



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm Wednesday: Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

21st October 2018 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 146 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

There is a lot that goes on in the parish office over and above responding to the phone and being available for Mass Cards and Hall bookings.

All the registers need keeping up to date, along with the parish Data Base.

Detailed accounts are kept both on paper and electronically.

The handling and recording of all monies received and paid out.

The production of the News Letter each week.

The Mass sheets for the mid-week celebrations.

The ordering of consumables for the hall and the church, from paper towels to incense and communion wine.

Management of parish plant including relations with service providers and tradesmen.

Management of the parish diary on paper and the P.C.

At different times of the year we are preparing for:

- Confirmation enrolment or the Confirmation itself (including the formulation and printing of booklets)
- First Holy Communion, forms for the one year then the two year process (and the preparation for the celebrations in May)
- Secondary and Primary School references

The secretaries need a period of uninterrupted time to complete these tasks, so I propose that **the Parish Office be closed on Wednesdays**. It should not impact too much on peoples ability to submit Mass and Hall enquiries.

1st November - All Saints

Times for Masses on this Holy Day of Obligation are as follows:

Wednesday 31st October - 7.30pm Vigil Mass

Thursday 1st November - 7am & 10am

MEETINGS

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

SVP: Tuesday 23rd at 8pm (PRC)

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM B

OFFERTORY 7th/8th OCT

Total £ 2244.14

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash £ 492.00

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 662.18

S/Os £ 975.00

Total £ 2129.18

Mass Intentions This Week

20 October: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service

18:00 Win & Ern Foster & Emilio Cicco RIP #

21 October:

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY

08:30 Joe & Deceased Members of

The Lavin Family RIP #

10:00 Ernest Simpson RIP # ~

12:00 Mary Joyce RIP & Family #

22 October: Monday

10:00 Patrick Reilly RIP

23 October: Tuesday

10:00 Annunciata & Deogratius Lumala RIP

24 October: Wednesday

10:00 Sebastian Gomez RIP

17:00 Reception of the body of

Kathleen Ryan RIP

25 October: Thursday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Kathleen Ryan RIP

26 October: Friday

10:00 John, Mollie & Shane Cooney RIP

27 October: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service

18:00 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP +

28 October:

THIRTIETH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Paula & Carmelo Teuma RIP

12:00 Mary Good RIP

+ *With Baptism*

With Foodbank Sunday

~ *With Uniformed Groups*

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** amounted to £1226.00. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for **Missio** (Gift Aid-able).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Ted Curry, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Marc Simpson*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *Margaret Linnane, Sheila Braim, James Clancy, Kathleen Brandon, Aileen Talbot, Margaret Mary Gibbs, Barbara Stevens, Kenneth Nicholas, Richard Schenk, Mary Ann Fowler, Anthony Brunson, Maisie Wyatt, Abina Martin, Sophie Jones, John Davis, Walter Elfer, Anastazy Kachellek, Richard Allen Wilding, Catherine Grogan, Innes Gosine, Matthew McCabe, Mark McDonald, Joseph D'Souza, Maria Mendonca, Albert Rocca, Nora Walsh*

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 21st October: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 28th October: Tom Healy
Sunday, 4th November: TR Dallas
Sunday, 11th November: Pat Hayes
Sunday, 18th November: The Mustang Showband

Tickets at £15.00 each for the **Declan Nerney Evening** on Friday, 30th November will be on sale in the Social Club from Sunday, 28th October. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **King's College Hospital CCU (Critical Care Unit) Appeal**. Tickets can be reserved by calling Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.

Coming soon

Tina Turner Tribute Evening: Friday, 18th January

Mick Flavin: Friday, 15th March

UPCOMING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **Kathleen Ryan** will be held here at Our Lady's on **Thursday 25th of October at 10am**.

The funeral of **Nora Murray** will also be held here at Our Lady's on **Tuesday 30th October at 10am**.

ARMISTICE CENTENARY AT OUR LADY'S

On 11th November there will be a series of events to mark the centenary of the Armistice - 100 years since the end of the First World War. At Our Lady's we would like to remember in our own way with an exhibition and small service of remembrance included in the 10am mass. It is important to say 'Thank You' to the First World War generation who helped to shape our world as we know it today.

We would like to ask you to contribute memories, photos, art work, artefacts, or other creative items for a display on the impact of the Great War on our families and community. This will be displayed in the Church. We would also like to invite all our community groups to contribute in their own way, either in our exhibition or as part of the Mass. If you would like to help me coordinate this please contact me, Clare Buxton, on **0777 978 2275** or at **clare@teambuxton.co.uk**

WANTED: A LIFT TO MASS!

One of our parishioners, Dave Freegard of Alderton Rd, is in need of a lift to Mass each week. Sunday mornings at 8.30am would be the preferred time, however Dave would be grateful to attend any Mass at all. If you can help please call him on **020 8656 3024**. Thank you.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION: The Province 7 heat of the national Catenian Sixth Form public speaking competition was won by Anitta Biju from St Gregory's school, Tunbridge Wells who spoke about the evils of smoking. The runner-up was Benedict Doggwiler from St Gregory's Tunbridge Wells who spoke about "The Del Boy complex". Third was Dillon Oppon Ferguson from St Thomas the Apostle, Nunhead speaking on "has technology gone too far?" Anitta goes on to the national finals in Manchester next September. The standard of speaking was very high and congratulations to all who took part. Subjects ranged from euthanasia to Afro hair and water pollution. 6 schools were represented - Coloma Convent Girls', Croydon, Sacred Heart, Southwark, St Simon Stock, Maidstone and Bishop Thomas Grant school who hosted the event. The judges were Bishop Pat Lynch, retired head teacher Sharon Grange and Province 7 Catenian director Brendan Ducey.

If your local Sixth form is not represented they are missing out on a wonderful opportunity for their students to improve their communication skills. Contact John Woodhouse **johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com**.

Items for collection: Dr A X Horbury, L Padain, G Slater, Mr & Mrs Achilleas, C Wallace, S Turner, C Buxton, S Wilson, D Allen, Flora Lobo, J & P Group

Baptism certificates: T Aka, A Czajor

ADMISSIONS

Information Meeting for Reception Intake September 2019

There will be a meeting at **St Thomas Becket School** on **Thursday 1st November at 7pm** for those wishing to apply for a place for their child in Reception class starting in September 2019. Supplementary application forms will be available at the meeting and from the office thereafter.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the presbytery by **Sunday 4th November**, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will run between **Monday 5th** and **Friday 16th November**.

WYEVALE GARDEN CENTRE CLOSURE: With the closure of the local garden centre, you may wish to visit the allotment association off Glenthorne Avenue. There we have a trading centre open every weekend from 10.30am - 12.15pm as well as extended periods from February and April. We sell a wide range of composts, fertilisers, seeds, tools, plants etc, for the cost of just **£1 a year** to become a member.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP: A missionary from Bethlehem The Holy Land, will visit us next weekend, **27-28th October** to briefly talk about the Holy Land, & sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help & support the poor Christian families. Any help you could give to them will be highly appreciated. "When you help the poor you help our Lord".

Please would Ms Sonia Jones contact Jenny Mitchener at the Parish Office. Thank you.

COLOMA PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AUTUMN BALL Saturday 3rd November 7pm - 1am

The Coloma Parents' Association Autumn Ball is being held at Hilton Hotel, Croydon, CR9 4HH. Tickets are priced at £50 which includes a welcome drink, a 3 course meal, half a bottle of wine per person, live entertainment from Aloma Music. For tickets please email **coloma.pa@hotmail.co.uk**.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC): Has produced postcards so that you can send a message to your MP urging them to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23rd October. The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Postcards are available in the porch. Thank you.

ST MILDRED'S DROP-IN: For the Homeless is open every Sunday and provides a safe, caring environment for all those in need. As well as friendship and support, practical help such as hot food, showers and clean clothes are provided. With winter approaching, more volunteers are needed to ensure that this vital local service continues. If you are interested in helping, or just want more information, please contact me - **shirleyrowe25@hotmail.com**

OCTOBER ROSARY

During the month of October, the Rosary Devotions to Our Lady will be said after the 10am Mass each morning from Monday to Thursday. Everyone is welcome to join in this traditional homage to Mary. The Holy Rosary will also continue to be said before Mass as usual. Please note there will NOT be Rosary in the evening.