



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

21st December Fourth Sunday Of Advent (page 90 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Fr. Cajetan, Fr. Keith, Jacqueline and the family
would like to wish you all a

Merry
Christmas
And a
Happy
New Year!



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note that the parish office is now closed for the Christmas break, therefore the next newsletter will be published on **Sunday 11th January 2026**.

Mass Intentions for the next two weeks are shown overleaf.

Mass Intentions This Week

20 December: Saturday

10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

18:00 Andy & Nuala Fox RIP

21 December: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 Michael O'Brien RIP

10:00 Dec. Mems. of the Carey Family & Maureen Walsh RIP

11:30 George Hennessy RIP

22 December: Monday

10:00 Pat Harley RIP (Birthday)

23 December: Tuesday

10:00 Martin Fernandez RIP

24 December: Wednesday

CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 Thanksgiving for the Arowobusoye Fam.

*** Christmas Day Vigil Masses ***

18:00 Margot Evans RIP

23:30 All Parishioners

25 December: Thursday

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

08:30 Eileen Chesher RIP

10:00 Irena & Henryk Pawelczyk RIP

11:30 John Boswood & David Warner RIP

26 December: Friday SAINT STEPHEN

10:00 40th Birthday Ints. for Margaret Joseph

27 December: Saturday SAINT JOHN

10:00 Mary Rookard RIP 1st Anniversary

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

28 December: SUNDAY

THE HOLY FAMILY

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Welfare of Coloma &

All Catholic Education

11:30 Maria Morris RIP & Malec Family Ints.

*** 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.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 23rd/30th December & 6th January at 8pm (PRC)

UCM: Wednesday 7th January at 8pm (Large Hall)

RCIA: Wednesday 7th January at 8pm (PRC) *The Sacrament of Marriage*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 592.85
Loose cash	£ 622.93
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2555.78

COLLECTIONS: Last week's collection for *Mary's Meals* amounted to £1035.00. The *Christmas Day* collection, is your personal offering to Fr Keith and Fr Cajetan. *Those on the Gift Aid scheme should use their designated envelope for Christmas Day please.*

CRIB OFFERINGS will be given to The Friends of the Holy Land & The Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Casey, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Mary Jayawardena, Peggy Wall, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Westley Adaken & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Andrew Fox, Helen Smyth, Marie Louise Powell, Tony Nasri, Elizabeth Jerome, Hietty Palmer, Patrick Conway, Patrick Maher, Alfred Henry Daubney, Marie McCann, Richard Avery, Patricia Whiffin, Percy Fowler, Anita Parker, Ashley Jacob, Arthur Gateley, Jacqueline Phillips, Kathleen McCarthy, Mary L. Conway, Ruby D'Souza, Celso Donsion, Ellen Clarke, Eileen McGarey, Sr. Dierdre O'Neill, Sandra Clark, Michael Stammers, Thaddeus Curry, Martin Curry, Ernest Gray, Margaret Rowe, Joseph Gatt, Adelio Crovato, John Joseph Daly, Benta Carneiro, Kitty Ivory, Baby Jack Mack, Immaculada Halsackda

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

21st December: **Christmas Celebration** - Kieran White

28th December: Pat Jordan

4th January: Kieran White

11th January: Sane & Mervyn Owens

18th January: Finbar & Paul

25th January: Cross Keys

1st February: Martin Ruddy

8th February: Kieran White

A Christmas Message: Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

I am delighted to say that once again we have had another fantastic year in the Social Club. People who attend both the Friday and Sunday nights continue to enjoy the entertainment while helping to raise money for the many charities that we have supported this year.

This year we have been able to donate over £57,000.00 to our nominated charities; none of this would have been possible without the support of our Parish Community and our Members & their Guests.

We are really fortunate to have such a wonderful Community spirit within this Parish and it is with thanks to Fr Keith, Jacqueline and family that the Social Club has continued to be such an important part of Parish Life.

Thank you to all the members who are always happy to lend a hand when needed; I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Winston for all his dedication and enthusiasm to ensure that the club is successful.

We are now planning events for 2026 and with your help and continued support we look forward to another successful year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and Peaceful Christmas & New Year.

Ben Cahill: Chair

- The Social Club's **Christmas Celebration** will take place on Sunday, 21st December at 7:30pm. Entertainment will be by **Kieran White & a Buffet** will be served during the evening.

- **Jiving sessions are returning:** J & M will be facilitating Jiving Sessions in the Hall on Sundays, 18th January, 15th & 22nd February and 1st & 8th March commencing at 5:00pm. For more information, call **Della Reilly on 07403 227935**.

- A **Quiz Night will take place on** Friday, 30th January commencing at 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Critical Care Centre at King's College Hospital to provide funding for Music Therapy for Patients recovering from serious head & brain injuries. **Please bring your own Nibbles et al - No Nuts!! To reserve tickets at £10.00, please call Sheila Jordan on 07921 235141.**

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December: OPEN

The parish office will be closed for the Christmas break from Wednesday 24th December - Friday 2nd January 2026 (inclusive)

Our usual office hours resume on Monday 5th January 2026

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Gretta Linehan** (mother of Dermot Linehan). Her funeral took place in Ireland this week.

We ask that you remember Gretta, Dermot and all the family in your prayers at this very sad time. A Mass will be offered for the repose of her soul in due course. May she **Rest In Peace**.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him.

You can watch and read the full message at
rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025

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

Mass Intentions

29 December: Monday SAINT THOMAS BECKET

10:00 Mijella Buckley RIP

30 December: Tuesday

10:00 Dec. Mem. of the Heskin & Sweeney Families RIP

31 January: Wednesday

10:00 Mr Christopher Sunday Kanu RIP

1 January: Thursday

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 Patricia Avina

19:30 Lily McCann RIP

2 January: Friday

SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

10:00 Wellbeing of Lorraine Quinlivan

3 January: Saturday

10:00 Wellbeing of Tom & Helen Higgins

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

4 January: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

08:30 Federico Villaflores & Vincente Fernandes RIP

10:00 All Parishioners

11:30 Thanksgiving for Mirindi Children & Speciose Kalimira

5 January: Monday

10:00 Alwyn Cornabe RIP

6 January: Tuesday THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:00 David Warner & John Boswood RIP 6th Anniversary

7 January: Wednesday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Jean Carpenter RIP

8 January: Thursday

10:00 Wellbeing of Anita Convey

19:30 Ellen, Bart, Michael & Luke Murphy RIP

9 January: Friday

10:00 Colin Cully RIP

10 January: Saturday

10:00 Mary Farrell RIP

18:00 Kathleen McHugh RIP

11 January: SUNDAY - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

08:30 Gretta Linehan RIP *

10:00 Brendan Moss RIP 5th Anniversary *

11:30 Michael Mullins RIP

* *With Children's Liturgy*

APPEAL FOR TOOLS TO BUILD BASIC SHELTERS

Due to recent flooding and landslides in Sri Lanka, we appeal for any tools you may have to donate, which will be sent on and put to good use by the poor in building basic shelters in this rainy season. Donations can be left at the back of church. Many thanks!

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP CHRISTMAS BASH: Our Christmas Bash last Saturday went very well & we would like to thank everyone who helped set up, attended, brought delicious food, played the keyboard, brought gifts for the Secret Santa, shared friendship & goodwill, & above all helped to clear up at the end! Have a very Merry Christmas and blessed 2026, Sylvia!

AYC: Is delighted to offer a **FREE PARENT & CHILD DRUGS WORK SHOP** to be held on the **24th January 2026 4-5pm in the large hall**. The first half will consist of an interactive presentation with videos, then we have **drunk and drug goggles**, and the second half is trying to complete simple tasks to see how this can impact whilst under the influence. It is also a good opportunity for any questions. There will also be leaflets to take away. *This is for school years 7 & above*. Please email **aicyouthclub11@gmail.com** to express your interest so we can get an idea of numbers.

Rotas: *Eucharistic Ministers (December)*

Readers (Christmas & January/February)