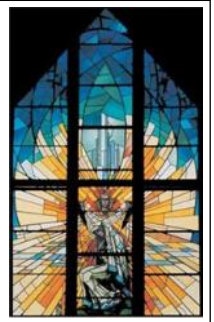




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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The Pharisees often tried to trip Jesus up in the Gospels. We see them here making one of their most serious efforts toward entrapping him. The Pharisees were religious leaders and, in this case, they even bring in their political enemies, the Herodians, to help in their plot. The Herodians were the political powers in Israel at this time. They were, in essence, puppets of the Romans, who had control of Israel and were enemies of the Jews. The question about the tax to Caesar was intended to put Jesus between a rock and a hard place. If he condemned the tax, he would be in trouble with the Herodians who could charge him with treason for opposing paying taxes to the government. If he condoned the tax, then he would be in trouble with the Pharisees for being unfaithful to Judaism and its opposition to the Roman oppressors for the sake of religious purity and national independence. But Jesus saw right through their plot and responded in a way that avoided the entrapment. Jesus asked to see the coin used to pay the tax, which was a denarius that had the image of Tiberius Caesar, the Roman emperor at the time, stamped into it. Jesus used the term 'image' as a word play here. Because the coin had Caesar's image on it, he pointed out it already belonged to Caesar. Therefore, there was no religious compromise in giving back to Caesar what already belonged to him. In this, Jesus also affirmed that it is right to fulfill our civil duties as Christians. At the same time, he affirmed that our highest and primary duty is to serve God and give Him what is due. By using the term image and saying we are to 'repay' to God what belongs to God, Jesus revealed that we owe God everything. We are made in the image of God and, thus, belong completely to God. Therefore, we are called to offer our entire selves to God.



Mass Intentions This Week

- 21 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Michael, Harold & Harry Sweeney RIP
 18:00 John Walsh RIP
- 22 October: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Ron Rakusen RIP
 10:00 All Parishioners
 11:30 Gabriel Toure RIP 2nd Anniversary
- 23 October: Monday**
 10:00 Deceased Members of the White & McCormack Families RIP
- 24 October: Tuesday**
 10:00 Molly Bowen RIP (Birthday)
- 25 October: Wednesday**
 10:00 Martha & Abraham Pereira RIP
- 26 October: Thursday**
 10:00 John Larkin RIP
 19:30 James Murphy RIP
- 27 October: Friday**
 10:00 Sebastian & Maryla Gomez RIP
- 28 October: Saturday**
SAINTS SIMON & JUDE
 10:00 Harold, Michael & Harry Sweeney RIP
 18:00 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP
- 29 October: THIRTIETH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Kathleen Finnegan RIP 1st Anniversary
 11:30 Mary Good RIP 17th Anniversary +

+ *With Baptism*

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 24th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 24th at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 469.21
Loose cash	£ 1110.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2869.21

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a Diocesan collection for **World Mission Sunday**. Envelopes and leaflets are available in the porch, and please see the note overleaf. Next week there will be an ACC collection for **Croydon Nightwatch**.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy

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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

22nd October: Theresa Rodgers

29th October: The Duets

5th November: Kieran White

12th November: Pat Jordan

19th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

26th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens

3rd December: Theresa Rodgers

10th December: Glen Flynn

- Many thanks to our Parish Community and Members of the Social Club & their Guests for their support of the recent Motown Tribute Evening with the Dreamettes. The event raised £3,000.00; these resources will be given to the **Big Build at Beccehamian RFC** and the **Brain Tumour Charity**.

- On Friday, 24th November the Social Club will feature **Declan Nerney & His Band**. All proceeds from this event will support the Brain Tumour Charity & Research into the Williams Syndrome. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle/Auction.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

LONDON CONCERT CHORUS: Many thanks to Diana & Vincent Quinn for coordinating the recent Concert. The event was well supported by our Parish Community and raised £1,100.00 for the **Addiscombe Resettlement Community**.

** REPOSITORY SHOP **

Confirmation cards and gifts are now on sale in the Repository.

Christmas cards, 2024 diaries and calendars are also on sale at very reasonable prices; boxed cards are the same price as last year!

CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Every September, Westminster Cathedral Choir School welcomes up to six choristers into Years 4 or 5. Becoming a chorister is a one-off opportunity to join a thriving choir and school. This year we are offering families the chance to explore the idea by joining us on a brief Zoom call, where we take a behind the scenes look at the life of a chorister. Our next Zoom session is at **6.30pm on Wednesday 22nd November**. Families should contact Lucy Auger for a link to join at: lauger@choirschool.com

PEGGY FAIRSERVICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our well known elderly parishioner Peggy Fairservice, is in need of a lift to the **6pm Saturday Mass** each week. Peggy lives very close to church but is not able to attend without assistance, and is really missing it. If you are able to help out by picking her up, please speak to Fr Keith after Mass and we will put you in touch. *Many thanks.*

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES!

We have Baptism certificates dating back pre pandemic that are yet to be collected! Please contact the parish office to pick up this important document (*which you will need to supply when applying to any faith school*) as soon as possible! Many thanks.

FAIR TRADE ADVENT CALENDARS – SAVE £6!

The Meaningful Chocolate Company is offering fair trade Advent calendars at £4.50 along with other seasonal goodies – see www.realadvent.co.uk – and you can save £6 postage & packing by adding your order to a bulk order through church. Please pass your order and money to Andy Bebington at 79 Shirley Way by the end of October and he will arrange delivery in good time.

Any queries? He's at andy.bebington@gmail.com or **8777 4840**

For Collection:

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Nov)

Welderlies *For Me* Programme presents

SHADES OF AUTUMN

Theme- **Learn New Skills**

Wednesday 25th October 1-5pm in the large hall

- **ADVICE-** How learning enhances mental wellbeing
- **ACTIVE-** Bring along favourite craft items and share joys of making and using them
- **ACTION-** Make craft items to give away as Christmas or end of year gifts

Come dressed in autumn colours
Enjoy autumn themed refreshments
Have fun and renew friendships

Donations in cash and for raffle draw welcome. Proceeds go towards our Wellbeing You CIC Wellness Programme for the over 65s.

Text Sylvia on 07375824615 to book

We hope you can make it!!

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the Large Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

24th October: CaFE Video on St. Francis

7th November: CaFE Video on St. Therese of Liseaux

21st November: CaFE Video on St. Catherine of Sienna

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like St Mary who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: mission.org.uk

PROMOTING RACIAL & CULTURAL INCLUSION IN OUR PARISHES, SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

This seminar will take place at the **Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark**, from **9.30am to 4pm on Saturday 28th October**.

You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast*. On that day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark.

Participation is either in person or remotely via Video Conference (Zoom)

To register for the Seminar please use the following link:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W>

Please register for the Zoom Link & get a reservation for the Seminar - Registration is FREE

For more information please write to us at:
racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Coloma Convent Girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday 9th November at 2pm** to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. Families of those who have died are warmly invited to attend this Mass which will take place at the school. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP to liturgy@coloma.croydon.sch.uk by 2nd November** indicating the name of your loved one so that they can be remembered at this Mass.