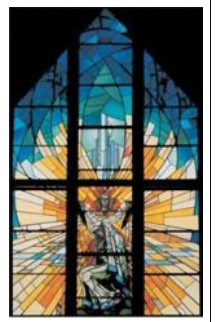


Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
By appointment only

24th January 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

In contrast to last week's passage from John, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. John demonstrates that it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside everything, including their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?



CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Please note, that there will **NOT BE A THURSDAY EVENING (7.30pm) OR SATURDAY MORNING (10am) MASS** whilst Fr Jackson is away. These will resume around Easter time upon his return. **However, if a Mass intention was booked for one of these Masses prior to his departure, it will go ahead in the usual way.** Many thanks.

Mass Intentions This Week

23 January: Saturday

10:00 *Eucharistic Service*

17:30 Ints. Of Joyce Williams & Girls

18:30 Margaret Monaghan RIP

24 January: THIRD SUNDAY

09:00 Wellbeing of Brian Laura

10:00 Shirley Gaunt RIP

11:00 Ashley Jacob RIP

12:00 All Parishioners

25 January: Monday

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

10:00 Lucas, Ubaldina & Sylvia DeSouza RIP

26 January: Tuesday

SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS

10:00 Luke Murphy RIP

27 January: Wednesday

10:00 Leo Tierney RIP

28 January: Thursday

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

10:00 Brendan Moss RIP

29 January: Friday

10:00 Wellbeing of Harry & Briege Sweeney

30 January: Saturday

10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP 9th Ann.

17:30 Birthday Wishes for

Briege & Harry Sweeney

18:30 Agnes & Nicholas Dias RIP

31 January: FOURTH SUNDAY

09:00 Ellen Flanagan RIP

10:00 Sarah & Owen O'Hara RIP

11:00 All Parishioners

12:00 Helen Cornabe RIP



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 277.80
Loose cash	£ 275.20
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1528.00

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney, Bina Bowen, Patrick Murphy

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Jean Cruickshank, Kathleen Farren, James Shaw, Cedric Chopin, Grace Jennings, Edward Kingman, Phyllis Dovidonis, Diana Jeffries, Carole Simpson, Eileen Hudson, Elisabeth Piney, Eva Mahoney, Daniel Gorman, Ted Murphy, Marilyn Novell, Simon Quinn, Richard Walsh, Neil Dennett, Catherine Rocca, Arturo Braiotta, John Williams, Isabella Gallett, Raymond Burkin, Colin Grant, Peter You Than Lim, Sarah O'Hara, Mary Druce, Carmel O'Flanagan, Michael Kenny, Jeremiah Johnson, Sr Rita, Edward Gallacher, Lily Risso, Ron Edwards, Roy Cuming, Ralph Hoyle, Maura Waller, Margaret Maguire, Eileen Cheshier, John Joyce, Geraldine Hanlon, Hilda Botell, Janice McNamara, Maggie Fitzgerald, Ewald (Frank) Szaszynnek

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - [07548 868418](tel:07548868418). Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

The *Anerley Across Charity* facilitates a monthly **200 Club Draw**. We are very grateful to Members who have renewed their membership of the **200 Club** and to those who have recently become Members of the Club. If you would like to join the **200 Club**, please go to the website (www.anerleyacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

The January Draw will take place at the weekend; the results will be published in next week's Newsletter.

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.**

REPOSITORY SHOP CLOSURE: Unfortunately, due to the increased risk of COVID transmission and the need to tighten safety measures, we have decided to close the repository shop once again until the situation improves. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring to let us know when you will collect.

Many thanks.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 5TH MARCH 2021

In view of the ever-changing Covid requirements and in order to minimise risk to our attendees, the above service will not proceed on the 5th March as scheduled. The National Committee will be meeting shortly and will offer some on-line options which I will be happy to pass on to all interested. However I hope that we can hold the service later this year, which will allow us to share prayer and incorporate participation with other Parish groups as in previous years. In the meantime, please include in your prayers the people of Vanuatu who put so much into the preparation of this year's service and who are probably unable to apply the same level of resources to handle the virus that we are blessed with in this country. *Anne Barcellos*

AYC NEWS

AYC have a brilliant evening planned on the **29th January!** This will be a professionally organised **Sherlock Holmes themed Escape room**. This is to replace the paint balling day we had planned and there is no charge for this event. This is for school years 8-10.

There are limited spaces so please email Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com. Closing date for registering your interest is **25th January**.

If you have a year 7 young person who would like to join AYC (only zoom sessions at the moment) please email. We need numbers of 10+ to run an activity for them and are very keen to do this.

New Year Blessings from the AYC team

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

In order to provide our secretaries with a **COVID SECURE** working environment, the Parish office **REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. Rachel and Stephanie continue to work in isolation answering your calls and emails, **however please do not go to the office without an appointment or calling to notify us in advance.**

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The local Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - (remember, the Pope says that ecumenism isn't an optional extra) is on Zoom at **6.30pm on Sunday 24th January** & should last an hour.

The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83125902996>

Do join us! *Andy Bebington*

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or 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: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, **please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE.....

A time for Valentine's Day, and remembering people we care about. St Thomas Becket School Association are selling **wooden hearts**, which people can write the names of loved ones on, and loop them around the school fence on Birchanger Road, Woodside, for the month of February. When the hearts are taken down from the fence they will be put in a special pot in one of the school gardens.

Hearts will cost **£2 each**
purchased through this site [STBSA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://STBSA.pta-events.co.uk)

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary's and Saint Magdalene Church** in **Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.**

All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

GIFT AID BOXES: There are still 70+ sets of Gift Aid envelopes uncollected in the parish office. If you would like yours, please ring the office giving your **FULL NAME** and your box will be left on the table in the church entrance for collection.

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

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

The SDC Bible group meetings are currently taking place online on **Zoom every Friday at 7.30 p.m.** These are meetings for people who want to come together to reflect on the Word of God in the **Bible** and share in the spirituality of SDC and its founder.

Our main theme for this year's meetings is '**JOURNEYS**' in the Bible. Meetings include reflections, readings and prayer.

For more information and to receive the Zoom link ID call the SDC House on **020 8768 5159**, text **07986 533292** or email **sdcmeetings@gmail.com**

THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT INVITES YOU TO "GLOBAL HEALING"

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we invite YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home.

When - Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 7.30 – 8.30pm

How to join - To register please click [HERE](#) or email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

COVID 19 - A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR MARRIAGES

So much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children and housing....Different ways of seeing things, coping with change and managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time brings even more challenges. You just can't cope. Would be better apart you wonder?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **25th- 28th February 2021**

Call / text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443**
Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com
Visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

DEAR HUSBAND & WIFE...

You are invited to give each other a gift by spending March 13th online between 10am and 1pm exploring and improving your relationship. The event is entitled '**Building A Better Marriage**'. It will provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. Please note that there is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better. That applies whether you have been married five years or 50. Booking is essential: telephone **07983 524727** or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Recent 'Building a Better Marriage' courses attracted the following comments from married couples who logged on: 'The topics were chosen well and we could really relate to them... The personal stories you shared were very insightful and helped us to reflect on our own relationships more deeply... It was relaxed and you put us at ease, being friendly and personable... We thoroughly enjoyed attending the course.'

RESPOND TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONSULTATION TO STOP HOME ABORTIONS!

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women at home. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire.

Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

The consultation ends on 26th February 2021

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.

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