



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 By appointment only

23rd August 2020 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

“SUPPOSE JESUS WERE TO COME HERE.”

Without the 19th century essayist Charles Lamb, William Shakespeare would be “missing in action.” It was Mr. Lamb’s essays that snatched the 17th century playwright from undeserved obscurity after he had been famous for Andy Warhol’s fifteen minutes. One night, Lamb and his guests were chatting about the Bard over Spanish port and Cuban cigars. “Supposing,” Someone asked Lamb, “Shakespeare were to stroll into our dining room at this moment.” The essayist replied, “We would raise a glass of port to the great man.” “Supposing,” said another, “Jesus were to come here.” Lamb answered, “We would all get down on our knees.” — There is the essential difference between the Man from Nazareth and all other great people you can think of. “The Christ is God, and all others, no matter what their deeds, are but fools who strut on the stage for a brief time and then exit.”

We might call this Sunday “Power Sunday” because the main theme of all three readings is that God is the Source of all authority. God shares His authority with elected civil rulers to serve the people and with the Pope and the other Church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His children. The first reading, taken from Isaiah, tells us how God hates unfaithful and selfish officials. He removed the proud “master of the royal palace” from his office. Today’s Gospel passage shows us how Peter confesses Jesus as his *Lord and Savior* and how Jesus, in turn, approves Peter’s words and gives him teaching and ruling authority in his Church. Thus, Jesus establishes a “Magisterium” in his Church to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the Church members.

We need to accept and experience Jesus as our Lord and personal Saviour: First, we should accept Jesus as the Son of God and our personal Saviour. This means that we are accepting Jesus as our Good Shepherd, our Divine Saviour and our Redeemer. Next, Jesus should become a living experience for us – as our God protecting us and providing for us in our life’s journey, loving us, forgiving us, helping us, and transforming our lives and outlook.

*** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION ***

*Please text your name to this parish telephone number - **07548 868418**.
 Many thanks for your cooperation.*

Mass Intentions This Week

- 22 August: Saturday**
QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 10:00 Alice & Charles Sciberras RIP
 17:30 Agnese Pansa RIP
 18:30 Patricia, Geoffrey & Paul Emson RIP
- 23 August: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY**
 09:00 All Parishioners
 10:00 Kieran Morgan RIP
 11:00 Patrick Sinnott
 12:00 Thecla & Ian Sulzdorf RIP
- 24 August: Monday**
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW
 10:00 Michael (Mick) Davin RIP
- 25 August: Tuesday**
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Luis Fernandes
- 26 August: Wednesday**
 10:00 Hannah Simons RIP
- 27 August: Thursday SAINT MONICA**
 10:00 Vincent Ndekwe RIP
 19:30 Intentions of Mrs Rose Knotts
- 28 August: Friday SAINT AUGUSTINE**
 10:00 Welfare of Sheila & Pierce Moore
- 29 August: Saturday**
THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
 10:00 George Fitzsimons RIP
 17:30 Tom Dunleavy RIP
 18:30 All Parishioners
- 30 August: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY**
 09:00 Desmond & Ramilla Alphonso RIP
 10:00 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP
 11:00 Intentions of Eddie Boyle
 12:00 Kathy Shuttleworth RIP



UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO LIVE STREAM 10AM MASS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. THIS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO OTHER PARISH’S LIVE STREAMS IN THE MEANTIME.

COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

An Offertory box is now located in the church porch if you wish to drop off your donation.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth Neale, Maria Andrews, Desmond Yow, John Marshall, Mary Hartop, Roosevelt Walles, Oswald Eugene Stevens, Jeremiah Collins, Hannah Simons, Pamela Kennedy, Catherine Ward, Vincent Ndekwe, Corina Cahill, George Pears, Matt Dolan, Catherine Farnon, Bridget Cummins, Jane Lumala

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club Committee, I hope that you are all safe and well!

The Annual **ACROSS Golf Classic** (with **Covid-19** restrictions) will take place on Friday, 11th September at the Selsdon Park Golf Club with Tee off times commencing at 11.00am. Coffee on arrival at the Club House, 18 Holes of Golf followed by light refreshments and prize giving. Refreshments will be served outside on the lawn. The cost of the day is £40.00. For more details, please contact Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.

St Mildred's Drop In Centre for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed when the Centre reopens.

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site. If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. **No task is too small - please make contact.**

COMPULSORY FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

Due to new government guidelines, it is **compulsory to wear a face covering during Mass**. We are unable to supply masks for everyone each week, so respectfully ask that people provide their own, and wear them during Mass until further notice.

Many thanks.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2020/2021

APOLOGIES THAT NEW BOXES OF GIFT AID ENVELOPES ARE NOT AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND.

WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH GRIEF

A support group for anyone who has been bereaved during the Covid19 Lockdown period, provided by WBS.

For your nearest venue, dates and time please contact:
Woodside Bereavement Service **020 3256 2009**
Or email wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: If you are waiting to receive a Baptism certificate, please ring the Parish office to arrange a suitable time to collect from there. Many thanks.

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: As the parish office remains closed to the public, if you wish to purchase a Mass card, **you will only be able to do so when the Church is open during the times shown above. Please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday 9am – 10.50am
Saturday - 9am - 10.30am and 5pm - 7pm
Sunday - 8am – 12.30pm

The church will close between Mass times for cleaning

Sat	5.30pm	Family bubbles only
Sat	6.30pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	9.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	10.00am	Family bubbles only
Sun	11.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	12.00pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

THE FRESH FOOD BANK TEAM: In Thornton Heath are looking for drivers to help with weekday deliveries and particularly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Most deliveries are in the CR7 area, some in West Croydon or Norbury. Pick up is 3pm and all over by 4pm.

If you can help, please contact Pastor Nick Gray.
Email: nickgray@mershamroad.org Tel: **07930 566678**

*Lord Jesus,
when you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.
We place in your loving care
all who are affected by Coronavirus.
Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.
Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.
We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.
Amen.*

CATHEDRAL VACANCIES: We currently have available two part-time admin vacancies at the Cathedral. For more information please contact triciagilbride@stgeorges.org.uk. Closing date for applications is **1st September 2020**.

OUR LADY'S INVITES YOU TO.....

Do you have any questions or doubts about **FAITH AND SACRED SCRIPTURE?**

Your priests are ever ready to clarify at this moment of pandemic. Send an email to the parish office: addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk marked **ASK YOUR PRIEST**.



"For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty and people seek instruction from his mouth". (Malachi 2:7)

ASK YOUR PRIEST

STAY ALERT

CONTROL THE VIRUS

SAVE LIVES