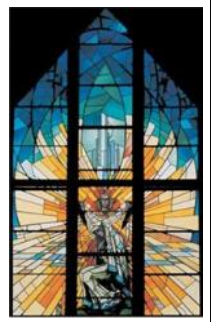




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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## 23rd April 2023 Third Sunday of Easter (page 258 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's Gospel. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience & interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word - what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread & discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others. (Loyola Press)



### \*\*\* PARISH AGM \*\*\*

Will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in the large hall**. All parishioners are invited to this social community event to find out about our finances and all the groups & events in our Parish. If you have any questions in advance of the meeting, please submit them to the parish office.

### HOUSE BLESSING

**If you would like a priest to come and bless your home, please contact the parish office to make an appointment.**

### MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 18th at 8pm (PRC)



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**Fridays 10.30am - 12pm**  
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 27th APRIL - TEAM A

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 493.43
Loose cash	£ 866.57
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2500.00</b>

## Mass Intentions This Week

- 22 April: Saturday**  
 10:00 Philomena McGinty RIP  
 18:00 Harold, Michael & Harry Sweeney RIP
- 23 April: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 08:30 Cella Dickens RIP  
 10:00 99th Birthday Wishes for Josie Brady #  
 11:30 Annette Geoghegan RIP
- 24 April: Monday SAINT GEORGE**  
 10:00 Stanley Alby RIP
- 25 April: Tuesday SAINT MARK**  
 10:00 Mary D'Cruz RIP
- 26 April: Wednesday**  
 10:00 Simon Nolan RIP
- 27 April: Thursday**  
 10:00 Christine Brooks RIP  
 19:30 Walter Claudius RIP
- 28 April: Friday**  
 10:00 Anthony Fernandes RIP
- 29 April: Saturday**  
**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**  
 10:00 Margot Evans RIP  
 18:00 John Walsh RIP
- 30 April: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 Joe McGrath RIP  
 11:30 Pearl Stevens RIP +

+ With Baptism  
 # With Uniformed Groups

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

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

### COLLECTIONS

This week there will be second collection for **The Maintenance of St George's Cathedral**.  
 Next week there will be second collection for **The Priests' Training Fund** (see note overleaf).

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Kevin Moynihan, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Michael Hewish, Ann Page

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Noel O'Dwyer, Bernard Kingman, Mary (Bernie) Nolan, Phyllis Mobsby, Lorelai Fisher, Daniel Harris, Denis Wells, Patrick Moorehead, Eve Emmanuel, Doris Pinto, Ellen Conroy, Rita Fido, Joe Garry, Norma Waddell, Cal McCarthy, Tom Thornton, Denzil Peters, Eva Molony, Margaret Brown, Edward Whelton, Marie Carter, Cora Geraghty, Olga Beaucasin, Sarah Rose Claudius, Kathleen Evans, Margit Coombs, Mary Avery, Trevor Rodrigues, Douglas Weidemann, Jean Crayford

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

23rd April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

30th April: Theresa Rodgers

7th May: Kenny Paul

14th May: Mustang Showband

21st May: Shane & Mervyn Owens

**28th May: Frank Nelson (change to previously advertised)**

4th June: Glen Flynn

11th June: Finbar & Paul

- A **Quiz Night** will take place on **Friday, 28th April**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity**. All Guests will receive a Fish/Chicken or Veggie Burger & Chips Supper. Tickets are £15.00 **SEE THE POSTER FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PICK UP A BOOKING FORM IN THE PORCH**

- The **Bay City Rollers Tribute Evening** on Friday, 19th May. All proceeds from this event will support local Charities including **Children with Cancer at CUH** and the **Critical Care Centre at KCH**. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by sending a Text Message to **Pat Winston at 07734 250375**.

**RECENT DEATH:** We are sad to announce the recent death of **James Hennessy Snr** (father of Michael Hennessy) on Good Friday. Our thoughts are with Michael and his family at this very sad time, and we ask that you remember James in your prayers. **Rest In Peace.**

### KING CHARLES III CORONATION GARDEN PARTY SUNDAY 7th MAY

Come along and celebrate King Charles's Coronation on Sunday, 7th May from 1 - 5pm in Our Lady's Church Hall. We will be holding an Afternoon Tea Buffet which will include a selection of various savoury pastries, sandwiches, rolls, cakes & scones. Teas & Coffee will be available and there will be a glass of Fizz to toast the happy occasion. *Dress code: Red, White and Blue, tiaras & crowns.* There will be live music, so dancing shoes are a must!

*Admission will be by ticket:*

**Adults: £15.00 Students & Children: £10.00**

To apply for tickets, download a form from the Parish Website or collect an application form from the back of the Church.

**Completed application forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Thursday, 27th April**

### WELDERLIES DAY TRIP TO EASTBOURNE

Our elderly friends are invited on a day trip to Eastbourne on **Wednesday 21st June**. Enjoy smooth coach ride, seafront, fish & chips and learn about the Downs (chalk grassland) and history plus archaeology of Beachy Head Story, courtesy of Eastbourne Council Heritage Team and Railway Land Wildlife Trust. **Price is just £20.**

**Contact Sylvia on 07375824615** to book and for further details.

An enjoyable and informative time awaits us all.

### VOCATIONS

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** entitled **The Good Shepherd Calls**, where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by **registering for this event in advance** by using following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUPdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONt>

### TOY SALE in aid of DEMELZA CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

**TODAY! (23rd April) after 10am Mass in the church hall**

All items are brand new at bargain prices!

**Items for collection:** *N Akinyemi*

**Baptism certificates:** *COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE*

**Rotas:** *Readers (April & Easter) Eucharistic Ministers (April)*

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Next weekend at the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, two of our congregation will be received into the Church, having completed the RCIA course.

The new course, that will run until next Easter, will begin on **Wednesday 7th June at 8pm** in the **PRC room**. On this evening anyone interested in becoming a catholic, adults who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation or anyone wishing to find out more about the faith are invited to come along and find out what RCIA is all about. **No obligation - "Come and see"**.

But in the meantime, if you are thinking of coming along, do introduce yourself to Fr Keith after Mass and have a chat!

### 1st ADDISCOMBE GUIDES ARE 70!

1st Addiscombe Guides invite all parishioners who once attended the unit, to celebrate its 70th Anniversary on

**Sunday 28th May at the 11.30am Mass**

Join us afterwards in the large hall. Please bring something for a shared lunch. We are also looking for photos of the unit - especially before 2005. Email [1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com](mailto:1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - OUR LADY'S TODDLER GROUP

This Toddler Group was set up over 40 years ago by The Young Wives Committee and is a much valued resource in the parish.

**We are now looking for someone new to take the helm, as Andrea is retiring from the role of lead co-ordinator IN JULY after 20 years!**

If you think you would like this opportunity to work as a volunteer with a great team of helpers, in this very rewarding role, and continue to run this lovely group each Thursday (term time only) 9am - 12pm...please contact **Andrea** on **07952 664224**

**UCM COFFEE MORNING:** *After 10am Mass today.* UCM members are taking part in Race for Life on 2nd July. All donations received from the sale of coffee and cake will go towards this charity.

**THE LATE BRENDAN MOSS RIP:** Brendan passed away in January '21 during the Covid-19 crisis. Brendan's ashes will be interred at South London Cemetery on **Monday, 24th April** at 1.15pm. **There will be a reception for family & friends in Our Lady's Church Hall at approx. 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.**

**EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED:** For the presbytery house, to start as soon as possible. Duties include all usual household cleaning (kitchen/bathroom/dusting/hovering) no laundry or ironing necessary. The job requires 4 hours work, to be done either on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

**Please speak to Fr Keith for more information if interested.**

**REPOSITORY SHOP: 1st Holy Communion cards and gifts are now on sale in the shop!**

### PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.