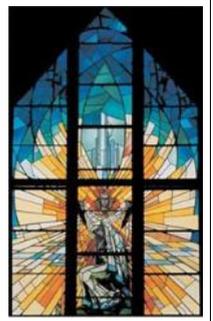




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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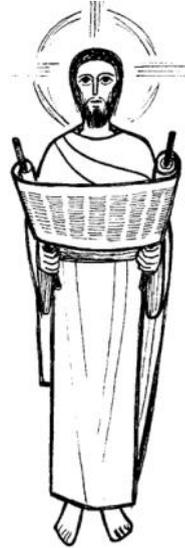
The Gospel is from St. Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. In the first four verses of St. Luke's Gospel (which we have read today as part of our canon of scripture) you will find reason to be grateful to him. He went to a lot of trouble in order to put in a permanent form, in a written record, the essential facts concerning Christ, his words and his works, so that we "would understand (like Theophilus) the certainty of the faith in which we have been instructed."

But while we must be grateful to St. Luke, we owe a bigger debt of gratitude still to the all-good, all-wise God who moved Luke and the other Evangelists to preserve for us in writing the essential truths of the Christian faith that has been handed down to us. The Apostles were companions of Christ. They witnessed his works and his words; they remembered most of his doings and his sayings, and what they might have forgotten the Holy Spirit recalled to their memory on that first Pentecost day in Jerusalem. The first two generations of Christians received the facts of the faith from these eye-witnesses and the miracles so frequent in the infant Church were confirmation of the truth of their teaching. Our modern texts, in the thousands of bibles that are printed and sold every year, are faithful to the earliest original scrolls dating back to just a decade or two after the events they recall.

On this 'Sunday of the Word of God' let us renew our confidence in the Bible, be more determined to live by the words we find in it, and be ready to the God News with all those who are ready to hear it.

At the time of writing this piece we have yet to hear from the bishop following the further easing of Covid restrictions this week. I have to confess to not being in too much of a rush to embrace life as normal in our church as there are still some who lack the confidence to return to worship, and for them we need to 'go the extra mile'.

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Friday 28th January due to staff annual leave. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Mass Intentions This Week

- 22 January: Saturday**
 10:00 Mary Joyce RIP & Joyce Fam. Ints.
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP
- 23 January: THIRD SUNDAY**
 08:30 Ronald Rakusen RIP
 10:00 Thanksgiving for the Bowen Family
 11:30 All Parishioners
- 24 January: Monday**
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES
 10:00 Nancy O'Sullivan RIP
- 25 January: Tuesday THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**
 10:00 Anne D'Souza RIP
- 26 January: Wednesday**
SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS
 10:00 Dick Walsh RIP
- 27 January: Thursday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Helen (Ellen) Kilkelly RIP
 19:30 Ashley Jacob RIP
- 28 January: Friday**
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
 10:00 Private Intention
- 29 January: Saturday**
 10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP 10th Ann.
 18:00 Intentions of Pat Fernandez
- 30 January: FOURTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Sarah & Owen O'Hara RIP
 11:30 Sylvester Seaton RIP Anniversary

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 25th at 10.30am (Large Hall)
1st Holy Communion Parents' Meeting: Tuesday 25th at 8pm (Church)
SVP: Tuesday 25th at 8.30pm (PRC)



Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page and on the 'Live Masses' page of the parish website.

CHURCH CLEANING
 27th JANUARY - TEAM D

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 433.44
Loose cash	£ 445.86
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
Total	£ 1934.30

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 3pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

COLLECTIONS

Next week there will be a second collection for *The White Flower Appeal (SPUC)*. Please use the boxes on the wall for donations.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Karen Pearson, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux, Jean Carpenter

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Walsh, Mary Joyce, Maureen Morrissey, Jean Cruickshank, Kathleen Farren, James Shaw, Cedric Chopin, Grace Jennings, Edward Kingman, Phyllis Dovidonis, Diana Jeffries, Carole Simpson, Eileen Hudson, Elisabeth Piney, Eva Mahoney, Daniel Gorman, Ted Murphy, Marilyn Novell, Sylvester Seaton, Simon Quinn, Richard Walsh, Neil Dennett, Catherine Rocca, Arthuro Braiotta, John Williams, Isabella Gallett, Raymond Burkin, Colin Grant, Peter You Than Lim, Sarah O'Hara, Mary Druce, Carmel O'Flanagan, Michael Kenny, Jeremiah Johnson, Sr Rita, Edward Gallacher, Lily Rizzo, Ron Edwards, Roy Cuming, Ralph Hoyle, Maura Waller, Margaret Maguire, Eileen Chesher, John Joyce, Geraldine Hanlon, Hilda Botell, Janice McNamara

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

23rd January: The Foot Tappers

30th January: Finbar & Paul

6th February: Pat Jordan

13th February: Kenny Paul

20th February: Glen Flynn

27th February: Kieran White

6th March: Mustang Showband

- Tickets at £15.00 each are now available for the **Quiz Night** on Friday, 18th February. The evening will include a **Fish & Chip Supper**. To reserve tickets, pick up a flyer from the church porch, download the flyer from the church website, or call Sheila Jordan on 07921 235141. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity**.

- Tickets at £15.00 each are now available for the **Motown Tribute Evening** on Friday, 25th February. To reserve tickets, please call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Chartwell Trust Lily Pad Appeal**. This project is committed to raising £750,000.00 for the new **Paediatric Village at Croydon University Hospital**. You can also support this event by donating items for the Auction & Raffle.

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (members of Life Ascending): Is meeting on **Tuesday 25th January** in the **Large Hall after 10am Mass**.

Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It started in France and came to England 41 years ago. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired men and women, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older.

Please do join us! We would value your ideas and will discuss how best to continue our fortnightly meetings after COVID lockdown and also the sad loss of many of our members through ill health, frailty, and passing on. May those who have died rest in peace and those who can no longer come to our meetings be strengthened by our prayers. Many thanks, Bodil.

PAX CHRISTI TALK

The Justice and Peace group invites all parishioners to come to a talk on the work of Pax Christi, the Catholic peace organization.

The talk will be on Zoom on **Tuesday 25th January at 8pm**. Please contact Chris Sciberras at sciberraschris7@gmail.com if you have any questions about the talk.

Or you can join directly on:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87499079092?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87499079092?pwd=WHJkZ3ZuNmZlTmU0TEU3bFRQSDRXUT09)

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ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES Appeal for support

We look forward to welcoming a refugee family in the early Spring. At the end of all masses this weekend, a member of the Addiscombe Welcome Refugees group will update parishioners about the final stages of preparations. We have found a suitable property in East Croydon and are getting it ready for the family to move into.

We are seeking support in the form of your time as volunteers, financial donations and donations of specific itemised furniture and household items.

For more details or if you'd like to help, speak to a member of the group after mass or email:

addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com.

With thanks for your continued support and encouragement!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER(WDP) – I Know The Plans I Have For You

We will be holding our service on **Friday 4th March 2022 at 7pm** in Our Lady of the Annunciation Church – will you be there?

We were not able to have a service in 2021 but we are once again planning to unite in prayer with people around the world. This year's WDP service has been composed by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the focus is on hope, promise and an invitation to place our trust in God at all times.

We need volunteers to do readings and represent the voices of women so that we can fully engage with the service. All content is provided and will be made available to participants before the Service. If you are willing to help in any way, Anne would be grateful to hear from you on 'anne.barcellos@btinternet.com' or text her on **07941 155882** as soon as possible. Many thanks.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- **In local schools** – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.
- **Coordinating volunteers** to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Celeste or Sarah at southwark@cafod.org.uk or tel: **07825 734 390 / 07775 704546**

THE SHRUBLANDS TRUST: Is a registered charity and operates out of its premises at 7 Broom Road, Shirley, CR0 8NG.

We are currently in urgent need of a volunteer to help with IT for the running of our weekly Food Bank.

What we are looking for:

Skills: Some IT knowledge required

Role: to upload opening times and list of food needs each week onto our web site

Time: 10-20 minutes per week

What we can offer you:

Resources: use of the Shrublands' laptop

Experience: being part of the Shrublands' team working for the local community.

Can you help? For further information please telephone the Trust Manager Mrs. **Beverly Warner** on **020 8405 9989**.

UNITY SERVICE

Date: **Sunday January 23rd at 6pm**

Location: **St George's, Elstan Way, Shirley**

Preacher: **The retiring Bishop of Croydon**

The Unity Week booklets which provide prayer and activity for every day of Unity Week and the framework for the Service are not available as hard copies but can be downloaded from the 2021 Christian Unity Week website.

VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for: a Parish Secretary at Mortlake, a Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website: **Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)**

Items for collection: *Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos, J Kanji*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

Rotas: *Readers (Jan/Feb) Eucharistic Ministers (Jan)*