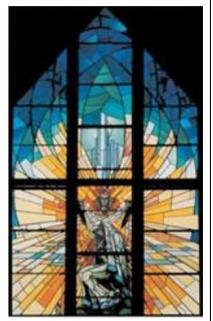




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 22nd August 2021 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

The main theme of today's readings is that Christian life is a series of daily choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He has revealed through His prophets in the Old Testament and especially through His Son Jesus in the New Testament. The fundamental choice we make determines how we live our lives, deciding whom we will serve.

In the first reading, Joshua challenges the Israelites to decide whether they will serve the gods of their fathers, the gods of the Amorites in whose country they are presently dwelling, or the God of the Israelites Who has done so much for them. The second reading emphasizes the unity that must exist in the Body of Christ and the intimate relationship between Jesus and His followers. Paul reminds us that Jesus nourishes us, the members of His Church, through the Eucharist, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Concluding his long Eucharistic discourse, Jesus, in today's Gospel, challenges his Jewish audience, and later His apostles, to make their choice: to accept Him as the true Bread from Heaven Who gives them His Body and Blood as their Heavenly Food or to join those who have lost their Faith in Jesus and left Him, expressing their confusion and doubts about His claims. Let us make our choice for Christ and live it:

We Christians have accepted the challenge of following the way of Christ and making choices for Christ, fortified by the Bread He gives and relying on the power of His Holy Spirit. The Heavenly Bread and the Holy Spirit will give us the courage of our Christian convictions to take a stand for Jesus, accepting the Church's teachings and will enable us to face ridicule, criticisms, and even social isolation for our adherence to sound Christian principles in our lives. That is what we mean by our "Amen" while receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

We have been contacted by a company offering car park management services. Equipment and services are supplied to us free of charge. It is something that Fr. Keith has been considering looking into as he is experiencing increased hostility when he approaches those who use the car park at all hours without good cause, that is, who are not conducting business in church or the halls. In essence it will be a system where legitimate users record their number plate on entering the buildings, and a number plate recognition camera issues tickets to the registered keeper of vehicles not entered on the system after 10 mins.

Please let Fr. Keith or Fr. Jackson know your thoughts.

*If you are going away for a break have a great time, and do pass on our best wishes to the communities you visit on Sunday Morning's.*

## Mass Intentions This Week

**21 August: Saturday SAINT PIUS X**  
 10:00 Gus Adriano RIP

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

**22 August: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY**  
 08:30 Joseph & Flora Menon RIP

10:00 All Parishioners

11:30 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP

**23 August: Monday**

10:00 Anne France RIP

**24 August: Tuesday**

**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW**

10:00 Intentions of Noel & Nora Murphy

**25 August: Wednesday**

10:00 Elizabeth Muir RIP

18:00 Reception of the Body of  
 Hannah Beston RIP

**26 August: Thursday FUNERAL MASS**

10:00 Hannah Beston RIP

**27 August: Friday SAINT MONICA**

10:00 Hannah Simons RIP

**28 August: Saturday SAINT AUGUSTINE**

10:00 Vincent Ndekwe RIP

18:00 All Parishioners

**29 August: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY**

08:30 Hannah Beston RIP

10:00 Caroline Koch RIP +

11:30 Owen Eugene McKeon RIP 1st Ann.

+ *With Baptism*

### PLEASE NOTE:

*There will not be a 7.30pm Thursday evening Mass during the month of August. They will resume in September upon Fr Keith's return.*



**PLEASE NOTE:**  
 The 10am Mass **WILL NOT BE LIVE STREAMED** whilst Fr Keith is away.  
 Apologies for any inconvenience.

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 26th AUGUST - **TEAM B**

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 452.70
Loose cash	£ 293.80
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1801.50</b>

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

We have recently installed **2nd collection boxes** on the walls of the Church. All the details for the collections will be posted here in the newsletter, as it was prior to the pandemic. Please then use these boxes for your donations. **Many thanks.**

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Karen Pearson, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, Duncan Pears*

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Diana Carrapiett, Antony Sapiano, Sylvia Kinghorn, Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth Neale, Maria Andrews, Desmond Yow, John Marshall, Mary Hartop, Roosevelt Walles, Oswald Eugene Stevens, Jeremiah Collins, Hannah Simons, Pamela Kennedy, Catherine Ward, Vincent Ndekwe, Corina Cahill, George Pears, Matt Dolan, Catherine Farnon*

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!

### Annual ACROSS Charity Golf Classic

*Anerley ACROSS is a Charity which takes disabled children on annual pilgrimage to Lourdes*

*De Vere Selsdon Estate -  
Friday, 17th September 2021  
(please note change of date)*

10.00am: Arrival with Bacon Rolls and Tea/ Coffee

11.00am: 18 Holes of Golf

The Golf Day is available at **£50.00 per person**

You can also support the event by  
Sponsoring a Hole at £50.00  
Donating items for the Auction/ Raffle

*For more information, please contact  
Ben Cahill on 07958 903410 or  
[bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk)*

**Save the date - Sunday, 5th September:** There will be a meeting at 6pm to discuss proposals for the reopening of the *Social Club: The Ballroom of Romance*. Further details of the structure of the meeting will be available at the start of September.

### THE ALLOTMENTS - CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Don't get caught up in traffic jams on the August bank holiday, stay local and visit the allotments in Glenthorne Avenue (CR0 7EZ)!

**Sunday 29th and Monday 30th August, 11am to 5pm**

Food available from 12 noon plus afternoon teas on the Sunday  
Show hall open from 2pm on the Sunday. Stalls, music and BBQ on both days. Limited parking on site. See posters in the church porch.

### GIFT AID NEW YEAR!

THERE REMAIN 60+ ENVELOPE BOXES AWAITING COLLECTION FROM THE CHURCH PORCH!

***If still required please collect by 29th August at the latest*** as I have to place the Parish envelope order for next year in September.

There are also 40+ small sets of 2nd collection envelopes unclaimed. I suspect that some parishioners who donate by Standing Order may have forgotten that they requested these. **PLEASE CHECK and see if there is a set waiting for you before the 2nd collections recommence.** Many thanks, Jenny Mitchener.

### ARE YOU IN YEAR 10 OR ABOVE FROM SEPTEMBER?

Are you interested in doing your Silver Duke of Edinburgh award or working towards a young leader qualification? Girlguiding Croydon can help make that happen. Our local Brownies unit is looking for a new Young Leader. Volunteering with us can make impressive additions to any CV or UCAS application. You'll develop skills in leadership, communication and team working. You will need to show commitment to Wednesday evenings for at least one term. We are a friendly group and do a huge range of activities from art and craft and sport, to adventurous activities, camps, and games.

For more details please contact:  
Clare Buxton **0777 978 2275** or [clare@teambuxton.co.uk](mailto:clare@teambuxton.co.uk)

**LIVING LAUDATO SI' RETREAT:** Online from Boarbank Hall. Includes talks from Cardinal Vincent Nicholas and Bishop Paul Swarbrick. **3rd - 6th September.** Voluntary donation. No fee for weekend. To apply email Sr Margaret Atkins on [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk)

### SVP - AN INVITATION!

The SVP would like to invite all parishioners to join us for coffee/tea & biscuits **after the 11:30am TODAY Sunday, 22nd August**, in the large hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

### OUR LADY'S TODDLER GROUP

We are pleased to announce that we shall be re-opening our doors on **Thursday 9th September at 9.30am in the large hall!** We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

This Toddler Group was set up many years ago by The Young Wives Committee and is affiliated with the church. Over the years we have been fortunate enough to have had some brilliant volunteers who have helped make this group very successful and a pleasure to run.

**We are now looking for someone to help us to continue to run this lovely group each Thursday (term time only) 9am - 12pm.**

For more information please contact  
**Andrea on 07952 664224**

### UCM ADDISCOMBE LADIES

Would like to invite any ladies in the parish to our *Prosecco, Pudding and Bingo Night* on **Wednesday 1st September from 8pm in the large hall.** We will be fundraising for Macmillan charity.

Cost is **£20.** Please contact Chris on **07535 978010** or email [ucmaddiscombe@gmail.com](mailto:ucmaddiscombe@gmail.com) for further details and to reserve your place ASAP as numbers will be limited.

### NEEDED ESSENTIALY:

#### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PARISH

This post (vacant for a year) is key to the good standing of the parish and the protection of all its members. The safeguarding of all children and young people as well as vulnerable elderly people, is required both by the Church and Government.

The post holder will be responsible to Fr. Keith for all aspects of Safeguarding, especially ensuring that Disclosure & Barring (DBS) checks for involved parishioners are completed; that essential personal records are kept; and that suitable training is organised.

A commitment of time and energy, balanced by satisfaction, will be required of the post holder.

***No specific qualifications are required but relevant experience is desirable.***

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BY CAFOD

Help is needed to distribute Cafod petition cards during 'Great Big Croydon Green Week' in Croydon North End on **Sunday Sept 26th 11am to 2pm.** The petition cards are for the Reclaim Our Common Home campaign organised by Cafod. See <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home> for details of this campaign and to sign the petition online.

Please contact Chris Sciberras on **07522 357219** if you are willing to help. For Great Big Croydon Green Week events see <https://www.croydonclimateaction.com/croydon-s-great-big-green-week>

### SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS FROM SEPTEMBER

We are pleased to say that the our Sunday Coffee Mornings after 10am Mass will resume in September! Many thanks to all those who have supported them in the past. A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one.

### CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. **Many thanks.**

## ANOTHER CHALLENGE

Pope Francis wants us to be active in changing how we live – and this can involve simply a few – or a lot of – small things. Don't ever think small things can't matter – try sharing your bedroom with a mosquito to disprove that!

A change could involve asking a question about whether there's a connection between raging fires in Greece and my thermostat being set at 20°C or above? Or floods in Haiti and those ¾-mile drives to the shops (a bike ride? A walk?).

You could ask if there's a connection between people working long hours in a rickety fire-risk of a building in (say) Bangladesh and the chance to buy three t-shirts for £5 ...

Is there a link between the fuel used to transport apples from New Zealand and your insistence on buying a particular type of apple instead of choosing between a limited range from Worcestershire or Kent, or doing without a favourite vegetable because it's not in season in Britain and has to be brought in from Chile or The Philippines?

Might there be a connection between the centuries or millennia it'll take to break down that plastic in a landfill site and the possibility of (or the need for) recycling it now into something useful like a drinks cup, a pencil or a picnic bench? I have been surprised and gratified at the very positive response to the option of recycling pill blister packs – the reaction has been far, far higher than I had expected; brilliant! So why do some people think it's OK to leave plastic bottles on the grass verge, or the hedgerow, or the gutter?

Is there, finally, a connection between drought in East Africa, our continued need to burn fossil fuels to generate electricity and those acres of roof-tops with no solar panels on them? Is there a contrast between the successive cuts in the financial support for installing solar panels on houses, factories (and churches!) and the need for continuing expansion of the searches for gas and oil reserves to give us "energy security"?

All small things – but a lot of small things add up to a lot. After all, I couldn't run the London Marathon – but if I did, I'd need the first stride and the thousand-and-first stride; both small, but both essential contributions to the whole thing. So never think your small contribution doesn't count – it does, and the more you can urge other people to get on board and do the same, the better the world will be for our grandchildren's grandchildren.

If you want to know what someone far smarter than me thinks about this, ask The Pope – he did write *Laudato Si* for a reason ...

## RECYCLING - PLEASE NOTE

We continue to recycle milk-bottle tops and blister packs, but I'm sorry to say that people are leaving other things we can't handle. We can't handle plastic "wallets" that some blister packs come in, for example; we can only handle the blister packs themselves. The "wallet" should be put in your household recycling.

As for bottle tops, oh, please!!!! If it says "Coca Cola" on the top, it didn't come from a milk bottle!! If it clearly is part of a bottle of hand-pumped liquid soap or hand cream, it's not from a milk bottle!! We can only recycle milk-bottle tops, and anything else should be disposed of via your Council recycling bin.

Please don't get me wrong, we're very happy - very happy indeed - to continue recycling the blister packs and the milk-bottle tops - so please don't leave anything else in the church porch for me to take home, identify and throw in my recycling bin. Throw it in your own!

Many thanks - *Andy Bebington*

## VACANCY

### SITE MAINTENANCE AND CARETAKER

We are looking for an experienced person to join our site maintenance and caretaking team. Based on the Cathedral site in London SE1, which includes residential and office accommodation, as well as public access spaces and a car park.

The primary function of this role is to provide handyman/maintenance services across the whole estate and act as a caretaker for the site.

The full advert is on the Diocesan website [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) or email [hr@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hr@rcaos.org.uk) for more details.

Closing date **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**.

### **10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SYRIAN CONFLICT – HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP THE SYRIAN PEOPLE**

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays**.

All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

### **FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

We would very much like to resume Adoration on a Friday in September. However, in order to sustain the timeframe of 10.30am to 8pm, we need 18 people on our list ideally, as the Blessed Sacrament should not be left unattended. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, many of our regulars can no longer attend.

*Are you able to commit one hour of your day to the Lord?*

Please think about spending this time with God & contact Fr Keith or the parish office if you would like to put your name on our list.

### **\*WE NEED YOUR VOTES IN STORE!!\***

Tesco's Bags of Help have selected the St Thomas Becket Parents Association (STBSA) to go up for a public vote in stores against two other organisations, from 12th July until 30th September 2021.

The winners of this vote will receive a cash prize to go towards a project that will benefit the community. The project the STBSA have selected is 'IT equipment for children for home learning'.

To vote for us, when you make a purchase within a store, of any value, *you should ask the cashier for a Bags of Help token*: it's one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Thank you so much for your support!

**OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICE:** Contact email - [addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)