



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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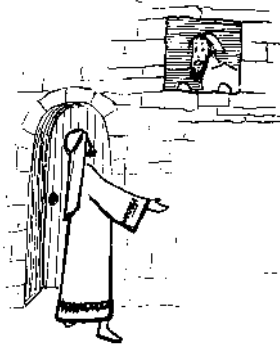
24th July 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 114 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

As time quickly passes, we find things that were once important fading into the recesses of our consciousness and our to-do list. Take for example the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis announcing the Year of Mercy (2015-2016 yet already forgotten by most). As a reminder to us all, Pope Francis mentioned: "At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives."

Our broken world is screaming for peace while searching for justice. However peace and justice comes at a cost and that is surrendering ourselves to the will of God as Abraham did, in order to seek mercy on those who did not deserve to die, while trusting in his relationship with God as a loving Father.

As the Vicar of Christ, Pope Francis's words in both the proclamation for a Year of Mercy and his letter on the Joy of Love (2016), provide a clear path for us to become merciful as our Heavenly Father is merciful, learning to love one another as global partners rather than enemies. I once read somewhere that when the power of love overcomes love of power then we as the human race will not only understand what mercy is but practice it as a way of life. Nourished by the daily bread given to us in the Eucharist, we go forth as those who have been sent to bring mercy to others.

Today's readings offer us a glimpse into how our Father is merciful, demonstrating his mercy in intimate and personal ways. Let us not become victims of forgetfulness now the Year of Mercy is so far behind us, putting aside the opportunity to practice what has always been one of the Beatitudes –Blessed are the merciful for mercy shall be theirs. We need mercy just as much as we need to practice it in our lives.



Mass Intentions This Week

- 23 July: Saturday**
SAINT BRIDGET
 10:00 Jose Victor D'Souza RIP
 18:00 Martha Nestor & Mick Flannery RIP
- 24 July: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP
 11:30 John Boswood RIP
- 25 July: Monday SAINT JAMES**
 10:00 Michael Semeta RIP
 18:00 Reception of the Body of
 Kath Gallacher into Church
- 26 July: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS**
SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE
 10:00 Kath Gallacher RIP
- 27 July: Wednesday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Johanna 'Joan' Boyle RIP
- 28 July: Thursday**
 10:00 Joan Fowley RIP
 19:30 Wellbeing of Brian & Marie McCann
- 29 July: Friday**
SAINTS MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS
 10:00 John Minus RIP
- 30 July: Saturday**
 10:00 Francie Davey RIP
 18:00 Aloysius Fernandes RIP
- 31 July: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Hannah Beston RIP 1st Anniversary
 10:00 All Parishioners
 11:30 Bernie & Tony Potter RIP +

+ *With Baptism*

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 26th at 8pm (PRC)

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

CHURCH CLEANING
 28th JULY - TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 420.30
Loose cash	£ 465.70
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
Total	£ 1941.00

COLLECTIONS

Next weekend there will be a second collection for *Coloma Uganda Primary School* (NOT Maryhill, which is a secondary school).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Karen Pearson, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux, Jean Carpenter, Jose Fernandez, Adelio Crovato

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Mary Jones, Kathleen Ryan, Thomas Davie, Leo McHugo, Bernard Moynihan, Irene Groombridge, Martha Nestor, Bill Cowan, Eric Wood, Phylis Linton, Maria Albert, Anne Larkin, Jacqueline Collins, Deborah Shine, Pauline Smith, Jimmy Flaxman, John Templeton, Keith Stanley

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

24th July: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

31st July: Shane & Mervyn Owens

7th August: Mustang Showband

14th August: Finbar & Paul

21st August: Sabrina Fallon & Shane Moore

28th August: Theresa Rodgers

4th September: Pat Jordan

11th September: Barry Doyle

- The **Anerley ACROSS Golf Day** will take place on Friday, 16th September at the Farleigh Golf Club commencing at 10.00am. Coffee, Tea & Bacon Rolls will be provided upon arrival followed by 18 holes of Golf. At the end of the day, Golfers will have sandwiches & chips followed by a Presentation to the winners. The day will conclude with a Raffle & Auction. The cost of the event will be £60.00 per person.

In the evening, there will be a Dance & Supper at Our Lady's Church Hall, Bingham Road, Addiscombe. The Supper will include Fish & Chips, Chicken & Chips or Sausage & Chips[a vegetarian option will be available. The evening entertainment will be with Theresa Rodgers. Admission will be by Ticket Only at £15.00.

To reserve tickets for either the Golf Day or the evening event please contact Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

HEALTH EVENT

FOR THE ELDERLY AND THEIR CARERS

Wellbeing You invites you to a free consultation titled - **Importance of Self-Care to the Health of the Elderly** - on **Wednesday 27th July from 10am - 12pm** at the CVA Resource Centre, 84 London Road, CR0 2TB.

It will be led by Dr Emily Symington, GP & Clinical Lead Croydon in collaboration with the Falls, Fracture and Bone Health Team at Croydon University Hospital, Croydon BME Forum, Asian Resource Centre Croydon, Age UK Croydon, the Falls, Fracture and Clear Community Web. Contact **07870508790** for more details. See you there if possible and please share information with contacts, thanks.

THE AUTUMN FAYRE: Will take place on Sunday, 2nd October. This year the theme will be the **Platinum Jubilee**. The Fayre will be launched over the weekend of 3rd/4th September. **The next planning meeting will be on Thursday, 8th September at 8pm.** All of the proceeds from the Fayre will be given to the refurbishment of the Kitchen in the Church Hall.

NEEDED!

VOLUNTEER VIDEO EDITOR/FILM STRIP DEVELOPER

To celebrate and share 5 years of active service our Diversity Group is looking for a volunteer with video editing and film strip developing skills to assemble photos and videos captured over the years into a film strip/documentary that would be projected continuously during the Autumn Fayre using Our Lady's projector.

Please contact Sylvia on **07870 508790** or sylvia3k@gmail.com if you can help or know someone who can.. Many thanks

ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB: For years 7 -10 of secondary school, in the large hall. To find out more & register interest please email: Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please check the table in the porch for your new sets of envelopes!

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Many thanks to all those who have supported them in the past. A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one.

APPRENTICESHIP - ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

The Archdiocese of Southwark are seeking an apprentice to work within the Fundraising & Gift Aid team in their central offices (located Lambeth North). If you, or someone you know, would like to earn a level 3 Business Administrator Standard whilst working within a hardworking and passionate team, supporting the work of the Catholic Church in South London and Kent, please find out more by visiting: <https://www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/2023

If your child is in a Catholic School and was 7 years old on 31st August 2022 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website. *Those who are not at Catholic school, but have completed the first year of preparation should also submit an application form.* Forms should be returned to the Parish office **by Sunday 25th September**. A date for the first parents' meeting will follow shortly.

Incomplete/late applications will not be accepted.

GRANDPARENTS PASSING ON THE FAITH

What practical steps can we take and what sort of conversations can we have which can help anchor our grandchildren's faith? Four online sessions starting Wednesday 3rd August running from 7:30 to 9pm will give you the answer. For more details please contact Lisette at mflse@rcaos.org.uk

DID YOU KNOW: That CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult.

*** FOOD BANK - MORE HELP NEEDED! ***

The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group has been linking our Parish with The Vine Food Bank, New Addington, for some years. This involves initially ensuring that a note goes in the newsletter the week before. The next step is gathering up the generous offerings after the midday Mass on Sunday when it is likely that no more will arrive.

At present these are taken into store locally, in the house of one of the Group's members, as the Food Bank is only open to receive donations on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. It is generally on a Tuesday evening that one of our (very few) volunteers takes the donations to New Addington. It is for this stage that the Group seeks additional volunteers as, at present, there are only three drivers on a rota for this element of the overall task.

We were delighted to hear from Fr Keith that we should check with the Office to see if he or Fr Jackson might be available. While this is a wonderful offer, we would hope that our fellow parishioners would agree that we should value the priests' commitment to their sacramental and pastoral responsibilities above our need to have a priest driving our offerings to The Vine. With this in mind, we invite you to come forward, anyone with a medium-sized car or larger, who might be available on a Tuesday evening to collect the food donations from the "store" in someone's house in Addiscombe and deliver it a few miles away. This is a monthly event and clearly the more drivers we have, the less frequently any of them would be asked to give up part of an evening.

If one of those people could be you, please contact Chris Sciberras on sciberraschris7@gmail.com to find out more, get the details and join the rota. This is **your** chance to put faith into action!

Many thanks
Andy Bebington, for the Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group

Items for collection: *Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

Rotas: *Readers (July/August) Eucharistic Ministers (July)*