



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

23rd February 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 139 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

AN EYE FOR AN EYE?

There is the old military saying that the best form of defence is attack. Meaning, do to someone before they do it to you!

Jesus begins the gospel by quoting the Jewish Law; 'You have learnt how it was said: an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' This means that if you hit me, I am entitled, even obliged to hit you back in retaliation. If an eye for an eye was accepted by everyone, we would have a lot of blind people around us! Jesus suggests and asks that we find another way to solve our differences; but be warned, it's not easy!

The gospel is a continuation of the Matthean Jesus' teaching on the sort of righteousness, the right relationship and justice, to which his followers are called in their living of the Law. The Law of Moses included a law of retaliation designed to make punishment for wrongdoing to persons or property proportionate to the offence (Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21). This was quite enlightened legislation at that time. In a series of striking images, Jesus invites his followers to go far beyond the strict application of the law and to embrace a new way of thinking about and acting towards those who injured them or us.

Relinquishing your right to compensation is one thing. Giving more of your property to one who has stolen from you is quite another. What we do with what comes our way is for us to decide. Jesus makes it clear that we have choices in the face of life's struggles. The disciple is called to assume personal responsibility and to refuse the way of retaliation.

Mass Intentions This Week

22 February: Saturday

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

10:00 Martha Sam Vu RIP

18:00 Lazarus De Souza RIP

23 February: SEVENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Delmira Barcellos RIP

10:00 Adriano Scalco RIP

12:00 All Parishioners +

24 February: Monday

10:00 Sandra Stones RIP

25 February: Tuesday

10:00 Zena Marshall RIP

26 February: ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 Thecla Sulzdorf RIP

19:30 Antonietta Catley RIP &

The Lamberti Family's Intentions

27 February: Thursday

10:00 Lance Baptiste RIP

19:30 David Warner RIP

28 February: Friday

10:00 Stephen McSharry RIP

29 February: Saturday

10:00 John Boswood RIP

18:00 Bridget Mary Watts RIP +

1 March: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 UCM: +

12:00 Kevin O'Carroll RIP & Family Ints

+ With Baptism

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 25th at 10.30am (Large Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 25th at 8.30pm (PRC)

Safeguarding Committee: Tuesday 25th at 7pm (Small Hall)

RCIA: Wednesday 26th after 7.30pm Mass (PRC) *Rite of Election Arrangements*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team D

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash £ 613.00

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 539.34

S/Os £ 975.00

Total £ 2127.34

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for *Poor Parishes* (Gift Aid-able).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Rosa Lobo, June Cully

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Gerard Chandler, Irene Rodrigues, Rose Childs, Mary Mann, Peter O'Flynn, Elizabeth Comber, Sian O'Hara, Kevin Sweeney, Brian Linnane, Kathleen Milmo, Bartolomeo Argenziano, Hanora Daly, Immacolata Di Meo, Antonietta Catley, Michael Grogan, Anne Rogers, Inocencia Fernandes, Vincent McLaughlin, Rose Barker, James Reid, Richard Molyneux, Marshall Weetman, Lancelot Baptiste, Bridget Baptiste, Andonieta Mansi, Patrick O'Hare, Doris Wilson, Stephen Walker, Mary Hoey, Daniel Chambers, Sarah Burnett, May Pick, Thomas Byrne

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

23rd February: Mustang Showband

1st March: Eugene Doonan

8th March: Finbar & Paul

15th March: *St Patrick's Celebration* with Frank Nelson

22nd March: *Mother's Day Celebration* with The Duets

29th March: Pete Brazil

5th April: Theresa Rodgers

12th April: Kieran White

The *Mick Flavin Evening* takes place on Friday, 13th March commencing at 7.30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Croydon University Hospital: Lily Pad Appeal (Children with Cancer)*. Tickets at £15 each are now available in the Church Hall or from Pat Winston on 07734 250375. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle or the Auction.

The *Neil Diamond Tribute Evening* takes place on Friday, 27th March commencing at 7.30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the South London U14 Gaelic Football Team to support their Tour to Ireland in June. Tickets at £10 each are now available in the Church Hall or from Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle or the Auction.

Coming soon:

- *Blues Brothers Tribute Evening* on Friday, 8th May

ADDISCOMBE CATHOLIC SOCIAL CLUB

The Jordan family would like to thank you all for your tremendous support of the recent Valentine's Disco in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity, in memory of their son Christy. A **MASSIVE £5,500** was raised on the night - which I'm sure you'll agree is an incredible amount!

A huge thank you to all who attended, donated and helped in preparation for the evening.

Another fantastic night of fundraising at the Social Club!

NEW ALTAR SERVER'S TRAINING

Training of new servers will begin in March. If you would like your child to participate then please attend the parents' meeting on **Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm** in the church. Training will then begin on Saturday the 7th of March.

A DAY WITH MARY - HERE AT OUR LADY'S CHURCH

Saturday 14th March from 9.15am see poster for full details

YOUR STUDENTS NEED YOU!

Come along and hear them speak.

Students from Catholic secondary school sixth forms in Tunbridge Wells, Chatham, Maidstone, Nunhead and Upper Norwood are taking part in the Province 7 heat of the national Catenian Association public speaking competition. Your school needs support. The judges include Mgr Matthew Dickens and Barry Mizen. There will be a presentation about the Jimmy Mizen fund. Refreshments available.

Thursday 5th March at 5.30pm at St Gregory's Catholic School Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9XL

THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: Will be offering Fairtrade Easter Eggs for sale after Mass on 15th & 22nd March - don't buy elsewhere, please support disadvantaged farmers abroad and secure what 12-year-old Daniel said was the best chocolate he'd ever tasted!

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Items for collection: Cadar, I Hedger, Sr Celia x3

Baptism certificates: V Conkova, L Taggart, Adams-Grace, A Barragan, G Stevens, A Lawrence, F Rattigan, L Kidd, H Carney Garcia

Rotas: Servers (March) Eucharistic Ministers (March)

LENTEN MASSES - CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

There will be a MASS on **ASH WEDNESDAY (26th February)** at **12 noon**.... and EVERY MONDAY during LENT at 12 noon, in the Hospital Chapel (Near Woodcroft Road).

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH AT 7PM IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH

This year's **World Day of Prayer** service has been composed by the women of Zimbabwe who encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and their hopes for the future and ask us to **'Rise! Take your mat and walk'** with them on their turbulent journey towards reconciliation.

If you would like to help with the service in any way, please contact Anne on anne.barcellos@btinternet.com.

GAELIC FOOTBALL TASTER SESSIONS

Gaelic Football Taster Sessions for Boys born after 1st January 2006 will recommence on **Tuesday, 25th February** at St Mary's RC High School (enter via Tavistock Road) from 6pm and concluding at 7.30pm. The sessions focus on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers. For more information, please call **Danny O'Donovan** on **07796 934748**.

BAPTISMS IN 2019

If your child was baptised in 2019 and you haven't picked up your Baptism certificate, please can you contact Rachel in the parish office (*Mondays and Tuesday only*). Thank you.

WOODSIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Woodside Bereavement Service is looking for enthusiastic Christians to join our Board of Trustees. If you have an interest in supporting a local charity which provides counselling services for people struggling with their bereavement and loss, please ring or email **Linda Nicholas**, Chair of Trustees, on **07754 259358** or linda21@live.co.uk for more information.

We need anyone keen to take on the role of Secretary or as a general trustee, attending not less than three meetings a year.

28th CROYDON SCOUT FAMILY BINGO EVENING

Saturday 28th March 2020 - 7 for 7.30pm start in the Large Hall

Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5's free)

Reserve your place by calling **Andrea** on **07952 664224**.

TREASURER NEEDED!

For 1st Addiscombe Guides. If you think you can volunteer to help in this role please contact **Louise** at 1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com or **07941 006863** for more details. Thank you!

A GIFT FOR HUSBAND AND WIFE

Spend **4th April** exploring your relationship in the light of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of Love*, at a marriage-enrichment day entitled *Building A Better Marriage*. Gain valuable insights into your communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no group sharing during the day. **9.45am - 4.30pm** at **St Teresa's** church hall Ashford. Suggested donation of £10 per couple. Booking is essential: call **07983 524727** or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk