



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 By appointment only

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Rumour and tradition tells us that the phrase do not be afraid appears in the bible 365 times! That's one for every day of the year. Whether or not it actually does appear this many times in the bible, it still offers us hope, strength and courage when we are in doubt or struggling in any way. When Mary was called and chosen to be the mother of Jesus, we are told that she was deeply disturbed and wondered what the words and message meant. Immediately she was encouraged with the words, 'Mary, do not be afraid'. When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant he was going to divorce her informally. But in a dream he had, he too heard these words, 'Joseph, do not be afraid'. In each experience God called Mary and Joseph by their names and asked them to take on what seemed like an impossible task. But having been called, they were not to rely on their own strength and determination; God who called them would also strengthen, support and encourage them. They would never be alone.

Fear is part of life and part of each of our own daily lives. We are afraid of many things; failure, death, violence, the rise of terrorism and religious intolerance in our world and in our country.

Like Mary and Joseph each of us is called by name by God. We are called to be examples and witnesses of Jesus in our world today. In the gospel, Jesus asks us to declare ourselves for him in the presence of others. At times this can be difficult and challenging. The values of the gospel are often and generally not the values of the world. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we behave, we are to be the real and credible witnesses to Jesus and his gospel. We won't be left on our own, Jesus will be with us, we too will hear his voice in our hearts whispering those words, 'do not be afraid.'

Let us not be afraid of what is being asked of us. Let us not be paralysed by our fear. Instead, let the words of Pope Francis encourage us, 'go out again and again, without fear and proclaim the good news which is for all people'.

Fr Keith.



*** CHURCH OPENING TIMES ARE SHOWN OVERLEAF ***

Just a reminder!



Fr Jackson is still on the lookout for a car, so if you know of a good run-around that's about to become available please contact Fr Keith!



We will continue to livestream the 10.00am Mass each Sunday through our Facebook page.

The link will also appear on our website under the LIVE MASSES tab.

Mass Intentions This Week

20 June: Saturday

10:00 Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP
 18:00 Fintan O'Toole RIP

21 June: TWELFTH SUNDAY

08:30 David Warner RIP
 10:00 Kathleen Walsh RIP

22 June: Monday

SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE
 10:00 Brendan Joseph Brady RIP

23 June: Tuesday

10:00 Alice Marion Wolfe RIP

24 June: Wednesday THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

10:00 Adrienne Baptiste RIP

25 June: Thursday

10:00 Intentions of the Jordan Family
 19:30 Trevor Binley RIP

26 June: Friday

10:00 Lai Ching Chang RIP

27 June: Saturday

10:00 Bill Jamie RIP
 18:00 Alan Alnsell

28 June: SUNDAY SS PETER & PAUL

10:00 Baby Donnch  O'Donovan RIP
 12:00 Eileen Parr RIP

Please note that although the Parish Office remains closed to the public the secretaries are back at work and therefore are available to answer email and telephone enquiries.

COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

Please see the notice overleaf regarding the offertory.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Johanna O'Dwyer, Frances Conroy, Cecil "Andy" Anderson, Marie Birch, Ellen Slater, Eleanor Dalrymple-Alford, Jean Thompson, Baby Harvey Jones, James Keating, Sylvia Tierney, Eileen Barnett, Kenneth Smith, Patricia Lyons, Clorinda Andrews, Michael Kerepecki, Bridget O'Sullivan, Herbert Harwood, Kathleen Haffenden, Kathleen Clark, Adrienne Baptiste, Martin Cullen, Peter Payne, Katherine Mullins, Eslyn Earl, Maurice Bird, Marjorie O'Sullivan, Cecilia Ann Fennell, Michael Conroy, Bridget Teresa Rowland, Elisabetta Velitani, Munther Sheeka

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club Committee, I hope that you are all safe and well!

The Social Club are publishing a weekly Newsletter: *Keeping in Touch*. The 14th Edition will be published this weekend and a key feature will be on *Recipes*. If you would like to be placed on the circulation list, please send an email to patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk.

St Mildred's Drop In Centre for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed when the Centre reopens.

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.*

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please 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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Usually around this time, the new sets of Gift Aid envelopes are being handed out after Mass - not this year! We will of course distribute them as soon as we are able, however in the meantime if you have run out of envelopes, please just write *Offertory* along with your *Gift Aid number* on a plain envelope, hand it in and it will be counted accordingly. Many thanks *Jenny*

VACANCY - JOHN FISHER SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST (from 1st September 2020) Salary Scale 4, Point 7 - 10 Salary: £22,377 - £23,607 FTE, £19,602- £20,679 pro rata

We wish to appoint a Receptionist to deal with all aspects of our school reception. The successful candidate will have the confidence and ability to deal with a variety of people and situations and be able to remain calm under pressure. You will have a flexible approach to work and be a team player who is enthusiastic and willing to contribute positively to the success of the school. Experience of working with SIMS and/or Visitor Management systems such as 'Inventry' would be advantageous, but not essential as training will be provided. **The working hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm, a total of 36 per week, term time only plus 10 days.**

Application forms are available to download on our website at www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities where you can also find further information on the school.

Completed application forms should be emailed with a covering letter to *Mrs H Palmer, Office Manager, at h.palmer@johnfisherschool.org by the closing date of noon on Thursday 2nd July 2020.*

Full details of the vacancy are shown on Our Lady's website.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday – Saturday 9.00am – 10.50am

Sunday - 8.30am – 9.30am and 10.50am – 1.00pm

*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.*

ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB (AYC)

Dear All - due to lockdown we have not managed to start our meetings face to yet, but we have used Zoom as a solution meeting every other Friday night for quizzes, different types of bingo and murder mystery. At this time we realise how long lockdown has become for our people.

AYC is for young people in our community Yr 7 and above. For further information please contact:

addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com

OFFERTORY

We have had a number of people ask how to make their weekly offering to church during this time of lockdown. There are a couple of ways you can still do this:

- You can put the money you would normally place in the plate to one side each week, and when we are worshipping together again, hand it all in at once.
- If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme you can post the filled weekly envelope through the Presbytery/Parish Office door, or save up your weekly offering and then place all contributions into the ONE envelope dated for the week the church re-opens. All Gift Aid contributions are entered on individual records for the week they are received and banked and this would save the counters hours of work opening envelopes for individual weeks of lockdown.
- You might consider increasing your standing order at this difficult time for the church. *However if you do decide to do this PLEASE EITHER RING THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO ADVISE US OF IT.*
- If you do not have a standing order but wish to make a *ONE OFF DONATION* via online banking, again *please ring the parish office who can then provide you with the correct details and reference needed to do this.*

An Offertory box is now located in the church porch if you wish to drop off your donation when visiting for private prayer.

**STAY
ALERT** 

**CONTROL
THE VIRUS**



**SAVE
LIVES**