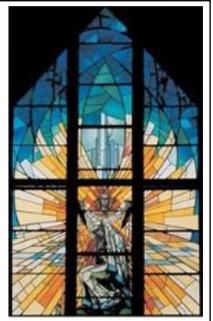




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent (page 170 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Brothers and sisters today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, meaning we are just one week away from the beginning of the Holy Week and two weeks more before we commemorate the glorious mysteries of Easter. As we celebrate today's liturgy, the questions to ask ourselves are; Why are we preparing to celebrate Easter? Why are we still Christians? Why are we here now and why are we going to church for mass? Put simply, it is because we believe that Jesus gives us life. We believe we have that life already by our Baptism. Delivery from bondage to sin and the devil is already a form of Resurrection from the dead. This miracle is a reality of our day to day life here and now. This we celebrate together year on year, season by season, Mass after Mass. **GLORY BE.**



Fr Keith & Fr Cajetan will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before and after all Masses on the lead up to Easter (not Sundays), and by appointment any time during the next fortnight. In addition, we will be in church following Mass on the evening of Thursday 26th March round to 9pm for those who wish to celebrate this sacrament before Easter.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 21 March: Saturday**
 10:00 John & Eveleen McBride RIP
 18:00 José Fernandez RIP 2nd Anniversary
- 22 March: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
 08:30 Robert Hayward White RIP
 10:00 All Parishioners
 11:30 Maureen Walsh RIP
- 23 March: Monday**
 10:00 Clara Nunes RIP 1st Anniversary
- 24 March: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Jennifer Senn RIP
- 25 March: Wednesday**
 10:00 Mary Madigan RIP
 15:45 *Stations of the Cross*
- 26 March: Thursday**
 10:00 Ian Brookes RIP 1st Anniversary
 19:30 Abraham & Martha Pereira RIP
- 27 March: Friday**
09:00 Stations of the Cross
 10:00 June Cully RIP
- 28 March: Saturday**
 10:00 Rosa & Raymond Lobo RIP
 18:00 Peter & Irene Clifford RIP
- 29 March: PALM SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Pat Flannery RIP *
 11:30 25th Wedding Anniversary of
 Mr & Mrs Linus Anayo Ogbuehi

* *With Procession into Church from the large hall*

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	£ 725.11
Loose cash	£ 615.17
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2680.28

*** 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.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Anerley ACROSS (Lourdes)* amounted to £608.09. Many thanks.
 This week there will be a Diocesan collection for *Poor Parishes*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Lauren Horwood, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Westley Adaken, Mervat Nasri, John Wright & all others
We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Sr Anthony, Edmond Kiely, Desmond Kavanagh, Denis Whitworth, José Fernandez, Ethel Bowen, Rita Stone, Charles Martynski, Kevin McKenna, Celia Sweeney, Stephen Connolly, John Bradley, Emily Judge, Patrick O'Callaghan, Margaret Warne, Colleen Barretto, Fr. Denis Paul, Patrick McHale, Richard Gillen, Delia Carder, Brendan Hickey, Norma Waddell, Eileen Parsons, Jack Hoey, Bob Tatnell, June Cully, Petronilla Molyneux, Stanislaw Stepien, Charles Lancaster, Felecita Johnson, Ryszard Siepka

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

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

26th April: **First appearance** - Anton

3rd May: **Bank Holiday** - Theresa Rodgers

10th May: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

- Thank you to the Members of the Parish Community & the Social Club for your support of the **Bacon & Cabbage and Dinner & Dance with Frank Nelson**. The event raised £3,000.00; these resources will be used to support the forthcoming **Anerley ACROSS Pilgrimage to Lourdes** with a party of disabled people.

- The Social Club has made a donation of £1,000.00 to the **Woodside Bereavement Service** to support their work in our Community.

- **Declan Nerney & His Band** will appear in the Social Club on Friday, 24th April. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity**. To reserve Tickets at £20.00 each, please call **Pat Winston on 07734 250375**.

PARISH FILM SHOW: This year's show will take place in the **Small Hall, at 7.30pm on Saturday 18th April**. Full details will be announced in due course.

PSR GATHERING DAY - 7TH MARCH

I attended the Parish Safeguarding Representative training on Saturday 7th March.

It was a very informative day and it is really beneficial to hear from other parishes in the dioceses. The afternoon speaker was Darren Stokes from NAPAC the National Association for people abused in childhood. He gave information clearly and with kindness and spoke with hope on the very serious topic of Trauma Informed Practice.

For further information or support in recovering from Childhood Abuse you can call 08088010331 - opens at 10am (this number will not show on your telephone bill). Joanna

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH – ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Archbishop John Wilson has commissioned a series of short videos and worksheets to answer some of the most important and fundamental questions about our faith. **For further details see page three of the online newsletter or the posters in the church porch.**

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**

I warmly invite you to join me on this year's SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21st - 28th August 2026

A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers. I have also found it a blessing to be able to accompany and to be inspired by other pilgrims, some of whom are sick, elderly or disabled.

Last year, Deacon John Fogarty and I did a short presentation in parishes, which we would be happy to repeat in your parish, if it can be arranged.

Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at:

<https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>

For more information, please contact:

Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)

Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk)

or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Irene Siepka**. We ask that you remember Joanna, Richard, Louisa and Amanda, along with their families at this very difficult time. **May she Rest In Peace.**

'TOGETHER' SERVICE AND MARCH 10.30am, Saturday 28th March, Central London

Join the Christian Climate Action pre-march church service and / or walk with us to show we stand together for love, hope, compassion and justice in the face of division, hate and the injustice of climate denialism.

The service will take place 10.30 – 11.15am at Oasis Church Waterloo, SE1 7QP. The Together Alliance march assembles at noon on Park Lane in London and is anticipated to finish around 4.30pm.

The Together Alliance is a large coalition including environmental and faith groups.

This will be a family friendly day filled with welcome, unity and prayer.

Contact **Gill (07796 340 193)** for further details

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MARYHILL SCHOOL UGANDA

Thank you so much for your generous donations and support over the years to Maryhill School. Unfortunately, due to constraints on office staff and our organizer, Angela Yates, stepping down, we will no longer accept donations via standing order, so please cancel with immediate effect. Instead, a yearly collection will be organised and sent to the school. You are very welcome to include your donation by cheque or cash as part of this collection. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. *Fr Keith*

LOST PROPERTY

Please note that the shelves at the back of the church where all lost property is deposited, **will be cleared just before Easter**. The shelves are filling up, especially with scarves and gloves from the colder weather and children's toys.

Any unclaimed items will be recycled where possible.

MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE - THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO June 8th-14th 2026

From Rochester Cathedral to the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate.

Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com

BREAKING NEWS!! BREAKING NEWS!!

Parishioners, our Diversity Support Group has been selected to host the Songs of Praise - Volunteering/Big Lunch this year!

Filming is on **Wednesday 15th April**, late afternoon. Save the date and timeframe. We want you to be there as you supported us in achieving this recognition.

More details to follow. Much love and blessings *Sylvia*

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 March 24th** we will meet after the Funeral Mass (at about 11.15am) and hope Fr. Cajetan will be able to speak to us about the Feast of the Annunciation, which we always celebrate on 25th. We have already prepared the Reading from the Gospel of Saint Luke 1: 26-38 for a Lectio Divina and hope that many will join us. ***Everyone is welcome!***

POLITE NOTICE!

Please do not leave any old religious booklets or books on the table in the porch **without permission from Fr Keith**. Anything left without prior permission will be disposed of. ***Many thanks.***

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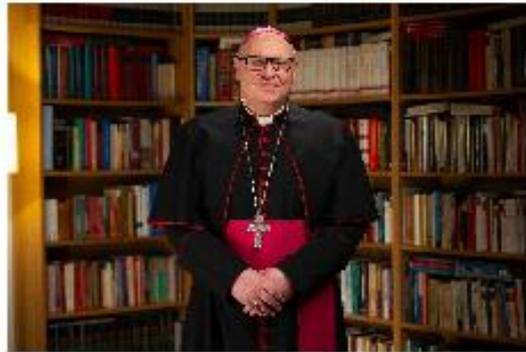
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Ambassadors for Christ

Building witnesses for the Lord Jesus and His Church



Ambassadors for Christ is a new year-long video series from the Archdiocese of Southwark, created to help Catholics feel more confident talking about their faith so they can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

As interest in the Catholic Church continues to grow, many people find themselves asking big questions, or being asked them by friends, family and colleagues. This project offers clear, trustworthy answers through 52 short weekly videos, each presented by a Catholic priest and designed to be easy to understand, practical and rooted in the teachings of the Church. (The videos are 5-10 minutes each)

Each video has a supporting worksheet for personal use or for discussions in a group.

Full details are available on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist>

<https://rcaos.org.uk/worksheets>

The videos can also be watched on the Archdiocese You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1>