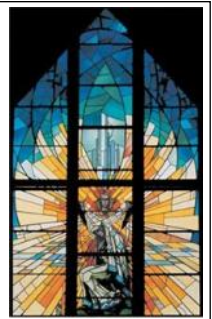




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

23rd November Sunday Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (page 167 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

The Solemnity of Christ the King Year C reminds us that Jesus is the true King. His rule is not about power or wealth. It is about love, mercy, and peace. He leads us by giving His life for us. This feast helps us see what real kingship means in God's eyes.

On this day, we remember that Jesus is the head of all creation. Everything belongs to Him. Yet He chooses to care for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The Solemnity of Christ the King Year C calls us to follow His way of kindness and service.

This feast also gives us hope. Christ's kingdom is not broken or temporary. It is forever, and He invites us to be part of it. When we live in His love, we share in the joy of His kingdom, both now and in the life to come.



Should anyone want to help lead the congregational singing at the Mid-night Mass this year, do email the parish office.

Alternatively make yourself known to Jacqueline or Fr Keith.

Fr Keith.

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 25th at 10.45am (Small Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 25th at 8pm (PRC)
RCIA: Wednesday 26th at 8pm (PRC) *Living the Faith*
Diversity Group Planning Meeting: Sunday 30th at 12.30pm (Large Hall)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 599.71
Loose cash	£ 726.82
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2666.53

Mass Intentions This Week

22 November: Saturday SAINT CECILIA
10:00 Okeke Family Intentions
18:00 Mr & Mrs Mathiyas RIP

**23 November: SUNDAY
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF
THE UNIVERSE**
08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 Godfrey Family Intentions
11:30 Kim Sulzdorf RIP

**24 November: Monday SAINTS ANDREW
DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS**
10:00 Lawrence Pereira RIP

25 November: Tuesday
10:00 Anastasia McHugh RIP

26 November: Wednesday
10:00 Holy Souls

27 November: Thursday
10:00 Caroline Koch RIP
19:30 Elizabeth Murphy RIP

28 November: Friday
10:00 Wellbeing of Jude Joseph

29 November: Saturday
10:00 Welfare of Coloma &
All Catholic Education
18:00 Anne Leigh RIP

**30 November:
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
08:30 Celine & Anthony Carvalho RIP
10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP 4th Anniversary
11:30 Dick Brennan RIP

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS

This week there is a Diocesan collection for *Catholic Youth Services*.
On 6th/7th December will be holding our annual *Toy Collection*. See note overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Lauren Horwood, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Paddy Ryan, Jean Carpenter, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Westley Adaken & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John McCarthy, Thomas Lott, James Stewart, Charles Campbell, Reita Pegrum, Ralph Reynolds, Agnes Walker, Anne Sequeira, Anna Lanzalaco, Margaret Wall, Antonina Laskowska, Bridget Derby, Mgr. John J. Moran, Catherine Swainsbury, Con Molyneaux, Margaret McGing, Patience Claudius, Arthur Brandon, John Fisher, Nuala Fox, Maureen Walsh, Bridget Hoey, Veronica Kearsley, Tom Keegan, Jack Mills, Patrick Cummins, Peter Early, Elizabeth Kennedy, Marie Bond, Shiri Maharaj, Daniel Aherne, Mary McPhillips, Florence Moynihan, Keith Carder, Josefa Martin Muniz, Mary Fernandez, Arthur Halliday, Gertrude Chandler

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

23rd November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

30th November: TR Dallas

7th December: Shane & Mervyn Owens

14th December: Glen Flynn

21st December: **Christmas Celebration** - Kieran White

28th December: Pat Jordan

4th January: Kieran White

11th January: Sane & Mervyn Owens

- The **Bee Gees & Barbra Streisand Tribute Evening** featuring all of their hits over the last 40+ years takes place on Friday, 5th December commencing at 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to **Anerley ACROSS: A Charity which takes a party of disabled people on a pilgrimage to Lourdes in June.**

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

RECENT DEATH: We are sad to announce the recent death of **Mary Farrell** (mother of Carole Logue). Mary's funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's on Friday 5th December at 12 noon.**

We ask that you remember Mary in your prayers, along with Carole, Peter and Joseph, at this difficult time. May she Rest In Peace.

REPOSITORY: Christmas cards, 2026 diaries and calendars are now available in the repository. **The Christmas cards include Our Lady's design at 50p a card.** OLA tote bags are also available.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Parish Ascent Group is part of "Life Ascending International". It is a Catholic Movement, a Confraternity, for men and women. The three aims are first, Friendship, then growing in Spirituality, and then finally supporting our Catholic Church's Mission at home and abroad. **All parishioners are very welcome to join us.**

We meet over tea and coffee to share, in different ways, an understanding and experience of our Catholic Faith, in the **Small Hall after 10.00 o'clock Mass on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 25th November.** Please do come along and join us!

DIVERSITY CHRISTMAS BASH 13.12.2025

Hello Parishioners, trust all is well. Our Diversity Christmas Bash is on **Saturday 13th December** in the small hall from 1 - 5pm. Everyone is invited including minors under parental guidance. Bring your favourite dish, mindful of allergies, & drinks to share. Bring gifts costing £5-7, labelled male/female to exchange including for children. Sing favourite carols with accompanying keyboard music and dance to others. Enjoy festive games. Make new friends, celebrate old ones and promote community cohesion. **Final planning meeting on Sunday 30th November in the large hall straight after 11.30am Mass.** Contact Sylvia on **07870 508790** or **syvliaw3k@gmail.com** for more info. Many thanks & blessings.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Saturday 29th November 2 - 4pm in the Small Hall

I have a small supply of rings for sale at £4.50 to make the wreaths; please contact me by Monday 24th November if you need one. Bring garden clippers/scissors, gloves, and any candles, greenery or decorations you wish to add. **Call or text Joanna on 07793 826103**

ST THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL OPEN DAY

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School have added an additional Open Day Event on **Friday 12th December at 2pm.** Please book in using the following:

<https://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk/open-events-2/>

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. **Please place the envelope in the secure 'offertory' box in the Lady chapel.** Your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: **safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk**

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2026 ENTRY

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the parish office before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith.

Appointments will **ONLY** run until **Friday 5th December.**

***** DATE FOR THE DIARY *****

UCM COFFEE MORNING 7th December

The UCM will be holding a coffee morning after 10am Mass on Sunday 7th December to raise funds for **First Touch, a charity based at St George's specialising in supporting sick and premature babies.** Please join us and support this very worthy cause!

CALLING ALL MARYS, JOSEPHS, ANGELS, SHEPHERDS & KINGS!!

You are welcome to Everyone's Nativity!

Come dressed as your favourite Nativity character (which could be the donkey) to celebrate this very special time. Nativity acted in church, followed by Arts & Crafts and refreshments in the large hall.

From 2pm on Sunday 14th December

COFFEE MORNING PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISER

A group of Coloma 6th form students will be volunteering a week of their 2026 Easter break supporting the HCPT Lourdes pilgrimage. In order to attend, the girls have to raise significant funds to support the pilgrimage. **They will be holding a coffee morning on Sunday 30th November after the 10am Mass.**

Please come along and support the girls' fundraising! Given the large target, Coloma are also looking for sponsorship and partnerships with companies. If you are able to assist in anyway, or have connections, please email **group703@hcpt.org.uk**

SCOUTING SOCIAL & CHAT

Our parish Scout Group is hosting a friendly social evening on **Saturday 29th November from 8pm in the Church hall.**

This is a wonderful chance for parishioners to meet the team behind local Scouting, hear about what's happening in the group, and enjoy good company in a relaxed setting.

Bar and snacks will be available

All parishioners (18+) are very welcome!

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

ADVENT SERVICE AND RECEPTION

Monday 1st December, 7pm – Farm Street Church, W1K 3AH

As we begin our preparations for Advent and reflect on the Holy Family's flight into exile, join the Jesuit Refugee Service for an evening of carols and a special performance by their refugee music group.

TOY COLLECTION 6th / 7th DECEMBER

Please start Advent with your offerings of new toys (wrapped & labelled with gender and age) for the many refugee children supported by The Croydon Refugee Project, including hundreds of children living in hotels. *Many thanks!*

PARISH OFFICE TECHNICAL ISSUES

We have recently had some technical issues around emails in the parish office. Emails with any attachments (of any kind) were not coming through to our main inbox. Please bear with us, if you haven't received a reply to an enquiry yet, as we try to catch up, now that the issue is (hopefully) resolved. Thanks for your understanding.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING TRAINING

www.thelisteningear.org.uk

Do you have a listening ear? Do you have a desire to help others? Do you have some spare time? *Then why not consider joining our 50 hour Bereavement Training Course starting 19th January 2026.*

For an information pack, please email **wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk**

For Collection:

Baptism Certificates: Please collect from the Parish office.

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (November) Readers (Nov/Dec)