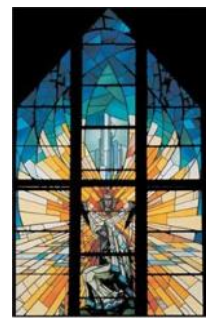


# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

**22nd January 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 127 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A**

Today's readings show that the early Christians understood how Jesus had fulfilled the expectations of ancient Israel. Describing the humble beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, today's Scripture readings teach us that Christ has brought us from the darkness of sin into the Light of God (4:16) by calling us to repentance (4:17) and the acceptance of God's rule over us.

The first reading contains the prophetic reference to Christ as the Light that dispels darkness. Matthew wanted his readers to recognize that the Light of which Isaiah spoke had finally appeared with the coming of Jesus. The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 27) reminds us, *The Lord is my Light and my Salvation*. The second reading advises the Corinthians to live as children of the Light, avoiding divisions and rivalries, because several factions had arisen among the Corinthian Christians, each claiming allegiance to its first Christian teacher or to a particular Apostle. In today's Gospel passage (Mt 4:12-23), Matthew explains that what Isaiah prophesied has been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. By his ministry of inviting people to the Kingdom of God through repentance, Jesus has brought Light to peoples living in darkness, thus fulfilling God's original promise. In addition, the Gospel describes the call of the first disciples (4:18-22), and Jesus' own preaching, teaching, and healing ministry which has led people to repent of their sins and accept the Good News of God's rule (the Kingdom of God). He has also chosen ordinary fishermen with no formal training in Mosaic Law to preach the Good News, and they have been very effective instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit, continuing Jesus' mission to the world.



## Mass Intentions This Week

- 21 January: Saturday SAINT AGNES**  
 10:00 Shirley Adams RIP  
 18:00 Sylvester Seaton RIP +
- 22 January: THIRD SUNDAY**  
 08:30 Mary Arthur RIP #  
 10:00 Wellbeing of Claire Benham #  
 11:30 Mary Joyce RIP & Joyce Family Ints.
- 23 January: Monday**  
 10:00 Mrs Jasmine Arylganendram RIP
- 24 January: Tuesday**  
**SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES**  
 10:00 Ashley Jacob RIP
- 25 January: Wednesday**  
**THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**  
 10:00 Dick Walsh RIP
- 26 January: Thursday**  
**SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS**  
 10:00 John Devereux RIP  
 19:30 Intentions of Christina Cahill
- 27 January: Friday FUNERAL MASS**  
 10:00 Anthony McGuane RIP
- 28 January: Saturday**  
**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS**  
 10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP  
 18:00 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP +
- 29 January: FOURTH SUNDAY**  
 08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 Sarah & Owen O'Hara RIP  
 11:30 Nigel Reeves RIP
- + *With Baptism*  
 # *With Children's Liturgy*

## MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 24th at 10.30am (Large Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 24th at 8pm (PRC)



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**Fridays 10.30am - 12pm**  
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 26th JANUARY - TEAM D

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 452.22
Loose cash	£ 590.78
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2183.00</b>

## \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **Pax Christi** amounted to £95. Many thanks.  
 There will be a second collection for **SPUC** on 29th January.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Kevin Moynihan, Baby Noah, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Antonia Drabik, William Toole, Terence Flanagan, Mary Ellen Gillman, John Walsh, Mary Joyce, Maureen Morrissey, Jean Cruickshank, Kathleen Farren, James Shaw, Cedric Chopin, Grace Jennings, Edward Kingman, Phyllis Dovidonis, Diana Jeffries, Carole Simpson, Eileen Hudson, Elisabeth Piney, Eva Mahoney, Daniel Gorman, Ted Murphy, Marilyn Novell, Sylvester Seaton, Simon Quinn, Richard Walsh, Neil Dennett, Catherine Rocca, Arturo Braiotta, John Williams, Isabella Gallett, Raymond Burkin, Colin Grant, Peter You Than Lim, Sarah O'Hara, Mary Druce, Carmel O'Flanagan, Michael Kenny, Jeremiah Johnson, Sr Rita, Edward Gallacher, Lily Risso, Ron Edwards, Roy Cuming, Ralph Hoyle, Maura Waller, Margaret Maguire, Eileen Chesher

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

22nd January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

29th January: Cross Keys

5th February: Finbar & Paul

12th February: Kieran White

19th February: The Foot Tappers

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

5th March: Family Affair

12th March: Frank Nelson with the *Keady Academy of Irish Dance*

- An introductory *Jiving Class* will take place on Sunday, 22nd January from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. The session would be ideal for both experienced dancers & beginners. There will be an additional four classes on Sunday afternoons in February.

- *Gaelic Football Taster Sessions* for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs will commence on Wednesday, 1st February at Trinity School from 5.45pm and concluding at 7.00pm. The sessions will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- Our *St Patrick's Celebrations* will commence with a *Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance* on Friday, 10th March. Entertainment will be by *Barry Doyle & His Band*. All proceeds from this event will be given to *the Anerley ACROSS Charity*. To reserve tickets at £15.00 each, please contact Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

- The *Motown Tribute Evening* on Friday, 24th February is a **complete SELL OUT**. No tickets will be available at the Door.

### RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent deaths of *Philomena McGinty* (mother of Philomena Nolan) in Ireland, *James Kelly* and *Jimmy Mullen*.

*James'* funeral will take place at Our Lady's on **Monday 13th February at 10am**.

*Jimmy's* funeral will take place on **Friday 17th February at 12.30pm at Sacred Heart Church in Caterham**.

The funeral of *Veronica Kearsley* will also take place here at **Our Lady's on Thursday 23rd February at 10am**.

We ask that you remember all the recently departed and their families in your prayers at this difficult time and may their gentle souls **Rest In Peace**.

### THE ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP

Would like to invite you for a day of healing and prayer here at **Our Lady's on Saturday 28th January from 10am until 4pm**. The programme will begin with Eucharistic celebration followed by rosary, Holy wounds novena, adoration, confession, healing prayer and praise and Worship.

*Come and encounter the Lord who forgives all our iniquities.*

### OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the Large Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

**24th January:** Session One of the Video course 'Beloved Disciples'

### BLACK COAT FOUND!

A long, black, quilted, trench style coat was found near the organ after 11.30am Mass last Sunday. Please see Fr Keith if it's yours!

**Items for collection:** *H Carmichael J Coleman, SVP x 2, MA McGuigan x 2*

**Baptism certificates:** PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**Rotas:** *Readers (Jan/Feb) Eucharistic Ministers (January)*

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2023

This year's WDP Service is written by the women of Taiwan who are currently very much in need of our prayers. You are invited to join in a huge worldwide ring of prayer at our hour long service on **Friday 3rd March at 7pm** to which all are welcome.

If you would like to play an active role (readers and individual women parts) in the service, please let me know asap at [anne.barcellos@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.barcellos@btinternet.com) as we are always grateful for volunteers to help make the service a positive and prayerful one. Thank you. *Anne*

### THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Could you help out at sessions for pre-communion aged children during the 8.30am or 10am Masses? Through storytelling, age appropriate discussions, and arts & crafts activities, Children's Liturgy sessions bring the gospel to life for children. Those children who come along really benefit from them.

We want to continue to run sessions regularly, but volunteer numbers are getting too small to make it workable.

The time commitment is minimal. Volunteers arrive 15 minutes before Mass to help setup the large hall, they support the session leader and participating children throughout the session, and lend a hand packing everything away at the end. Volunteers typically help at two masses per term.

You don't need to have a child who participates in sessions to join the team. This can be a great way to gain voluntary experience and new skills; some of our team members are still at school or college/sixth form.

If you are interested in this opportunity, or to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Sophia: [slinehanbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:slinehanbiggs@gmail.com) or 07717 572791.

### COULD YOU BE A RAINBOW LEADER?

The upcoming Easter break brings the departure of Sarah as leader of the 5th Addiscombe Rainbows. As yet, no volunteers have stepped up to take over this very rewarding role, which would mean the unit (*our last remaining Rainbow unit*) would be **forced to shut down**.

**Please don't let this happen to our Rainbows!** If you think you could be the leader the unit need, please contact Sarah for more information about what is involved, by either:

Emailing [oakley50@gmail.com](mailto:oakley50@gmail.com) Or texting 07950 381029

### \*\*\* IRISH SET DANCING CLASSES \*\*\*

Monday nights in the small hall 8 - 10pm

*Beginners welcome*

Contact number 07304 227935

### \*\*\* JIVE COURSE \*\*\*

Sunday 22 Jan 2 - 4pm

Sunday 5,12,19 & 26 Feb 2 - 4pm

£10 entry

### PILGRIMAGES

*Divine Mercy in Krakow* 31st May - 5th June

*Fatima* 14th - 19th June

*Lourdes* 29th June - 3rd July

*Medjugorje* 12th - 19th July

For more information contact **Malcolm Fernando**  
[mjsfernando@gmail.com](mailto:mjsfernando@gmail.com) or 07505 0112749

### RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY CELEBRATION WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating Racial Justice Sunday on **5th February at St George's Cathedral, London. Mass will begin at 10am** and all are invited to attend.

For more information about the event, please contact Jennifer on **07712 273024** or email [Jenole@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Jenole@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you.

## FAIR-TRADE GOODS – WHY??

“Big business doesn’t care much about the little people, it cares about its profits. It tries to squeeze as low a price as it can get for its raw materials and as high a price as it can get from its consumers.”

(Ruth Coffey, “Why fair-trade matters”, 2018)

Let’s start with a few common questions ...

1. Why should anyone buy an Easter egg for £4.50 when a similar-sized one can be had for under £2?
2. Why would anyone pay £7 for a t-shirt when you can get 3 for £5?
3. Why pay twice the price for fair-trade ground coffee than the lower price in the local store?

Similar questions include

“Why are there so many collapsed or burning sweat-shop factories in south-east Asia?”

“Why do some cocoa farmers achieve yields a third of those they had only a few years ago?”

“Why do so many children in developing countries suffer from water-borne diseases?”

These questions are connected through the fair-trade movement, which aims to treat third world suppliers better by offering them better terms to provide their products. “Better terms” include not just a higher price (the fair-trade premium) but also a guarantee relating to future transactions. For fair traders, the bottom line is not the only criterion ... but can, for example, include protecting the environment and enhancing local living standards. Fair-trade goods cost more because they come through a trade route which adds those things to the grower’s side of the deal and helps crop sustainability. It reflects one aspects of Christianity; Christianity has been summarised as “suffering, sacrifice and salvation”. This fair-trade stuff is the “sacrifice” bit, whereby we in the relatively rich west can care for our neighbours in developing nations.

“Neighbours” include not only those in the next continent but also those in the next century ... which is why fair trade adds a little to the income of communities in developing countries so that they can have a clean water supply, a clinic within reasonable reach, a school – things we take for granted (and, perhaps, therefore don’t value as we should). These things cost money; fair-trade is a way of providing that without it looking like “charity”.

All those things tell us that it’s worth looking for the fair-trade logo in your favourite supermarket, whether it’s for bananas, coffee or whatever – you’ll be helping someone you’ll never meet and who won’t know to whom they could say “thank you!”. At the same time, you get a quality product, evidence the comment from Daniel, 7, on his Real Easter Egg; “it’s the best chocolate I’ve ever tasted!”

It’s also worth looking out for fair-trade goods on sale through our own Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group, as we try to follow the Holy Father’s lead in “Laudato Si’ ”. We will be offering Easter eggs and similar fair-trade goods later this spring; please support us supporting them – watch this space!

Andy Bebington

For the JPIC Group

