

Our Lady of the Annunciation



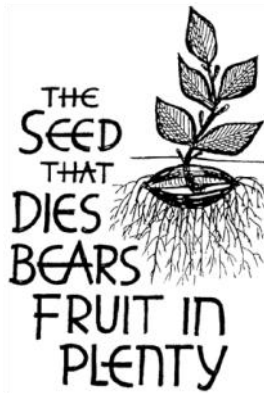
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
By appointment only

21st March 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent YEAR B

The second reading today comes from the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter is used more and more as we draw close to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The letter speaks so clearly of the sufferings of the Lord Jesus: "Son though he was, he learned obedience through suffering; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."

God has taken on our flesh and our human weakness even though God in Christ never sins. God in Christ knows our sinful nature and truly suffers. The carrying of the Cross and the death on the Cross are real and unite Jesus to us in a way that is unimaginable for God to share in our lives. Yet God chooses this way to draw us to Himself. We are invited to learn obedience to the will of the Father, even though we know that in the process of obedience, we also shall suffer.



THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Wed 24th Reconciliations for Year 6 at St. Thomas Becket
Thurs 25th The Annunciation of the Lord. Solemnity

Slowly we see light emerging at the end of the tunnel. Our young people are back at school and our parochial program of teaching may resume.

To this end, our First Holy Communion cohort for 2021 need to engage with the website where you will find a detailed calendar incorporating the classes and associated meetings. We look forward to welcoming your children safely, after the Easter break, for this important next step on their journey of faith.

Fr Keill.

Mass Intentions This Week

20 March: Saturday

10:00 *Eucharistic Service*

17:30 Joan McHugh RIP

18:30 Wellbeing & Protection Of
Mama Beaty & Grandchildren

21 March: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

09:00 All Godparents of Felix & Ruthi RIP

10:00 Adam Coleman RIP

11:00 All Parishioners

12:00 Mario Trentini RIP

22 March: Monday

10:00 Intentions of Tobi Arowobusoye

23 March: Tuesday

10:00 Susan O'Toole RIP

24 March: Wednesday

10:00 Philomena Lawton RIP

15:45 *Stations of the Cross*

25 March: Thursday

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:00 Harry Sweeney RIP

19:30 *Stations of the Cross*

26 March: Friday

10:00 Abraham & Martha Pereira RIP

27 March: Saturday

10:00 June Cully RIP 1st Anniversary

17:30 Intentions of Brother Gregory

18:30 Eileen Scanlon RIP

28 March: PALM SUNDAY

09:00 Thanksgiving & Blessings for the
Fernandes Family

10:00 Francisco Xavier Fernandes
23rd Birthday Wishes

11:00 Philomena Lawton RIP 1st Anniversary

12:00 All Parishioners



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 329.00
Loose cash	£ 404.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1708.00

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Patrick Murphy, Sheila Quieros, Brian Kearney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: George Chesher, Fr. Anthony Freeman, Victor de Souza, Sr Anthony, Edmond Kiely, Desmond Kavanagh, Denis Whitworth, Ethel Bowen, Rita Stone, Charles Martynski, Stephen Connolly, John Bradley, Emily Judge, Patrick O'Callaghan, Margaret Warne, Colleen Barretto, Patrick McHale, Richard Gillen, Delia Carder, Brendan Hickey, Norma Waddell, Eileen Parsons, Jack Hoey, Bob Tatnell, June Cully, Petronilla Molyneux, Stanislaw Stypien

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

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!
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.**
More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

BRIEGE SWEENEY & FAMILY: Would like to thank all parishioners for their kindness, Mass and Sympathy cards, and offers of help following the death of Harry. It was all very much appreciated, and a Mass will be offered for all your intentions on **Sunday 16th May at 9am.**

HOLY WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Palm Sunday - All Masses will be open to the public with the usual liturgies. There WILL NOT be a procession into the church however.

Maunder Thursday 7.30pm - Will be the usual COVID SECURE Mass and is open to the public. There WILL NOT be any special liturgies or washing of the feet. **The Church will remain open until 10pm only.**

Good Friday - 9.30am Stations of the Cross will be open to the public.

3pm Passion of the Lord and Veneration will be conducted IN PRIVATE and be LIVE STREAMED on FaceBook.

Holy Saturday - 10am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer will be open to the public in the usual way.

Vigil Mass 9pm - Will be open to the public in the usual way.

*** EASTER SUNDAY ***

9am - Open to the public COVID secure Mass

10am - LIVE STREAMED ONLY VIA FACEBOOK

(With music and hymns which can be downloaded from our website)

11am - Open to the public COVID secure Mass

12pm - Open to the public COVID secure Mass

You are reminded that **your obligation (although still rescinded) is fulfilled, if you attend Mass at anytime over the Easter Octave.**

Fr Keith & Fr Jackson look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord with you all this Easter-time!

LENT AT OUR LADY'S

During Lent, Fr Keith will give a themed homily at the **10am Mass** each **Wednesday morning**. There will also be **Stations of the Cross** every **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT 3.45pm & THURSDAY EVENING AT 7.30pm.**

ANGELA (YATES): Would like to thank Fr Keith and those parishioners who were so kind and helpful before and after the arrival of the ambulance, at last Friday's Mass for Pat Ryan. Apologies for delaying the start of the Mass - I'll try not to do it ever again!

UCM: IN MEMORY OF BINA BOWEN

When someone you love dies, it is devastating. We all know the wonderful vibrant, loving person that Bina was, but Dementia, which robs a person of their ability to think, remember and reason as they would usually, is a cruel illness and can affect so many of us in so many ways at any time.

So the UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) would like to invite you to donate to Dementia UK in memory of our lovely Bina.

Please send your donations to 'Catholic Addiscombe Foundation'

Sort Code 60 01 04 Account Number 87229188

With reference: BINA and your name

Thank you in advance for your support, any enquires please contact **Chris on 07852 972812**

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian has stepped down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith. Many thanks.

FREE LENT COURSES

There are a few online options for Free Lent Courses. They vary in theme and structure. Take a look at them and choose the one best suited to you.

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme>

<https://comeandsee.org/lent>

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

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Class Teacher Required for St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School

Dates: Apply by **19th April 2021** (*Job start September 2021*)

Salary: MPS / UPS

Contract Type: Full Time

Location: Croydon

Class Teacher Required for EYFS or KS1 or KS2

We are an inclusive and successful school seeking to appoint teachers who wish to develop professionally in a caring, supportive environment. **This is an outstanding opportunity for both experienced teachers and those in the early years of their career or Newly Qualified.**

The successful candidate will be able to support the Catholic ethos of the school.

Closing Date: Monday 19th April 2021

Interviews: W/C 19th April 2021

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and this post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

All applicants will be considered on the basis of suitability for the post regardless of sex, race or disability.

Further details and application forms can be obtained via the School Office:

E-mail: admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk

Or by visiting our school website to download the application pack: <https://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk/>

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RECYCLING PILL “BLISTER PACKS”

Sending waste to landfill costs money; and many of the items takes centuries, if not millennia to decompose. Some don't, they fragment and the resulting micro- or nano-particles get into the water table and from there into the wider environment and especially into the oceans. Some of this ends up in our food. It is estimated that we put 80 million tonnes of plastic into the oceans each year. Clearly this is not good.

Many of us, perhaps especially older members of the Parish, take pills and tablets which come in “blister packs” – combined foil and plastic bubbles designed to protect the pill while giving easy access when we need one. These have been necessarily ending up in landfill. Until now! Now there is a firm able to split the foil from the plastic, enabling the recycling of both. They are arranging for a series of nation-wide dropping-off points through which you and I can send our few blister packs for recycling.

The Parish's environmental group, JPIC, has agreed to join in the recycling of these, as we already do with milk bottle tops. In doing this, we are joining with the environmental groups from other churches locally to maximise the proportion of blister packs which can be recycled from local homes. In fact, it will be a member of a neighbouring parish who will arrange delivery to the nearest “clearing house” – *that's* ecumenism in action.

So please bring your blister packs to church and put them in the same bin in the porch we already use for milk bottle tops; they will be collected from there and fed “up the line” to minimise landfill, eliminate plastic nanoparticles getting into the food chain, and (through firms making things with recycled materials) enable us to leave minerals in the ground for future generations.

Clearly this is good – so please join in! *Andy Bebington, for the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group*

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. *Many thanks.*

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 see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

GIFT AID BOXES

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.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.**

All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

In order to provide our secretaries with a **COVID SECURE** working environment, the Parish office **REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. Rachel and Stephanie continue to work in isolation answering your calls and emails, *however please do not go to the office without an appointment or calling to notify us in advance.*

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Lord Jesus,

*when you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.*

*We place in your loving care all
who are affected by Coronavirus.*

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

*Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.*

*We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.*

Amen.

EXPERIENCED CLEANER REQUIRED

Please contact the parish office **VIA EMAIL** for further details at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk as the office remains closed at this time.

Many thanks.

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