



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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21st January 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 129 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B



This particular phrase which correlates with Paul's words to Corinthians (1Cor 7.31), was used during papal coronations from 15th century until 1963. It was to remind him that earthly glory is futile.

Jonah is sent by the Lord to a nation which invaded his own country, to those who killed many of his compatriots and deported others. It is too hard for him to do, so he runs away.

Whilst in the belly of a great fish, he realises that the Lord is the sense of everything and to him, all belongs. So he faces the enemies of Israel and preaches the need of repentance.

Assyrians from Nineveh saw a Jew who calls them to repentance and responded to it. It is the king himself, whose ancestors invaded Israel and mistreated people of God! What interest would Jonah have to save his own foes? That convinced the king and the whole of Nineveh repented, including animals.

Jonah learned in a hard and painful way the truth about God's love! His love is unmeasured and concerned with everyone, since all human beings are created in His image and likeness.

Call to repentance is always a call to joy and freedom, because it comes from the Lord who has our best interests in mind.

Fr Tomasz Margol

Mass Intentions This Week

20 January: Saturday
10:00 Deceased Members of the Lavin Family RIP

18:00 Miranda Franzon RIP *

21 January: THIRD SUNDAY
08:30 Len & Cella Dickens RIP *
10:00 James Brady RIP (Birthday) *
11:30 Fanchea Blackman RIP *

22 January: Monday
10:00 Margaret Wall RIP

23 January: Tuesday
10:00 Greta & George Farrell RIP

24 January: Wednesday
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES
10:00 Ashley Jacob RIP

25 January: Thursday
THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL
10:00 Wellbeing of Julie & Declan Sullivan
19:30 Sylvester Seaton RIP

26 January: Friday
SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS
10:00 95th Birthday Wishes for Michael Bowen

27 January: Saturday
10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP
18:00 Harry Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

28 January: FOURTH SUNDAY
08:30 All Parishioners ~
10:00 Tony Carrigan RIP ~
11:30 Pauline Psaila RIP

* With Foodbank Sunday
~ With Children's Liturgy

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 23rd at 10.30am (Small Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 23rd at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: Wednesday 24th at 8pm (PRC) *Question Time*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 560.80
Loose cash	£ 687.20
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2538.00

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's second collection for **Pax Christi** amounted to £488.00. Many thanks. This week there will be an ACC collection for **The White Flower Appeal (SPUC)**. Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for **Racial Justice Sunday** (see note overleaf).

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 & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Elsie Ryan, Harry Linton, Eithne Stolls, George Paice, Joseph Mizzi, Antonia Drabik, William Toole, Terence Flanagan, Mary Ellen Gillman, John Walsh, Mary Joyce, Maureen Morrissey, Jean Cruickshank, Kathleen Farren, James Shaw, Cedric Chopin, Grace Jennings, Edward Kingman, Phyllis Dovidonis, Diana Jeffries, Carole Simpson, Eileen Hudson, Elisabeth Piney, Eva Mahoney, Daniel Gorman, Ted Murphy, Marilyn Novell, Sylvester Seaton, Simon Quinn, Richard Walsh, Neil Dennett, Catherine Rocca, Arturo Braiotta, John Williams, Isabella Gallett, Raymond Burkin, Colin Grant, Peter You Than Lim, Sarah O'Hara, Mary Druce, Carmel O'Flanagan, Michael Kenny, Jeremiah Johnson

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

21st January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

28th January: Cross Keys

4th February: Finbar & Paul

11th February: Shane & Mervyn Owens

18th February: Kieran White

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

3rd March: Pat Jordan

10th March: Glen Flynn

- **J & M Country Dance Classes** commence in the Church Hall on Sunday, 21st January from 2:00pm for five weeks. Admission will be £10.00 per class. For more information, call **Michael on 07576 146431**.

- **Ceili Night** comes to the Social Club on Friday, 26th January from 7:30pm. **The Parish Ceili Band** will provide the entertainment and there will be a range of dances including Sets, Waltzes et al.

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs will take place at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon, CR9 7AT. The sessions commence on Wednesday, 7th February from 5:45pm - 7:00pm; they will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- **Sabrina Fallon & Shane Moore** will be appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 15th March from 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Place to be Cafe, Purley**; a Social Club for older people living with **Dementia** and **their Carers**. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling **Pat Winston on 07734 250375**. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

COME ALONG TO OUR SOCIAL GROUP!

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 1 - 3pm

In the Small Hall

There is:

Tea/Coffee & Biscuits / Raffle / Singing / Bingo / Quizzes / Day trips

Come along, bring a friend and spread the word -

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our next session is on **Wednesday 24th January**

Please contact Ellen on 07947 120568 or email

ellenwhelan@londonirishcentre.org

Organised by The Irish Centre in Camden - OPEN TO ALL

** REPOSITORY SHOP **

2024 Diaries (with order of Mass) and Southwark Diocesan Directories are now in stock! Look out for some great sale items, especially **all Baptismal gifts at 50% off!**

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP

(Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the SMALL Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

23rd January: To be decided

THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

The date is 13th July, 3pm at St George's Cathedral. Couples celebrating a special anniversary – 1, 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 or more years – and wishing to receive a personal invitation from Abp John, should email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz is away next week, therefore talks will resume on **Wednesday 31st January**.

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Vera O'Neill**, (formerly of this parish before moving to Somerset). Details of her funeral, which will be held here at Our Lady's, will follow in due course.

May she Rest in Peace.

CALLING ALL 'OUR LADY'S' VOLUNTEERS!

All volunteers at Our Lady's need to be DBS checked. Parishioner Joanna Murphy has taken on this task for us. If you have not already been contacted by Joanna, and volunteer in a specific role in the parish (cleaner, reader, florist, SVP etc) please email her on:

addiscombedbs@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL

From 9.30am every Monday - Saturday

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine with a focus on living with each other in love. The service was prepared some years ago and therefore does not reflect the turmoil that is currently devastating the people in their country. We may feel there is nothing we can do for them but come and share the prayers at our Church at **7pm on the 1st March**, joining your prayers with those of rest of the world and letting them know we care.

If you would like to take on a specific role in the service please contact **Anne (Barcellos@btinternet.com)** in the next couple of weeks. Many thanks.

For Collection: K Duignan, C Buxton, P Ryan

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Jan) Readers (Jan/Feb)

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

28th January 2024 - St Georges Cathedral

Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating this event at St George's Cathedral at the 10am Mass. **Come in traditional attire or costumes and even bring a flag of your country of origin.** Refreshments will be available after Mass at Amigo Hall.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

This group will be meeting **fortnightly** on a **Friday evening in the PRC at 7pm**. Our next meeting is on **2nd February**. Please come along and join us!

DEALING WITH DIVORCE

People suffering from relationship breakdown are the focus of Restored Lives which runs non-denominational online and face-to-face courses to help adults and their children deal with the trauma of separation and divorce. Their next online course starts on 22nd January – for details visit: <https://www.restoredlives.org>

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & CO MAYO

3rd March 2024

£899.00 pps - Price includes:

Flight with 10kg hold luggage

5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport

with dinner, bed & breakfast

Lunch on three days

All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey,

Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle.

Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.