



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

**23rd October 2022 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 155 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C**

In the parable in our Gospel today which He addresses to the Pharisees themselves, Jesus tells them once more where their pride will lead them. They will be excluded from the kingdom of God, because they will not admit or repent of their pride and their lack of charity. Instead of thanking God for the many gifts He had given them, they almost demanded thanks from God for being such pious people. They had virtues. They avoided serious injustices. They did not commit adultery. They fasted often. They paid all their Temple dues, but it was all done, not for the honour and glory of God, but for their own honour and glory. They told the world about it. They demanded the first places in the synagogues, and special marks of reverence on the streets. They had to be called "masters" as they claimed to represent and interpret Moses to the ordinary people.

One thing that we can learn from this sad story of the Pharisees is that, while God approves of no sin, His mercy and His forgiveness is available for all sinners except the proud. It isn't that God cannot or will not forgive the sin of pride but that the proud man will not ask for God's forgiveness.

We must all be on our guard against this insidious and destructive vice. It is insidious because it can grow in us almost without our knowing it, and once it has taken root it is difficult to eradicate. It is destructive because it spoils every other virtue we practice and every good work we do. Charity, or brotherly love, cannot flourish in a proud heart, for a proud heart is so full of self that it has no room for others. No true love of God can exist in a proud heart, for even the very acts of religion which a proud man performs, are done for the motive of self-glory and not for the glory of God. The Pharisee in this parable proves that fact. He boasted of his good works.



\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*

**Thanksgiving Mass for Noel Campbell  
on his retirement from St Thomas Becket School**

Wednesday 14th December at 6.30pm - Full details to follow shortly

## Mass Intentions This Week

- 22 October: Saturday**  
 10:00 Kath Gallacher RIP  
 18:00 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP
- 23 October: THIRTIETH SUNDAY**  
 08:30 Thanksgiving for All Parishioners from  
 Bridie, Gary & Caitlin \*  
 10:00 Ashley & Dolly Park \*  
 11:30 Pierina Moruzzi RIP
- 24 October: Monday**  
 10:00 Patrick & Lena Dowd & Pat RIP
- 25 October: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Martha & Abraham Pereira RIP
- 26 October: Wednesday**  
 10:00 Thomas Devine RIP
- 27 October: Thursday**  
 10:00 Sebastian & Maryla Gomez RIP  
 19:30 James Murphy RIP
- 28 October: Friday  
SAINTS SIMON & JUDE**  
 10:00 Norma & Maurice Bird RIP
- 29 October: Saturday**  
 10:00 Intentions of Briege Sweeney  
 18:00 Joan McHugh RIP
- 30 October: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY**  
 08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 Alan Dwyer RIP  
 11:30 Mary Good RIP 16th Anniversary +

\* With Children's Liturgy  
 + With Baptism

## MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 25th at 10.30am (Large Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 25th at 8pm (PRC)

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

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 27th OCTOBER - TEAM C

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 477.26
Loose cash	£ 502.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2034.26</b>

\*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

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

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Missio* amounted to £271.00. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *Croydon Nightwatch*, whose volunteers are out every night in the centre of Croydon giving food and other help to the homeless and other vulnerable people.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Adelio Crovato, Kevin Moynihan, Baby Noah, Mary Ariaratnam, Shirley Adams, Christina Cahill

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Veronica Locke, George Pichery, Merlyn O'Connell, Margaret Mary Gibbs, Barbara Stevens, Kenneth Nicholas, Richard Schenk, Anna Schalck, Mary Ann Fowler, Anthony Brunson, Maisie Wyatt, Abina Martin, Sophie Jones, John Davis, Walter Elfer, Anastazy Kachellek, Richard Allen Wilding, Catherine Grogan, Innes Gosine, Matthew McCabe, Mark McDonald, Joseph D'Souza, Maria Mendonca, Albert Rocca, Nora Walsh, Edward Mobsby, Alan Dwyer, Peter Tuck, Douglas Morrison, Sean Gaffney, Patricia Aherne, Sylvia Desouza, Mary Good

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

23rd October: Finbar & Paul

30th October: Mustang Showband

6th November: TR Dallas

13th November: The Foot Tappers

20th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

27th November: Theresa Rodgers

4th December: Frank Nelson

11th December: Glen Flynn

- The **Social Club in partnership with St Chad's Social Club** are presenting an **Autumn Dance** featuring **Crimson Red in aid of Dementia UK** on Friday, 4th November from 7.00pm. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

- The next **Tribute Evening** will be on Friday, 18th November featuring **Declan Nerney & His Band**. All proceeds from this event will support the Brain Tumour Charity & Research into the Williams Syndrome. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

### \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE - Everyone's Nativity \*\*\* Sunday 11th December, 2pm

Join us for an interactive and 'family friendly' reading of the Nativity Story. Come dressed up as one of the characters to help bring this special story to life. Your costume can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. We don't mind how many Marys, Josephs, Donkeys, Innkeepers, Stars, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels or Kings we have. Everyone will be included - the more the merrier!

Afterwards, festive refreshments will be served in the church hall, and all children will be invited to take part in arts & craft activities.

For more information, contact Sophia:  
[slinehanbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:slinehanbiggs@gmail.com)

### OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the Large Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

**25th October:** Fr. Jackson -Talk on the Rosary

**8th November:** Sr. Annette, DMJ – Meditation on The Trinity & Us

### \*\*\* ALTAR SERVER REFRESHER TRAINING \*\*\*

Refresher training will take place in the church on Saturday 29th October at 12noon. This is open to anyone who has previously been an Altar Server in this parish or elsewhere, and all current Servers.

### FUNERAL DETAILS FOR BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP

**Wednesday 2nd November**

18:00 Reception of the Body, followed by Mass of All Souls' Day

**Thursday 3rd November**

12:30 Solemn Requiem Mass

followed by interment in St George's Cathedral vault

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory*

### RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent deaths of **Miguel Brito** and **John Walsh** (of Bingham Rd). Miguel's funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on **Tuesday 8th November at 10am**. Funeral arrangements for John Walsh will follow shortly.

The funeral of **John Devereux** will also take place here at Our Lady's on **Thursday 3rd November at 10am**.

Our sympathies go to all the families at this very difficult time.

### AN EVENING WITH MR HUSSAINY The journey from Afghanistan to Croydon

Tues 8th Nov 8 - 9pm in the Small Hall.

The Addiscombe Resettlement Community (ARC) group present an evening with Mr Hussainy who, along with his wife and their five children, fled from Afghanistan in late 2021.

Members of the parish have generously supported ARC to welcome and support the Hussainy family, as refugees, to Croydon. This is an opportunity to hear their story. **This is a free event** - no need to book!

### SING ALONG ON A WEDNESDAY

Please join us next Wednesday (26th) in the small hall. Bring along your instruments. **Starts at 8pm.**

**OUR LADY'S PENNIES**

Pick up your jars from porch!

### WARM HUB

St Mildred's is looking at providing a safe and warm space on weekdays between the hours of 11am & 3pm, for people to come to during the winter months against the rising cost of energy bills and the cost of living. Also, it will be for those looking for a safe place just to chat with others rather than being on their own. **We would like volunteers to help make this scheme work!** So if you feel you can give some time, fixed days or more flexible, please send an email to Jane Ward - [ward.jane@btinternet.com](mailto:ward.jane@btinternet.com) as soon as possible, as we hope to get started in early November.

### JOB VACANCY - Learning Support Assistant

Salary: £19,896 FTE Grade 2, Spine Point 11

Conditions: 25 hours per week / Term Time Only

Start date: November 2022

Duration: Fixed Term until 31st August 2023

**St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School** is looking to appoint a learning support assistant. Initially you will be supporting a child with ASD in Reception class on a 1:1 basis.

Application forms are available in the school office or email  
[admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk)

Tel: 020 8654 3006

**Closing date: Monday 31st October 2022**

**Items for collection:** MA McGuigan, C Okeke, C Klos

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

**Rotas:** Readers (Sept/Oct) Eucharistic Ministers (October)