



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 21st May 2023 Seventh Sunday of Easter (page 275 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.  
 (Loyola Press)



### \*\* NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - PARENTS' MEETING \*\*

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 31st May at 7.30pm in the church** for the parents of children who wish to train as altar servers. If your child has received their First Holy Communion and is interested, then please come along to the meeting for further information.

### MEETINGS

**Eucharistic Ministers' Refresher Course:** Tuesday 23rd at 7.30pm (Church)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 23rd at 8pm (PRC)



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**Fridays 10.30am - 12pm**  
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 25th MAY - TEAM A

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 983.31
Loose cash	£ 1567.80
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 3691.11</b>

### Mass Intentions This Week

- 20 May: Saturday**  
 10:00 Simon Nolan RIP  
 18:00 All Parishioners ~
- 21 May: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 08:30 Felix Banjo & Martina Oseni RIP ~  
 10:00 James Stone & Bridget Stone RIP ~  
 11:30 Joan O'Sullivan RIP 1st Anniversary ~
- 22 May: Monday**  
 10:00 Birthday Wishes for Margaret Banjo
- 23 May: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Kieran Kelly RIP
- 24 May: Wednesday**  
 10:00 Maria Morris RIP
- 25 May: Thursday**  
**SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE**  
 10:00 Wellbeing of Lister DeCosta  
 19:30 Patrick & Joan O'Sullivan RIP
- 26 May: Friday** **SAINT PHILIP NERI**  
 10:00 Patricia Still RIP
- 27 May: Saturday**  
**SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTEBURY**  
 10:00 Sheila Gillam RIP  
 18:00 John O'Donovan RIP
- 28 May: PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
 08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 Audrey Moynihan RIP  
 11:30 Bernie & Tony Potter RIP

~ With Foodbank Sunday

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

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

### COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for **World Communications Sunday** (see note overleaf).  
 Next week there will be a second collection for **Maryhill Secondary Girls School Uganda**.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Kevin Moynihan, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Mary McHale, Mary Kate Collins, Margaret Hayes, Brigid Thompson, Norman Kelly, Mary Dillon, Bridget Brennan, Angelica De Biasi, John Minus, Amelia Cully, Daniel Gorey, Thelma Glancy, Jack Linnane, Sarah Summers, Lynda Ticehurst, Francis Chambers, Cyril Kelly, Nancy Smith, Hilda Mills, Graham Bull, Antoni Znidericz, Joseph Doyle, Carol Byrne, Kenneth Cox, Gladys Morais

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

21st May: Shane & Mervyn Owens

28th May: Frank Nelson

4th June: Glen Flynn

11th June: Finbar & Paul

18th June: Cross Keys

25th June: Kenny Paul

2nd July: Kieran White

9th July: Theresa Rodgers

- The **2023 Golf Gala & Disco** will take place on Friday, 9th June. The **Golf Classic** will commence at 9.30am at the Farleigh Golf Club, Old Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9PE. The day will conclude with a **Chicken & Chips Supper and DJ Dean** at Our Lady's Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm. For more information, send an email to [sheilajordan1@icloud.com](mailto:sheilajordan1@icloud.com) or call 07921 235141. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity. in memory of the Late Christy Jordan.**

### RECENT DEATHS

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Denise Whitworth**, formerly of this parish. She will be greatly missed, and we ask that you remember Denise and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Also **Ida Monteiro**, who died on Saturday 13th May. Her funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's** on **Monday 5th June at 10am.**

May their gentle souls **Rest In Peace.**

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010.

You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day)

*Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day can be read in full by clicking on the link on our Parish website welcome page.*

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The new RCIA course, that will run until next Easter, will begin on **Wednesday 7th June at 8pm** in the **PRC room**. On this evening anyone interested in becoming a catholic, adults who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation or anyone wishing to find out more about the faith are invited to come along and find out what RCIA is all about. **No obligation - "Come and see".**

But in the meantime, if you are thinking of coming along, do introduce yourself to Fr Keith after Mass and have a chat!

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - OUR LADY'S TODDLER GROUP

This Toddler Group was set up over 40 years ago by The Young Wives Committee and is a much valued resource in the parish.

**We are now looking for someone new to take the helm, as Andrea is retiring from the role of lead co-ordinator IN JULY after 20 years!**

If you think you would like this opportunity to work as a volunteer with a great team of helpers, in this very rewarding role, and continue to run this lovely group each Thursday (term time only) 9am - 12pm....please contact **Andrea** on **07952 664224**

### NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme are asked to collect their new boxes/sets.

Any unused envelopes for 2022-23 cannot be used after the 28th May as many envelope numbers have changed to economise on the parish's order and your offering might be attributed to another donor.

**FROM June 4th ONWARDS ONLY NEW ENVELOPES WILL BE COUNTED IN THE GIFT AIDED COLLECTION.**

### REFRESHER COURSE FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All *Eucharistic Ministers* are asked to attend a refresher course on **Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Church** with Fr Keith & Fr Jackson. Many thanks.

### 1st ADDISCOMBE GUIDES ARE 70!

1st Addiscombe Guides invite all parishioners who once attended the unit, to celebrate its 70th Anniversary on

**Sunday 28th May at the 11.30am Mass**

Join us afterwards in the large hall. Please bring something for a shared lunch. We are also looking for photos of the unit - especially before 2005.

Email [1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com](mailto:1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com)

**THE UCM:** Would like to thank all who supported our murder mystery evening. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to donate £1235 to Woodside Bereavement Services!

### First Holy Communion 2023/24 NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY

Catechism sessions for children in **NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY** will commence in September 2023.

If your child will be moving into **School Year 3 ONLY** this September, we invite you to email the parish office to register your interest and to collect your registration form.

**The first catechism session/welcome evening will be on Tuesday, 12th September 2023 at 6pm in the Large Hall.** Sessions thereafter will be on Tuesdays, term time only from 6 - 6.45pm in the Large Hall.

### PAPAL LAUDATO SI FILM 'THE LETTER - A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH'

**Join us in the Small Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 24th May**

During Laudato Si week, and as we witness significant climate impacts on peoples around the world and consider the impact on future generations, **the Live Simply Group will be screening the Pope's film**, which explores the principles of *Laudato Si'* and the escalating impact of climate change through the eyes of a climate refugee, the tortured leader of an indigenous community, a Vatican preacher, a young female activist, marine biologists, and the president of the Laudato Si' Movement. **All are welcome to come!**

### FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS CALLED TO ACTION BY OUR FAITH - Sat 10th June

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help.

The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as **Live Simply**, Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources.

The morning will run from 10.30am - 1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Sarah or Celeste [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) for booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite.

### PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES!

We have Baptism certificates dating back pre pandemic that are yet to be collected! Please contact the parish office to pick up this important document as soon as possible! Many thanks.

**Items for collection:**

**Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE**

**Rotas: Readers (May/June) Eucharistic Ministers (May)**