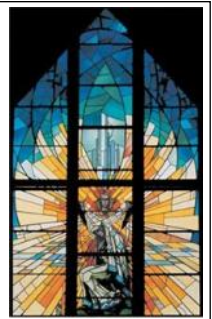




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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21st September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 140 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

In a world that urges us to "go big or go home," Jesus teaches the power of small, consistent acts of love, honesty, generosity, and justice. One's character is revealed in everyday decisions with how we handle small things, such as our words, our time, our money, and our relationships. True wealth is not gold or bank accounts; it is grace, justice, compassion, generosity, and peace, which are the gifts of the Spirit. We cannot pursue those things while worshipping wealth, as we need to see care of our neighbours, the environment, and the vulnerable as a holy responsibility.

We need to become faithful to God and not to money. Our faith must be embodied not just in church, but in how we spend money, treat people, respond to injustice, and care for creation. Being faithful in the little things is a revolutionary act in a world that often ignores the quiet, humble, and everyday acts of love and justice. Faithfulness is doing the right thing when no one is watching and giving a little when you don't have a lot.

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Next Saturday (27th) at 6.00pm Fr Tomasz and the people of The Faithful Virgin are celebrating a Welcome Mass. We are warmly invited.
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DON'T FORGET, OCTOBER 2ND AT 7.30PM,
OUR CELEBRATION WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN
MARKING THE 50TH YEAR OF THE CONSECRATION OF OUR CHURCH.

Autumn Fayre: Sunday, 28th September: This is our final week of preparations. We are grateful for the support received. Raffle Tickets will be on Sale after all Masses. Completed counterfoils & monies must be returned by next Saturday.

We still need the following items:

* **Bottles** * **Unwanted Gifts** * **Toiletries** * **China (for smashing)**

**** Please see the note overleaf regarding our International Food Stall! ****

Many thanks from Dulcie, for the supply of jam jars, we have enough now, thanks!

Next Saturday morning from 8am we need a Team of Helpers to assist with the assembly of Tents & arrangement of Stalls. Refreshments available for volunteers.

*** Cakes, Pies, Crumbles, Homemade Crafts, Fruit & Veg and Plants can be delivered to the Hall from 9am on Saturday.**

*** The Dog Show will commence at approx. 2:30pm; entries to be made on the day.**

*** All proceeds will go to support the Parish Refurbishment Programme.**

*** If you are coming to the Fayre, please bring CASH.**

*** Next weekend there will be very limited space in the Car Park for Masses.**

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 23rd at 10.45am (Small hall)

SVP: Tuesday 23rd at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: Wednesday 24th at 8pm (PRC) *The Mass*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 839.00
Loose cash	£ 934.44
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 3113.44

Mass Intentions This Week

20 September: Saturday

SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON

10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

18:00 Maria Morris RIP 4th Anniversary *

21 September: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

08:30 Dec. Mems. of the Hayward Fam. RIP *

10:00 Thanksgiving for Kemi Soetan & Fam. *

11:30 All Parishioners *

22 September: Monday

10:00 Marguerite Conn RIP

23 September: Tuesday

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

10:00 John Geoghegan RIP

FUNERAL MASS

12:30 Arthur Hughes RIP

24 September: Wednesday

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

10:00 Anthony Eric Saunders RIP

25 September: Thursday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Cathy Joyce RIP

19:30 Jude Elrick Outschoorn RIP

26 September: Friday

10:00 John Boswood RIP

27 September: Saturday

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

10:00 Karen Walsh RIP

18:00 For All Parishioners from the
SVP Addiscombe Conference

28 September: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

08:30 Welfare of Coloma &
All Catholic Education

10:00 All Parishioners

11:30 Arthur Fairservice RIP

* *With Foodbank Sunday*

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS: Last week's collection for *Catholic Education Service* amounted to £626.70. This week there is a Diocesan second collection for *Home Mission Sunday*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu, Paddy Ryan, Jean Carpenter & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Hayward Jr, Thomas Smyth, Daphne Nawrocka, Monica Gardiner, Archibald Hansen, Robert West, Sophia McLaughlin, Henry Seymour (Harry) Gibbs, Maria Morris, Michael Carroll, Anne Warnock, Owen McSweeney, Sr. Monica Cooley, Teresa Tunesi, Trinidad Lucio, Anthony McTiernan, Margaret Selwesiuk, Winifred Waller, Winifred Dias, Salvatore Di Meo, William Donachy, Brian Kearney, Margaret Skeats, Fr. Patrick Best, Antonio Corazzo, Daphne Higher, Anne Miller, Pope John Paul I, Blodwyn Mayfield, Eileen Rudduck

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

21st September: Finbar & Paul

28th September: Shane & Mervyn Owens

5th October: Cross Keys

12th October: Glen Flynn

19th October: Shane & Mervyn Owens

26th October: The Duets

2nd November: Kieran White

9th November: Frank Nelson

- **J & M Country Dancing** will be facilitating a **Jiving Session** in the Hall on Sunday, 21st September from 5:00pm. For more information, please call **Della Reilly on 07403 227933**.

- The AGM of the Social Club will take place in the Church Hall on Sunday, 21st September from 6:45pm.

- The autumn season of **Tribute Evenings** has now commenced with **A Motown Tribute Evening featuring the Dreamettes** - singing your favourite Motown Hits including Diana Ross & The Supremes, Martha & The Vandellas, Tina Turner, Mary Wells and Aretha Franklin on Friday, 17th October. All proceeds from this event will support the **Design and Construction of a Mosaic to Celebrate the Anniversary of Our Lady's Parish**.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

ARTHUR HUGHES RIP

The members of the PPC are saddened to hear of the recent death of Arthur Hughes. We are so grateful to him for all that he did for our parish over so many years - especially his efforts towards establishing our PPC. *May he rest in peace.*

INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL: With our upcoming Autumn Fair approaching, the organisers of the International Food Section are seeking volunteers to prepare a variety of traditional and popular dishes.

We are looking for contributions in the following categories:

· **Rice Dishes:** e.g., Jollof rice, fried rice, pilau rice, rice and peas.

· **Chicken Dishes:** e.g., Jerk chicken, roast chicken, fried chicken, grilled chicken, stewed chicken.

· **Vegetarian Dishes:** e.g., salads, coleslaw, fried plantain, stewed beans, Moin Moin.

· **Beef Dishes:** e.g., fried beef, stewed beef.

If you would be interested in preparing a dish for this event, please kindly contact **Chimu at 07523422134** to confirm your participation and discuss details. *Many thanks for your support, Chimu.*

WELDERLIES CELEBRATE SILVER SUNDAY 5th October

Silver Sunday is when communities make their elderly friends feel special. Join us on a visit to the stunning Botanical Gardens at Cambridge University. Contribute £10 towards a smooth coach ride, gentle strolls along accessible garden paths, enjoying fresh clean air to relax, de-stress and recharge or share stories, laughter and connect in the Garden Room. More information on the flyer in the porch and/or contact **Sylvia on 07375 824615**

*** **SAVE THE DATE** ***

Centenary Dinner Dance for our Parishioners Saturday 8th November

Prosecco on arrival / 2 course meal / Live band / Bar / Raffle
Cost £35 per person

ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB UPDATE: We are a parish run youth club for young people school years 7-11. I would like to welcome our New committee members; Carol (Treasurer), Paul (Safeguarding & Tuck Shop), Siobhan (Secretary) & Joanna (Chair). AYC has gone from strength to strength and I would like to thank Fr Keith and The Social Club for their support. Please email: **aycyouthclub11@gmail.com** to join our mailing list.

Our first session will be 26th September

For Collection:

Baptism Certs: Please collect from the parish office

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (September) Readers (Sept/October)

THE FUNERAL OF MRS NORMA CARROLL: Former Director of Music at Coloma, will be held at **St John the Baptist Church, Purley at 11.30am on Tuesday 30th September**.

APPLICATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES NO APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AFTER 2nd OCT

Forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. **Please complete the form fully and return it to the parish office.**

Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available until Thursday 2nd October. **Primary school interviews will take place later in the year**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025/2026

If your child is in a **Catholic School** and was 7 years old on 31st August 2025 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website. Return forms to the Parish office no later than **Sunday 5th October**.

The first parents' meeting will be on Tuesday 14th October - 8pm in the Large Hall. Please note that this programme is only for children who live & worship weekly at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church/Parish. If you attend another church, your child will receive the Sacrament at that church. Unfortunately we cannot offer catechism sessions for children in school years 4, 5 or 6.

UCM CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 10th October - 7:30pm start in the large hall

£20 pp, includes fish or chicken and chip supper.

Teams of 6 - 8, *or we can put you with others in a team on the night!*

Email **tross.marie@gmail.com** or call **07774 643159**

COMBATX IS BACK!

I am excited to announce that **CombatX** is kicking off again on **Monday 29th September** – now at a **new time of 7PM!**

Get ready to punch, kick, and sweat it out with us!

Book your spot now at - www.bsylviafitness.com

Stay connected and follow us for updates, motivation & more:

Instagram: **@bsylviafitness**

Facebook: **bsylviafitness**

Let's get back to it! *B Sylvia Fitness*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to be part of the children's liturgy team either as a leader or helper? Children's liturgy will be held every 2nd Sunday (apart from a few on the 3rd Sunday). Children's liturgy is a fun and vital part of our church community - the more the merrier!

Please contact Clare if you are interested in helping.

clare.kingman@blueyonder.co.uk

OUR LADY'S GROTTTO - HELP NEEDED!

Can you spare some time to help build our new grotto?

No experience necessary, *but you must be fit and healthy.*

Do you have a concrete mixer we could borrow?

Please contact Phil on 07814 406010.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Parish Ascent Group is part of "Life Ascending International". It is a Catholic Movement, a Confraternity, for men and women. The three aims are first, Friendship, then growing in Spirituality, and then finally supporting our Catholic Church's Mission at home and abroad. **All parishioners are very welcome to join us.** We meet over tea and coffee to share, in different ways, an understanding and experience of our Catholic Faith, in the **Small Hall after 10.00 o'clock Mass on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.**

CAN YOU HELP PEGGY FAIRSERVICE?

Parishioner Peggy Fairservice needs a lift to Mass at the weekend, preferably to the 6pm Saturday or alternatively the 11.30am Sunday Mass. She lives locally, just off Bingham Road. If you can help, please contact the parish office, who have more details. Many thanks.

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: **safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk**