

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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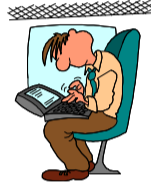
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

22nd October 2017 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 143 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

THANK YOU!

Words fail me to express my sincere gratitude to you all for the love and generosity you showed me last Sunday at my 'Farewell Mass'. I appreciate so much the effort you made to attend it and I'm really glad that it wasn't raining for the benefit of those who had to remain outside the church because it was so packed inside. I was totally overcome at seeing such a crowd.

The laptop and printer will be very useful to me and your very generous cheque came completely out of the blue – on top of all that, many of you gave me personal gifts too and shared very deep moving moments in your lives which I was so privileged to be part of. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

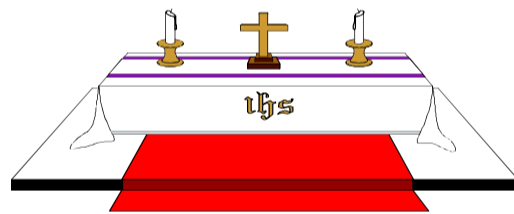


A mere Thank You seems so inadequate. I must also Thank God that he has touched you at special moments in your lives through me. It's certainly proof that there is a God there and that he can use anybody to transmit his love and reveal his presence.

Finally the hall looked spectacular with an Irish flavour! Thank you to those responsible for that and to all who contributed to the splendid table – what a display of delicious eats and the magnificent 'clerical' cake. My sister said that the whole event was a tremendous tribute to the community – and she's right. You are an outstanding community and I'm very blessed to have been part of it. I'm also very glad that it is Fr. Keith who is now your Parish Priest as I'm very aware of his capabilities as a true pastor. You are in great hands and I pray that you will give to him the love and support that you lavished on me.

May God bless and reward you all.

Fr. Keith



Mass Intentions This Week

21 October: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Win & Ern Foster & Emilio Cicco RIP +

22 October:

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY

08:30 Lily McDonnell RIP
 10:00 All Parishioners
 12:00 Nora Doherty RIP +

23 October: Monday

10:00 Wellbeing of Melba Fernandes

24 October: Tuesday

10:00 Birthday Intentions of John McDaid

25 October: Wednesday

10:00 Vivian Sorrell RIP

26 October: Thursday

10:00 James Murphy RIP

27 October: Friday

10:00 Mary Good RIP

28 October: Saturday

FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON & JUDE

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP

29 October:

THIRTIETH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Paula & Carmelo Teuma RIP
 12:00 Alan Dwyer RIP

+ *With Baptism*

WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Shauna Kearns

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 764.72
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 591.28
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2331.00

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM B

COLLECTIONS

Last week's ACA collection for *Sister Carol* amounted to £576.20. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *Missio* (Gift Aid-able - Please see the note overleaf and use the Missio envelopes provided). Next week, there will be the ACA collection for the *Saint Vincent De Paul Society*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, D Nott, Steve Richer, José Fernandez

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: James Clancy, Kathleen Brandon, Aileen Talbot, Margaret Mary Gibbs, Barbara Stevens, Kenneth Nicholas, Mary Ann Fowler, Anthony Brunson, Maisie Wyatt, Abina Martin, Sophie Jones, John Davis, Walter Elfer, Anastazy Kachellek, Richard Allen Wilding, Catherine Grogan, Innes Gosine, Matthew McCabe, Mark McDonald, Joseph D'Souza, Maria Mendonca, Albert Rocca, Nora Walsh, Edward Mobsby, Alan Dwyer

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 22nd October: Kevin Keys
Sunday, 29th October: Billy & The North Winds
Sunday, 5th November: *Returning by popular demand TR Dallas*
Sunday, 12th November: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 19th November: Telstar

Thank you to our members, their guests and the Parish Community for your support of recent events including the Abba Tribute Night and the Senior Citizens' Party. We will now be able to forward £2,000.00 to St Christopher's Hospice; a presentation will take place at a later date.

The evening with *Declan Nerney and His Band* on Friday, 17th November is *a sell out*. Admission will be *strictly by ticket only*. You can still support this event by donating an item for the raffle/ auction. All proceeds from the event will be given to the *Critical Care Unit at King's College Hospital*.

Coming soon

- Ally Harron & Marion Curry: Sunday, 26th November

- *Take That & Robbie Williams Tribute Night* on Friday, 26th January

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. **Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world.** Please give what you can, and if possible please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

A HUGE THANK YOU! FROM THE FOODBANK

Organisers of the *Foodbank Sunday* collections, would like to say a huge thank you to all those who donated items over the past few weeks. After recent advertising, people were incredibly generous with their donations, so much so, that a larger vehicle may be needed to deliver the goods to the Vine!

Going forward, please try and remember, **EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IS FOODBANK SUNDAY**, and keep up this great work!

EXTRAORDINARY LIVES EXTRAORDINARY SAINTS

**A conference for young Catholics in Healthcare
from the Catholic Medical Association**

Saturday 4th November

An inspirational one-day conference hosted by and for young Catholic healthcare workers / students: a celebration of Catholics in healthcare. Catholic doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists and many others make huge contributions to healthcare in Britain and around the world. Please book by emailing:

events@catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

Held at: **St Aloysius Catholic Church, Euston. 12—6pm**

*** PLEASE ALSO SEE THE FLYER IN THE PORCH ***

HALL HIRE AT OUR LADY'S

In recent weeks we have been asked on several occasions to give a discounted rate for the hire of the church halls. Unfortunately, although frequently used, **our halls run at a loss**, and their maintenance and heating is therefore subsidised by the Parish. This being the case, **we are unable to offer any discount to hirers**. The halls are a great asset to the Parish, so in order to keep them running, we kindly request that you do not ask for a discount, as refusal can often offend!

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 24th at 8pm (PRC)

J & P Group: Wednesday 25th at 8pm (Committee Room)

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Forms are now available to download from the website. Please return the completed form to the presbytery, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will begin on **Monday 30th October** and run all through November.

'LOVE IN A BOX'

This year we would like to support the 'Love in a Box' charity by collecting donations of the various items listed below, which will then be packed up into old shoe or boot boxes. These are then posted abroad and taken directly to orphanages for children aged 5 - 15. If you wish, you can make up your own box and mark it either BOY or GIRL with the age range to which it is appropriate. Items needed are:

- Any old shoe box (wrapped in Christmas paper please)
- please ensure that the lid can still be removed
- Small toys for both boys and girls
- Scarves, gloves and hats (a key item, so the more the better)
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, sponges and flannels
- Sweets (small bags, lollipops etc)
- Cuddly toys (a shortage this year)
- Stationery (pens, paper, colouring pens, small books)
- Or make a donation to send boxes - it costs £4 per box

Last date for donations is **FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER**. Please contact a UCM committee member or **Amanda** on **07881 977758** to arrange for your items to be collected or to find out where to leave them.

WELDERLIES SHADES OF AUTUMN

The over 60s are invited to the 'Welderlies Shades of Autumn', an exciting half term fun health bonanza on **Tuesday 24th October** in **Our Lady's large hall** from **2-5pm**. Chief Guest is NHS South West London to update you.

Send in health questions that you might be shy to ask by 16th October to **Sylvia 07870508790** or email swk@wellbeingyou.org

Come in your creative autumn colours, make new friends, enjoy tasty canapés dance and have fun. **Entrance is free.**

OCTOBER ROSARY

Rosary will be in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Monday - Thursday from 7pm throughout the month of October, all are welcome! We continue with the Rosary Monday - Friday at 9.30am before Mass.

REPOSITORY

A lovely selection of **CHRISTMAS CARDS** is now on sale in the Shop. **DIARIES** are also on sale.

As soon as the Confirmations have taken place, Advent calendars, other calendars, cribs, candles and lots of other lovely Christmas items will be on sale, all very reasonably priced. So please don't do all your Christmas shopping before you have visited our Repository!

CROYDON JUSTICE & PEACE DEANERY MEETING Saturday 4th November 10am - 12 pm at Our Lady's

A Deanery meeting for Justice and Peace Groups is taking place in the PRC room of Our Lady's. The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Southwark, Marie Bullard, will be joining the meeting to bring us up to date with her work. We hope to meet others involved in educating and increasing awareness of Christian and Catholic Social Teaching, as well as exploring issues on which we can all work together. Tea, coffee & biscuits available at 10am for 10.30am start.

Contact **Jim Jones** on **07743 916471** or
Chris Sciberras on **8654 6150** for more information.

Items for collection: Sr Celia x 2, Ward, O'Driscoll, J Isaac, S Kearns, H Munangatire

Bapt Certs: Allen