



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

21st January 2018 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 129 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you...."

That said, we must repent of what we have been, and rejoice in what we may become. It is not "Follow me, because of what you already are." It is not "Follow me, because you may make something of yourselves;" but, rather, "Follow me, because of what I will make you." It did not seem a likely thing that lowly fishermen would develop into apostles; that men so skillful with the fishing net would be quite as much at home in preaching sermons and instructing converts. One would have said, "How can these things be? You cannot make founders of churches out of peasants of Galilee." That is exactly what Christ did; and when we are humbled in the sight of God by a sense of our own unworthiness, we can feel encouraged to follow Jesus because of what he can make us into.



We cannot know what God may make of us in the new creation. Who could have imagined all the beautiful things that came out from darkness and chaos by that one command, "Let there be light?" And who can tell what lovely displays of everything that is divinely pleasing may yet appear from a person's formerly dark life, when God's grace has said to them, "Let there be light?" You who presently see in yourselves nothing that is desirable, come and follow Christ for the sake of what he can make out of you. Don't you hear his sweet voice calling to you, and saying, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men?"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon
 (1834-1892)

Mass Intentions This Week

- 20 January: Saturday**
 10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Lena Crinnigan & Denis Carey RIP #
- 21 January: THIRD SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners #
 10:00 Sean Redmond RIP ~ #
 12:00 Ian Sulzdorf 10th Anniversary RIP #
- 22 January: Monday**
 10:00 Eileen Riordan RIP
- 23 January: Tuesday**
 10:00 Yaa Anane RIP
- 24 January: Wednesday**
 10:00 Ashley Jacob 1st Anniversary RIP
- 25 January: Thursday**
 10:00 Monica Grant RIP
- 26 January: Friday**
 10:00 You Than Lim RIP
- 27 January: Saturday**
 10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Dick Walsh RIP
- 28 January: FOURTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners *
 10:00 Mabel Moniz RIP *
 12:00 Tony Sollé +

+ With Baptism
 * With Children's Liturgy
 ~ With Uniformed Groups
 # With Foodbank Sunday

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM C

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 558.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 577.39
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2110.39

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for the *White Flower Appeal* amounted to £661.61. Many thanks. This week there is a collection for *Pax Cristi*. Please use the envelopes provided in the porch. Next week there will be a second collection for *Racial Justice Sunday* (Gift Aid-able).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Steve Richer, José Fernandez, Dominic Audibert-Moloney

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

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 21st January: **Back by popular demand TR Dallas**

Sunday, 28th January: Walter Kennedy

Sunday, 4th February: Pat Hayes

Sunday, 11th February: First appearance of **Mary Rose & Her Band**

Sunday, 18th February: Tom Healy

All tickets for the Take That & Robbie Williams have been sold. Admission on the night will be **strictly by ticket only**.

There will be a **St Brigid's Cross workshop** in the Hall on Friday, 16th February from 8.00pm. St. Brigid is attributed with creating the distinctive form of the cross which bears her name. All materials will be provided and we will have an evening of fun & creativity.

Tickets for the **Ceili & Social Dancing** on Friday, 23rd February are now available in the Church Hall. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Children's Ward at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce these recent deaths. Our sympathies go to all the families at this time.

Mark Murphy: Mark's funeral will take here at Our Lady's on Thursday 1st February at 10am.

Rudolf Coombs: Rudolf's funeral will be held here on Monday 5th February at 10am.

John Harmer: John's funeral will be held at Croydon Crematorium on Monday 12th February at 12pm.

The funeral of **Daniel Locke** has now been arranged for Thursday 8th February at 10am here at Our Lady's, and **Monica Grant's** funeral will also be here, on Saturday 24th February at 10am.

Please keep them in your thoughts & remember them in your prayers.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

I would like to thank everyone who donated for your overwhelming support of this enterprise. I received the following email below from the Croydon Foodbank and wanted to share it with you.

Thanks again, **Ivonne**

Thank you so much for your food donation to the Croydon Foodbank. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will help provide much needed support to those in crisis.

The total weight of your donation was 206 kilos.

All donations are gratefully received and go a long way towards restoring dignity and reviving hope within our community.

Thank you for your support. Carmen Elvy Croydon Foodbank

LONDON EVENINGS OF FAITH - WINTER/ SPRING 2018

All are welcome to a series of talks on the theme 'The spirit of Vatican II' at **7pm** on alternate **Tuesdays** from **30th January**. Talks are held in The Challoner Room, Basement, 24 Golden Square, London, W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly). Refreshments served. Full details are available at: www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT DEMENTIA? A date for your diaries!

Here at Our Lady's on **Monday 5th March** at **7.30pm** in the **Large Hall**, there will be a talk and discussion about spotting the first signs of dementia and what we can do about them. Refreshments and cash bar available. All are welcome.

For more details contact: **John Woodhouse 07908 888586 (Text)**

MEETINGS

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

SVP: Tuesday 23rd at 8pm (PRC)

First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting: Tuesday 23rd at 8pm (Large Hall)

OUR LADY'S HALLS COMMITTEE

We need some new members to assist the existing team with weekend halls bookings. The role requires the opening and closing of the halls on a rota basis.

If you can assist please contact:

Mike Hennessy 07967 141035

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

If you would be interested in joining the team, especially for the 8.30am Masses, please get in touch. Team numbers are getting too small for us to continue to run some sessions. If you would like to find out further information please contact:

Clare Connor on 07982 715 858

£1,000 TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO DUBLIN WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

On August 21-26 the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) will take place in Dublin. Its highlight is a visit by Pope Francis.

During the WMOF, there will be a wide-ranging programme of talks and workshops for adults, events for young people and various activities for children. That's in addition to exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances plus daily Mass.

All are welcome at this important and joyful international gathering.

Why not plan a visit now, perhaps as your annual holiday?

A £1,000 bursary is being offered to enable a family to do so. A condition is that after the event you would share the fruits of your experiences in Dublin with your local parish or school and other people. The deadline is 31st January so time is of the essence.

To find out more, contact Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond now on **8651 2477** or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practise of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an **Information Meeting in The Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Rd, London SW17 8BS on Saturday 3rd February at 11am - 12.15pm**. Refreshments are served.

REPOSITORY SHOP

All calendars in the repository shop have now been reduced to 50p, and Christmas cards are also in the process of being reduced - so get in quick and grab a bargain!

The Archdiocese of Southwark Catholic Directory for 2018 is also on sale.

UNITY CLUB

The Unity Club are desperately looking for help to put the tables and chairs away after their meetings on a Friday. Help would be appreciated between 3.30 and 4pm.

If you can assist, please come along to the Large Hall or ring **Mary** or **Pat Kingman** on **8406 5377**.

Items for collection: A Callow, Mary Walsh, Sr Celia, A Leahy, John & Megan McKee, Ben Dixie, Pat Harley, Veronica Kearsley, Bodil Cronin, Dermot Linehan

Bapt Certs: Tusiime Kabalega, Loubao, Ssebanakitta, Biggs, Lyons, Mensah, Brun, Graham

Rotas: Readers (January/February) Servers (January) Repository (February-April)