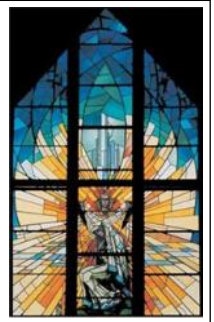




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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22nd September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 135 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Just as in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks his apostles a question. This time they do not answer, because they are ashamed to. Their reasoning might be that they consider Jews to be greater than Gentiles, the disciples are greater than the Jews in general, the Twelve are greater than the rest of the disciples. Therefore, one of the Twelve must be the greatest among this select group.

But one reason they are silent is that the Lord's greatness is so out of proportion to whatever favour or merit they might claim. In addition, they know Jesus well enough to intuit that there is something wrong about exercising greatness and power as the world does.

Jesus' response is as surprising and profound as his revelation in last week's Gospel about each one of us having a cross and that cross being our way to salvation. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." The example he provides to illustrate what he means is receiving a child, the epitome of unimportance. Receiving a child in Christ's name is the way to receive Christ, and thus the Father. Stooping down to serve the most lowly is the way to reach the heights of Christ and God the Father.

If anyone wishes. This is the ambition Our Lord approves of.



Mass Intentions This Week

- 21 September: Saturday**
SAINT MATTHEW
 10:00 Marguerite Conn RIP
 18:00 Thanksgiving for the Aloysius Family
- 22 September: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners ~
 10:00 Michael Garcia RIP ~
 11:30 Maria Morris RIP 3rd Anniversary
 16:00 *Adoration with Padre Pio Group*
- 23 September: Monday**
SAINTS PIUS OF PIETRELCINA
 10:00 80th Birthday Wishes for Mary Jayawardena
- 24 September: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS**
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
 10:00 Brenda Duthie RIP
- 25 September: Wednesday**
 10:00 Wellbeing of Matilda Olatunji
- 26 September: Thursday**
 10:00 John Boswood RIP
 19:30 For the Welfare of Coloma & All Catholic Education
- 27 September: Friday**
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
 10:00 Thanksgiving & Private Intention
- 28 September: Saturday**
 10:00 Michael, Harold & Harry Sweeney RIP
Followed by Adoration with Prayers for Healing
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 29 September: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Intentions of Baby Turner
 10:00 Josephine Mendonca RIP
 11:30 David Neaves RIP 1st Anniversary

~ *With Children's Liturgy*

*** 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.

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 24th at 10.45am (Small Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 24th at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 426.30 |
| Loose cash | £ 813.90 |
| S/Os (Approx) | £ 1340.00 |
| Total | £ 2580.20 |

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Home Mission Sunday* amounted to £537.50. Many thanks.
 Next weekend we have our *Autumn Fayre* - please come armed with cash as the stalls will not have card readers. Many thanks!

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Thomas Smyth, Daphne Nawrocka, Monica Gardiner, Archibald Hansen, Robert West, Sophia McLaughlin, Henry Seymour (Harry) Gibbs, Maria Morris, Michael Carroll, Anne Warnock, Owen McSweeney, Sr. Monica Cooley, Teresa Tunesi, Trinidad Lucio, Anthony McTiernan, Margaret Selwesiuk, Winifred Waller, Winifred Dias, Salvatore Di Meo, William Donachy, Margaret Skeats, Fr. Patrick Best, Antonio Corazzo, Daphne Higher, Anne Miller, Pope John Paul I, Blodwyn Mayfield, Eileen Rudduck, James Brennan, Robert Priest, Joyce Hassan

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

22nd September: Kieran White

29th September: Shane & Mervyn Owens

6th October: Finbar & Paul

13th October: Glen Flynn

20th October: The Duets

27th October: Theresa Rodgers

3rd November: Frank Nelson

10th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

- The autumn season of *Tribute Evenings* has now commenced with *A Motown Tribute Evening featuring the Dreamettes* - singing your favourite Motown hits including Diana Ross and The Supremes, Martha and The Vandellas, Tina Turner, Mary Wells and Aretha Franklin on Friday, 11th October. All proceeds from this event will support the Brain Tumour Charity & Beccehamian Rugby FC Big Build.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

APPLICATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES NO APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AFTER 10th OCT

Forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. **Please complete the form fully and return it to the parish office.**

Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available from Monday 23rd September to Thursday 10th October.

Primary school interviews will take place later in the year

OUR LADY'S AUTUMN FAYRE & FUN DAY: Sunday, 29th September

We are now entering the final week of preparations for the Fayre. We are grateful for the support that we have received over the last few weeks.

- This weekend Raffle Tickets will be on Sale after all Masses. Completed counterfoils & monies must be returned to the Presbytery by Saturday, 28th September.

- We still need Bottles, Unwanted Gifts, Toiletries and China for the smashing the crockery stall.

- Next Saturday morning from 8am we need a Team of Helpers to assist with the assembly of Tents & arrangement of Stalls. Light refreshments will be available for all Volunteers.

- Cakes, Pies, Crumbles, Homemade Crafts et al can be delivered to the Hall from 9am on Saturday.

- The Dog Show will commence at approx. 2:30pm; entries to be made on the day.

If you are coming to the Fayre, please bring CASH.

Next weekend there will be very limited space in the Car Park.

*** OUR LADY'S CENTENARY CALENDAR ***

Will be on sale for £10 each at the Autumn Fayre

ADORATION WITH PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP Sunday 22nd September from 4pm in Church

The Padre Pio prayer group kindly invite you to join them for Adoration in church on Sunday 22nd September at 4pm, followed by refreshments and a meeting with the Padre Pio missionary group from San Giovanni, in the small hall. **All are welcome!**

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS Saturday 28th September

Registration for the Annual Diocesan Day for Catechists is now open. For the last two years the day has reached capacity; registration is therefore necessary as soon as possible to guarantee a place. **Catechists are invited to register themselves on our website and make their choice of workshops:**

aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2024

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Mandatory Training is booked for Saturday 5th October 2024 for those who have not completed the video online or attended the session run in April. Safeguarding representatives from the diocese will also be attending. The morning will start with tea/coffee ID Verification for anyone who needs it at 9.30am, training video 10-11am finishing with more verifications if needed. No need to save a space just come along! **Remember your ID if you have had an e-mail from the safeguarding office to say you are ready for verification. For questions or further information please contact Joanna addiscombedbs@rcaos.org.uk**

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP ARUNDEL TRIP Saturday 12th October

You are invited to join **The Diversity Support Group** on a day trip to Arundel. We will visit Arundel Cathedral, the Cathedral Church of Our Lady & St. Philip Howard, which is recognised as one of the best in Europe, and learn about the history of the Cathedral.

This is your chance to pick up a few early Christmas presents or simply treat yourself. This is intended to be a prayerful, as well as fun day.

The coach will leave Our Lady's at 9am returning approx 6/6.30pm

The cost of this trip is £20 for adults & £10 for children

Please reserve your place ASAP

For further details and payment methods, contact Jenny Lucas
07711 533 781 javelle15@gmail.com

(Payment must be made by 25th September)

EXCITING FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Friday 25th October at 6pm at St Thomas Becket School

Enjoy a stunning show by Frontier Fireworks, renowned for their impressive displays at Beckenham Palace. The event also features a bar, BBQ, DJ, & snacks! It's set to be a night of fun and community spirit! Don't miss out - secure your tickets now to ensure you don't miss this remarkable event. To purchase tickets go to:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa>

OUR LADY'S TODDLER GROUP: Has now reopened after the summer break! Come along on a Thursday morning (term time only) 9.30 - 11.30am to the large hall. Lots of fun from birth to nursery.

OUR PARISH ASCENT GROUP: Is open to everyone. It has been meeting for more than 20 years and we meet on Tuesday mornings twice a month after 10am Mass.

The Ascent Group provides essentially a time and space for those of us in or those approaching the autumn of life, to meet together to share and strengthen our Catholic Faith.

Our focus is on reading and listening to current Gospel Readings and having guest speakers who provide spiritual understanding and inspire our faith to grow.

On **Tuesday 24th September** Deacon Sean Murphy will be our Guest Speaker. In previous years Deacon Sean treated us to several talks on Our Blessed Lady. Everyone is welcome to join us. Have a 'cuppa' in the Small Hall after morning Mass.

RECYCLING IN THE CHURCH PORCH: We can only accept the following items: printer cartridges, plastic milk bottle tops (and no others) and used stamps. Blister packs used for medicines are no longer recycled by us. Please take your blister packs to Superdrug pharmacies in Beckenham or the Whitgift Centre.

See the parish website for information on why we recycle.

GRIEF IN LOSS:HOPE IN CHRIST

Is a weekend for those who have been bereaved from 4th - 6th October. The residential cost is £260 for a single, £230 each for a shared room. Held at Aylesford Priory, places are limited & subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you.

Ring **01622 717 272** or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

For Collection:

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Oct) Readers (September/October)