



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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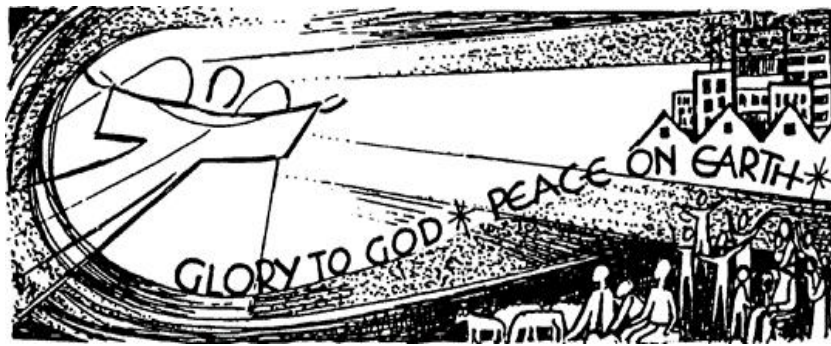
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Fr. Tomasz, Fr. Keith, Jacqueline and the family would like to wish you all a

Merry Christmas

And a

Happy New Year!



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note that the parish office is now closed for the Christmas break, therefore the next newsletter will be published on **Sunday 12th January 2025**.

Mass Intentions for the next two weeks are shown overleaf.

Mass Intentions This Week

21 December: Saturday

10:00 Pat Harley RIP (Birthday)

18:00 Andy & Nuala Fox RIP

22 December: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 Michael O'Brien RIP

10:00 Dec. Mems. of the Carey Family & Maureen Walsh RIP

11:30 John Boswood & David Warner RIP

23 December: Monday

10:00 Martin Fernandez RIP

24 December: Tuesday CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 Ellen Murphy RIP

*** Christmas Day Vigil Masses ***

18:00 Margot Evans RIP

23:30 All Parishioners

25 December: Wednesday

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

08:30 Betty McHugh RIP

10:00 90th Birthday Wishes for Gretta Linehan

11:30 Maris Morris (RIP) & Malec Family Ints.

26 December: Thursday SAINT STEPHEN

10:00 Intentions of Margaret Joseph

19:30 Eileen Cheshier RIP

27 December: Friday SAINT JOHN

10:00 Jerry Linehan & Denny Cronin RIP

10th Anniversary

28 December: Saturday

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

10:00 Mr & Mrs Abiodun RIP

18:00 Welfare of Coloma & All Catholic Education

29 December: SUNDAY

THE HOLY FAMILY

08:30 Dec. Mems. Of the Mendonca Fam. RIP

10:00 Majella Buckley RIP

11:30 Josephine Seemampillai RIP

MEETINGS

Padre Pio Prayer Group: Friday 3rd January at 9.30am (Church)

SVP: Tuesday 7th at 8pm (PRC)

Bible Study with Fr Tomasz: Wednesday 8th at 11.30am (Large Hall)

RCIA: Wednesday 8th at 8pm (PRC) *Vocations & Ministry*

Men of St Joseph: Thursday 9th at 8.15pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 534.11

Loose cash £ 773.00

S/Os (Approx) £ 1340.00

Total £ 2647.11

COLLECTIONS: The *Christmas Day* collection, is your personal offering to Fr Keith and Fr Tomasz. Those on the Gift Aid scheme should use their designated envelope for Christmas Day please. **CRIB OFFERINGS** will be given to The Friends of the Holy Land & The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Southwark Crisis Fund.

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, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Marie Louise Powell, Tony Nasri, Elizabeth Jerome, Hierty Palmer, Patrick Conway, Patrick Maher, Alfred Henry Daubney, Marie McCann, Richard Avery, Patricia Whiffin, Percy Fowler, Anita Parker, Ashley Jacob, Arthur Gateley, Jacqueline Phillips, Kathleen McCarthy, Mary L. Conway, Ruby D'Souza, Celso Donsion, Ellen Clarke, Eileen McGarey, Sr. Dierdre O'Neill, Sandra Clark, Michael Stammers, Thaddeus Curry, Martin Curry, Ernest Gray, Margaret Rowe, Joseph Gatt, Adelio Crovato, John Joseph Daly, Benta Carneiro, Kitty Ivory, Baby Jack Mack, Immaculada Halsackda, Canon Ernest Wake, Kathleen Kelleher, John Fitzgerald, John Harmer, Rose Holmes, Richard Mould, Helen Kilkelly

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A Christmas Message from Ben Cahill: Chair of the Social Club

I am delighted to say that once again we have had another fantastic year in the Social Club. People who attend both the Friday and Sunday nights continue to enjoy the entertainment while helping to raise money for the many charities that we have supported. This year we have been able to donate over £51,000.00 to our nominated charities; none of this would have been possible without the support of our Parish Community and our Members & their Guests.

We are really fortunate to have such a wonderful Community spirit within this Parish and it is with thanks to Fr Keith, Jacqueline and family that the Social Club has continued to be such an important part of Parish Life. Thank you to all the members who are always happy to lend a hand when needed; I thank Pat Winston for all his dedication and enthusiasm to ensure that the club is successful.

We are now planning events for 2025 and with your help and continued support we look forward to another successful year.

I wish you and your families a very happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

22nd December: Pat Jordan
29th December: Kieran White
5th January: Theresa Rodgers
12th January: Frank Nelson
19th January: Shane & Mervyn Owens
26th January: Cross Keys
2nd February: Finbar & Paul
9th February: Theresa Rodgers

- Thank you to the Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of the recent ***Bee Gees & Barbra Streisand Tribute Evening***. The event raised £3,000.00 for the ***Anerley ACROSS Charity***; these proceeds will be used to take a party of Disable People on a pilgrimage to Lourdes in June.

- The Social Club will start the New Year with a ***Tea Dance on Wednesday, 1st January*** from 2pm - 6pm. To reserve a Ticket (Members: £5 & Guests: £6), call ***Ben Cahill on 07958 903410***.

- A ***Quiz Night will take place on*** Friday, 17th January commencing at 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Critical Care Centre at King's College Hospital to provide funding for Music Therapy for Patients recovering from serious head & brain injuries. ***Please bring your own Nibbles et al - No Nuts!!*** To reserve tickets at £10.00, please call ***Sheila Jordan on 07921 235141***.

RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent deaths of ***Paul Gillen & Anna Maria Carnana***.

Details of their funerals will follow, and we ask you to please keep them and their families in your prayers at this difficult time.

May they Rest In Peace

The funeral of Attracta (Tatty) Slater will take place on the 9th January at St Mary's Church West Croydon at 12.10pm.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

A new rota is up in the church porch for anyone wishing to sign up and run one. Thank you.

OUR LADY'S CENTENARY CALENDARS

If anyone knows of any parishioners who are housebound and might like a calendar, please contact ***Marie Tross*** on ***07774 643159*** or let the parish office know. Thank you.

HOUSEBOUND & WANTING COMMUNION?

Do you know of any parishioners who are housebound and unable to come to Mass? Would they like to receive Communion at home? If so, please contact the parish office with their details, and home visits can be arranged for those in need.

For Collection:

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Dec) Readers (January/February)

Baptism Certs: Should be collected from the parish office

Mass Intentions

30 December: Monday

10:00 Margaret Carr RIP

31 December: Tuesday

10:00 Caroline Koch RIP

1 January: Wednesday

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP 13th Anniversary

2 January: Thursday

10:00 Dec. Mems. Of the O'Donnell & Sweeney Families RIP

19:30 Elias Barreto Rodriguez RIP

3 January: Friday

10:00 Private Intention

4 January: Saturday

10:00 50th Wedding Anniversary of Gary & Dorothy Nolan

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

5 January: SUNDAY - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Paula Kilkelly & Family RIP

11:30 George Hennessy RIP

6 January: Monday

10:00 David Warner & John Boswood RIP 5th Anniversary

7 January: Tuesday

10:00 Alwyn Cornabe RIP

8 January: Wednesday

10:00 Melvyn Sequeira RIP

9 January: Thursday

10:00 Colin Cully RIP

19:30 Irene Barreto RIP

10 January: Friday

10:00 Dominic Hegarty & Helen Kilkelly RIP

11 January: Saturday

10:00 Deceased Members of the Lavin Family RIP

18:00 Brendan Moss RIP

12 January: SUNDAY - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

08:30 Raymond Chow RIP (Birthday)

10:00 All Parishioners

11:30 Brian Kearney RIP

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS HAMPER SALE

TODAY - Sunday 22nd December in the large hall

TODAY, during coffee morning in the large hall (**after 10am Mass**) there will be a sale of CHRISTMAS HAMPERS to **raise funds for *Our Lady's grotto***.

The hampers will feature festive items and be sold at affordable prices from £10 - £20.

Please come along and support our efforts and buy a lovely hamper to enjoy, or gift to someone special.

BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS WITH FR TOMASZ

Topic: *The Faithful Love of God in the Old Testament*

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th December: CLOSED

Monday 30th December: CLOSED

Tuesday 31st December: OPEN 9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 1st January: CLOSED

Thursday 2nd January: CLOSED

Friday 3rd January: OPEN 9.30am - 11.30am

Monday 6th January: CLOSED

Our usual office hours resume on Tuesday 7th January 2025