

# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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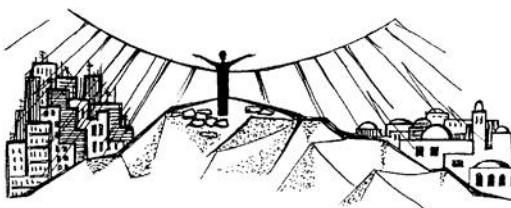
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm      Wednesday: Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

22nd February First Sunday of Lent (page 151 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

It is fitting that the gospel for this first Sunday of Lent speaks of the forty days of Jesus in the desert, which inspired the Christian Lent. The evangelist Matthew elaborates the fundamental tradition found in Mark, that Jesus was tested by the devil. There is a catechesis here about sin, and its insidiousness. The devil attacks Jesus in his time of weakness, as he suffers the hunger of forty days' fasting. He then abuses the human craving for recognition and praise, urging Jesus to do something spectacular to show he is better than others. To add strength to this temptation the devil also uses Scripture, but this temptation also fails. The final temptation is about power, and the compromise needed to obtain it. Jesus does not dialogue with Satan, but simply quotes from the Scriptures. The power of God's word prevails.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please note that the parish office will be unattended on a Thursday and Friday for the next few weeks. Stephanie will be working from home to produce a newsletter and respond to emails etc, but she will only have limited access to documents. Masses can still be booked in the usual way with Rachel on a Monday or Tuesday.

Sorry for any inconvenience, we hope to be back to normal soon!

## MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 24th at 10.45am (Small Hall)

**SVP:** Tuesday 24th at 8pm (PRC)

**RCIA:** Wednesday 25th at 8pm (PRC)



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 477.70
Loose cash	£ 584.76
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
<b>Total</b>	£ 2402.46

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **The Clergy Support Fund** amounted to £1131.92. Many thanks.

Next week there will be an ACC second collection for **CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day**.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Jonathan Leiper, Marie Griffin, Christina Cahill, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Peggy Wall, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Westley Adaken, Mervat Nasri & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Edmund Claudius, Caroline Assey, Carol Ann Davey, Gerry Marcelle, Bina Bowen, Christina Conlan, Michael White, Tony Durkan, Jessie Mills, Marshall Weetman, Gerard Chandler, Irene Rodrigues, Rose Childs, Mary Mann, Georgina Donoghue, Peter O'Flynn, Elizabeth Comber, Sian O'Hara, Kevin Sweeney, Brian Linnane, Kathleen Milmoe, Bartolomeo Argenziano, Baby Alexander Partridge, Hanora Daly, Immacolata Di Meo, Antonietta Catley, Michael Grogan, Anne Rogers, Inocencia Fernandes, Vincent McLaughlin, Rose Barker, James Reid, Richard Molyneux, Marshall Weetman, Lancelot Baptiste, Bridget Baptiste, Andonieta Mansi, Patrick O'Hare, Doris Wilson, Stephen Walker, Mary Hoey, Daniel Chambers, Sarah Burnett, May Pick, Thomas Byrne, Michael Turjansky

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 21 February: Saturday

10:00 Martha Sam Vu RIP

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

### 22 February: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Bina Bowen RIP \*

11:30 Margaret Stickland RIP

### 23 February: Monday

10:00 Derek Brennan RIP

### 24 February: Tuesday

10:00 Margot (RIP) & Michael Evans

Wedding Anniversary

### 25 February: Wednesday

10:00 Arthur Hughes RIP

### 15:45 Stations of the Cross

### 26 February: Thursday

10:00 Annie Dowd RIP

19:30 Joseph Simons RIP

### 27 February: Friday

### 09:30 Stations of the Cross

10:00 Dermot Linehan & Family Intentions

### 28 February: Saturday

10:00 Karol Skorniak RIP

18:00 Lance & Adrienne Baptiste RIP

### 1 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 UCM: 102nd Birthday Wishes for Josie Brady & All Members

11:30 Marie McManus RIP

\* With Uniformed Groups

### \*\*\* 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.

## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

22nd February: Kevin Kearney

1st March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

8th March: Pat Jordan

15th March: **St Patrick's Celebration** - Glen Flynn

22nd March: **First appearance** - Family Affair

29th March: Kieran White

5th April: **Easter Sunday** - Shawn Cuddy

12th April: Cross Keys

19th April: **Effie Neill** with the Barry Doyle Band

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

**- The Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance** will take place on Friday, 13th March. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and **Dancing to Frank Nelson** will commence at 8:00pm. **The Keady Academy of Dance** will provide a display of Dance during the evening. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Anerley ACROSS, a charity which will be taking a party of disabled people to Lourdes in June.** To reserve tickets for the above event, please call **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - NIGERIA 6th March at 7pm in Church

This year, the women of Nigeria invite us to come to our Church and rest in Jesus in our frantic and tired world.

Please do come along, and if you wish to join in the service or perhaps read a part, please contact Anne Barcellos via the parish office email.

## PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Are you an Adult Catholic, perhaps already retired, and interested in some up-to-date on-going Faith Formation? Would you like to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

*Could you be free to join us in the Small Hall, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at about 10.45 after 10.00am Mass?*

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February we will welcome again Sister Annette Lawrence who will teach us about "Discipleship in St Mark's Gospel" and we look forward to her Icon Cards, especially coming up to Easter.

## UCM CHARITY EVENT SUPPORTING SARCOMA UK MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

**Saturday 11th April from 7pm** in the church hall

**£15 per ticket**

Bring your own food and drink for your table

To book tickets please contact **Marie Tross 07774 643159**

## COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Our Cultural Diversity Support Group invites Parishioners to our **10th Birthday celebration on Sunday 8th March.**

Attend Mass at 11.30am followed by a party at 1pm in the large hall with lunch, music, video presentation and open mic.

Warmest Sylvia **07870508790**

**SAFEGUARDING:** It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding info can be found on the Diocesan website:

[safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk)

**Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (February)**

**Readers: (March/April)**

## PRAY THE ROMERO ROSARY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at 5pm** throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on **Friday 6th and Friday 27th March.**

On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm.

Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: [rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary](http://rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary)

## RACE NIGHT – SUPPORTING 28TH CROYDON SCOUTS

**Saturday 21 March - 7:00pm – 10:30pm**

### Church Hall, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bingham Road

28th Croydon Scout Group warmly invites parishioners and friends to join us for a fun-filled **Race Night** in the Church Hall this March. It promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable evening with eight exciting races, a final auction race, raffle prizes, and refreshments available. Entry is just **£2 per person**, and each paid entry includes one free bet to get you started.

Race Night is one of our key fundraising events this year. Our Scout Headquarters roof is reaching the end of its life and will not survive another winter. We need to raise **£20,000** to refurbish the building so that it remains safe, warm and dry for the 100+ young people who meet there each week.

Scouting at 28th Croydon continues to grow, with young people from Squirrels through to Scouts developing confidence, resilience and practical Skills for Life. Our HQ is at the heart of that programme — and we are determined to protect it for the future.

There are several ways you can support:

- Come along on the night
- Sponsor a race (perfect for local businesses)
- Donate a raffle prize

Spread the word to friends and family!

If you would like to attend or offer support, please speak to one of our leaders or contact the Group.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting within our parish community.

## AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for years 1 to 'A' level  
On Sundays in Our Lady's small hall between 1 - 5pm.

**£25 p/h for years 1 - 9**  
**£30 p/h for GCSE & A Level**

To register your interest please contact:

**Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009**

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world.

Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat.

The next 2 retreats are **27th Feb-1st Mar in Swindon** and **15th-17th May in Maidstone**. Why not find out more at [wwme.org.uk](http://wwme.org.uk)

## HALL HIRE FOR BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

The small hall is now available to hire to parishioners for **Baptism celebrations (ONLY)** after the sacrament at the Mass.

***Due to the limited availability of the halls, timing is restricted to SUNDAYS ONLY until 5pm, and is charged at £30 per hour.***

Please contact the parish office for further details.