



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

22nd March 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent (page 164 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Well, would you believe it has come to this?

As you can see from the article on the front page of the website, the Bishops of England and Wales have addressed the faithful instructing that you do not attend public worship, and rescinding the obligation to be at Mass on a Sunday or Holy Days. They have assured you all that churches will be open for prayer, and that Masses will be celebrated privately, but ask that you join in those Masses spiritually, or via the web.

At Our Lady's, the church will continue to be open between 9.00 -11.00 am Monday to Saturday, and from 8.00am -12.30pm on Sunday morning. In order not to encourage public gatherings, Mass will be offered for the publicised intentions at an unspecified time during those periods, but the sacrament will not be distributed. You can still arrange for Masses to be celebrated for your loved ones or their intentions using the envelopes at the back of the church, filling in all the details, and delivering them with your offering through the parish office letterbox at the rear of the car park.

We are looking into the possibility of live streaming the Masses from Our Lady's; keep an eye on the website for future developments, and if for any reason it is not possible to do this you will be able to find Mass streaming from one of the Cathedrals. There will be no Service of Reconciliation before Easter. However Fr. Jackson or I will be available during those periods when the church is open (or by appointment) to celebrate that important Sacrament with those who wish it before the Pascal Feast.

During this period the parish office will be physically closed to visitors but contact can be made by phone. Fr Jackson and I are at this time fit and healthy and remain at your service should you need a priest, so do not hesitate to call on us.

God bless.

Fr Keill.

Mass Intentions This Week

21 March: Saturday

Victor Joseph RIP
 Philip Chandler RIP

22 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Melicia Pereira RIP
 Lai Ching Chang RIP

23 March: Monday

Intentions of the Keates Family

24 March: Tuesday

Martina Oseni RIP

25 March: Wednesday

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
 John Boswood RIP

26 March: Thursday

Abraham Pereira RIP
 Thanksgiving for the Joseph Family

27 March: Friday

Thanksgiving for Frederick Sheppard

28 March: Saturday

Marshall Weetman & Paddy Dermody RIP
 Arthur Fairservice RIP

29 March: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT +

Bridget Daly RIP 1st Anniversary
 Wellbeing of Margo Evans

+ *With Baptism*

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 24th at 8.30pm (PRC)

RCIA: Wednesday 25th at 8pm (PRC) *Scripture - The Story of Holy Week*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 8pm As Usual

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING

Team B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 479.25
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 317.10
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1771.35

COLLECTIONS: Last week's collection for *The Barnabas Society* amounted to £445.00. Many thanks. *Both the offertory and all second collections will now cease until public worship resumes, however the church still needs to operate financially, so please bear this in mind and do all you can to support the parish during these unprecedented times. A secure box will be provided if you choose to give during a visit to church. Thank you.*

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Rosa Lobo, June Cully

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Sister Anthony, Edmond Kiely, Desmond Kavanagh, Denis Whitworth, Ethel Bowen, Rita Stone, Charles Martynski, Stephen Connolly, John Bradley, Emily Judge, Patrick O'Callaghan, Margaret Warne, Colleen Barretto, Patrick McHale, Richard Gillen, Delia Carder, Brendan Hickey, Norma Waddell, Eileen Parsons, Jack Hoey, Bob Tatnell, Petronilla Molyneux, Stanislaw Stepien, Charles Lancaster, Felecity Johnson, Ryszard Siepka

SOCIAL CLUB
Sunday Evening Entertainment.

The programme at the Social Club has been suspended with immediate effect.

Members of the Social Club are now available to support the Parish Community throughout the current *Covid-19 crisis*. If you need assistance with shopping, lifts to a Hospital Appointment or other basic activities, please call the Parish Office on 020 8654 1709 to register your requirements. The Office Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am - 3pm. The Office is closed on a Wednesday.

Ben Cahill
Chair: Social Club

ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH RIP

Given the current situation regarding the Coronavirus outbreak and public attendance at Masses, we advise that you check the Diocesan website for up to date information about the arrangements for Archbishop Peter's funeral.

THE KENT CATENIANS 2020: Heat of the sixth form public speaking competition took place at St Gregory's Tunbridge Wells despite appalling weather, traffic holdups and worries about coronavirus. 5 schools were represented by 10 speakers and the standard of speaking was once again very high. The judges Sharon Grange, Barry Mizen and Brendan Ducey had a difficult task. The winner is Connor Watkins from St John Fisher school, Chatham who spoke on "The education system". He will go to the national final in Manchester in September. The runner-up is Tamara Rachel from St Thomas the Apostle school, Nunhead who spoke on "Young people and knife crime". Margaret Mizen spoke about the Jimmy Mizen fund and there was excellent support from Kent Catenian circles.

BINGHAM PARK
A CORRECTION FROM CROYDON COUNCIL

We have recently been contacted by Croydon Council to state that the information previously given in the newsletter regarding Bingham Park was incorrect. They have stated that *'no one is planning to build on Addiscombe Recreation Ground, and that it will be protected no matter what in the council's Local Plan. The e-mail we sent about Local Green Space was asking for more information about why Addiscombe Recreation Ground might merit even more protection than it currently has, such that we could designate it as Local Green Space, which is in effect, the 'gold standard' of protection for parks in national planning policy'* Their full email is available to read in the porch, if you wish.

SVP COFFEE MORNING
Sunday 29th March after 10am Mass

Unfortunately, we are **postponing** our SVP fundraising coffee morning until further notice, as a precaution for our members and parishioners. Many thanks.

***** REPOSITORY SHOP *****

Easter, RCIA and St. Patrick's Day cards are all now on sale in the shop. First Holy Communion cards and gifts will all be on display immediately after Easter. Please pay us a visit.

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

Items for collection: Sr Celia, S Turner

Baptism certificates: V Conkova, L Taggart, Adams-Grace, G Stevens, A Lawrence, H Carney Garcia, Pires x2

LENTEN MASSES - CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
The remaining Lenten Masses in Croydon University Hospital are cancelled.

GAELIC FOOTBALL TASTER SESSIONS

The Gaelic Football Taster Sessions at St Mary's high school **have been suspended until the end of March**. We will notify you when they recommence.

CAN YOU HELP IN THE PARISH OFFICE?

As the parish office is now closed to the public all week, the phone is very busy and vital at this time. Rachel and Stephanie will continue to work their days, however it would be helpful to have a volunteer for a couple of hours on a Wednesday, when the office is not usually manned, to answer the phones whilst it is the only way of communicating with the office. If you think you may be able to help in this way - please contact Fr Keith to discuss it. Thank you.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

We currently have two job opportunities available.

Marriage Tribunal Administrator:

Full time based in Tooting Bec, London SW17

Safeguarding Office Administrator:

Based on the Cathedral site London SE1

If you would like more information about either of them, please look on the Diocese's website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) 2020: Many thanks to all who contributed and attended the WDP for Zimbabwe on Friday 6th March. Your presence and participation made the evening a wonderful sharing of prayer, music and fellowship with fellow Christians around the world and in particular the people of Zimbabwe who will hopefully be strengthened by our support. Anne Barcellos

ALL COFFEE MORNINGS: Are obviously suspended until public Masses resume. Hopefully these can be rescheduled soon.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Thank you for your Christmas Crib offerings of £465, which contribute to our work supporting school fees, medical expenses, family and community support. Your help is so important as there is no social care system or foodbanks in the Holy Land. Currently Bethlehem is in lockdown due to the Coronavirus, with holy sites closed and restrictions on movement. Christians (and all residents) are unable to work and have no source of income. This will tip many families into financial crisis. Your help shows them that they are not alone.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian is stepping down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith. Many thanks.

28th CROYDON SCOUT FAMILY BINGO EVENING
Saturday 28th March

Unfortunately, this event has been **postponed** until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.