years of GSMH ministry inspired by Sr. Joan, DMJ, for which we are truly grateful.*

Our remaining funds and assets will be shared amongst other charities that support people who are homeless.

On behalf of GSMH. I would like to thank you for your generous support over the years. Without your contributions, the work could not have continued. *Sr. Sheila Barrett for GSMH*

AYC UPDATE: As we did not get many members for the 'Year 7 Christmas Introduction Quiz', we will plan a meet up for Year 7 in the new year and are very keen to get this organised.

Christmas Wishes from the AYC

