



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

24th September 2017 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 131 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

As is often the case in the life of the church, today is both the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time and, on any other year, the memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham. The shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk was one of the great pilgrimage centres of mediaeval times. The lady of the manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches, had a vision in which the Virgin Mary instructed her to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth where the Annunciation had taken place. According to tradition this vision occurred in 1061, although the most likely date for the construction of the shrine is a hundred years later.

The original shrine was destroyed at the Reformation, but in the 19th and 20th centuries, pilgrimage to Walsingham was revived not only for Catholics but also for Anglicans.

It is a shame that a significant shrine such as Walsingham is not visited more often by the Catholic Christians in England. It may be a 2.5 hour drive, but let's face it, compared to the treks made by our brothers and sisters on other continents that's practically on our doorstep!



By the way, does anyone speak Arabic? If so could you make a point of introducing yourself to Fr. Keith over the next week or two.

Mass Intentions This Week

23 September: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Alfred & Sylvia Nazareth RIP

24 September:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners ~
 10:00 Patricia Reeve RIP ~
 12:00 Intentions of Danny Jasienski

25 September: Monday

10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP

26 September: Tuesday

10:00 Edward Joseph Walsh RIP

27 September: Wednesday

FEAST OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

10:00 SVP Intentions

28 September: Thursday

10:00 Patricia Courcey RIP

29 September: Friday

10:00 Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

30 September: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Alf & Bubs McSweeney RIP

1 October:

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 UCM:
 12:00 Aaron Grimsley RIP +

+ With Baptism

~ With Children's Liturgy

WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Clare Cross
 (c/o Pat Harley)

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 792.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 721.32
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2488.82

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *The Support of Home Mission* amounted to £608.11. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *Fr Joe*, which will be presented to him at the celebration on 15th October. **GIFT AIDERS:** Please write your gift aid number clearly on the offering envelope. This will enable **THE PARISH (not Fr Joe personally)** to also benefit from your contribution. Thank you.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, D Nott, Laila Tambini, Steve Richer, José Fernandez

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Michael Carroll, Anne Warnock, Owen McSweeney, Sr. Monica Cooley, Teresa Tunesi, Trinidad Lucio, Winifred Waller, Winifred Dias, Salvatore Di Meo, William Donachy, Margaret Skeats, Fr. Patrick Best, Antonio Corazzo, Daphne Higher, Anne Miller, Pope John Paul I, Blodwyn Mayfield, Eileen Rudduck, James Brennan, Robert Priest, David Curry, Leslie Harley, Nicholas Corio, Archbishop Peter Amigo, Mary Stammers, Pierina Oriana, John Fleury, Hilda Goodfellow, Andrew Knapp, Margaret Elmes

SOCIAL CLUB
Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 24th September: Finbar & Bernie
 Sunday, 1st October: Pat Hayes
 Sunday, 8th October: Eugene Doonan
 Sunday, 15th October: Tom Healy
 Sunday, 22nd October: Kevin Keys

The *Annual Senior Citizens' Buffet & Dance* will take place on Sunday, 8th October from 1.00pm. To reserve a ticket for the event, please call into the Social Club/ Unity Club/ Wednesday Coffee Morning or meet a member of the SVP Team.

The Social Club will be holding an *Abba Tribute Night* on Friday, 13th October. Tickets at £12.00 each are available from the Social Club on Sunday evening from 7.30pm. *Admission will be strictly by ticket only.*

Coming in the autumn

- Declan Nerney: Friday, 17th November
 - Ally Harron & Marion Curry: Sunday, 26th November

*** PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO ***
RECONCILIATION TIMES OVERLEAF. THANK YOU.

THE AUTUMN FAYRE - SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER
Sponsors: LMB Lofts & The Cricketers

This year our theme is *Party Time*; we hope that you will all dress appropriately. All funds raised will be presented to the *Community support scheme to help refugees from Syria*.

This weekend raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses. There will also be envelopes with 10 books of tickets for you to take home sell to your family & friends - *please return them to the Presbytery by Saturday, 30th September.*

At the Fayre, we will be holding our Annual Dog Show - please bring your Dog to this event.

Next weekend we will need assistance in the following ways:
Friday, 29th September: Support in the Hall from 6.45pm to set up tables for the stalls.
Saturday, 30th September: Setting up stalls from 9.00am. We will also need a team to collect tents et al and build them. In the morning, we will be delighted to receive items for the following stalls: Bottle, Soft Toys, Nearly New, Prize Tombola, Toiletries, Jewellery, Cakes & Boxes of Chocolates.
Sunday, 1st October: Stall holders to be available from 9.00am to complete final preparations.

We will be delighted to receive items for the International Cuisine and Curry stalls from 10.00am.

28th CROYDON SCOUTS - OKTOBERFEST!
Sunday 8th October 12 - 5pm Bears Wood Courtwood Lane

Lots of fun activities for boys and girls. Hot food available to purchase, plus drinks and a tuck shop. Finish the day toasting marshmallows around the campfire.

Tickets: £5 per child £3 per adult (Under 5's free)
Contact Andrea Jones on 07952 664224 to reserve your place.
 Please come and support this event!

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SINGLES

Our next get-together is on **Saturday 30th September**. We will meet outside the church after the 6pm Vigil mass and go to Sapore Vero, a friendly Italian restaurant at the top of the High Street. We need to know numbers so we can book a table, so if you are interested in joining us, please confirm with Emily by:
 Phoning **07576 761990** or
 Emailing **stedmundscatholicsingles@gmail.com**

Items for collection: A Gillen, J Catley, V Kearsley, Sr Celia, Mary O'Sullivan, MJ Watson, Brendan Foley, Clare Cross (c/o Pat Harley), J Gallagher, G A Gray, A M Christian, J Zukaitiene
Bapt Certs: Stevens, Gimenez Von Rusten, Sabatchi, Paredes, Selles
Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (October) Repository (Sept - Nov)

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 26th at 8pm (PRC)
RCIA: What are the Sacraments - Wednesday 27th at 8pm (PRC)
J&P Group: Wednesday 27th at 8pm (Committee Room)

**APPLICATIONS FOR
 SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES**

Forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. Please complete the form and return it to the presbytery, only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments are already underway and will only be available until Friday 29th September.

Primary school interviews will take place later in the autumn.

**NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT
 NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
 Who wish their children to start preparation for
 1st Holy Communion**

The 2 year 1st Holy Communion programme for children at non Catholic schools, will commence with registration on **Tuesday 26th September at 5.15pm in the Parish Resource Centre**. Children aged 6 or above on 1st September 2017 are eligible to attend. Full information and details will be available at the meeting.

**1st ADDISCOMBE RAINBOWS
 NEW LEADERS/HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

1st Addiscombe Rainbows meet on a Thursday evening in the small hall, from 4.30pm – 5.30pm. However, regrettably one of the leaders will be leaving at the end of December. The remaining leaders hope to continue but really need help from our parish in order to do so, or the unit may close.

All leaders & helpers in Rainbows, Brownies & Guides give their time voluntarily & enjoy doing so. However, as we all have other commitments it can be difficult to keep our parish units going with so few adult helpers. Recently several units had to close at Our Lady's because of this problem. If you feel you have the time to help out, or would like take on a leadership role please let Celeste or Jo know.

Jo: jo@lally.co.uk
Celeste: celeste.hesketh@hotmail.co.uk

POPE FRANCIS AND THE FAMILY

Kent: Sat 30th September, West Malling. 10am - 1pm
 Contact: carolemfkent@gmail.com or 07983 524727
South East London: Sat 7th October, Forest Hill. 2.30 - 5.30pm
 Contact: marriagese@tiscali.co.uk or 07505 305297
South West London: Sat 4th November, New Malden. 10am -1pm
 Contact: marriage2014@virginmedia.com or phone 020 8651 2477

**ST CATHERINE FAITH & ART SERIES AT THE CCF
 Tuesday 26th September 7pm for 7.30pm start**

In this Faith & Art talk we will be looking at the 16th century boxwood miniatures of the unknown Dutch sacred artists. These fascinating treasures of devotional art, produced with microscopic detail, are among the most astonishing artistic achievements of the Northern Renaissance, from both the aesthetic and technical perspectives. That so much theological depth can be conveyed in the tiniest piece of woodcarving is frankly jaw-droppingly amazing.

The talk will look at a number of pieces, but focus especially on the SS Hubert & George Rosary Bead, which is housed in the Wallace Collection in London, and can be viewed any day of the week for free. We hope to have a large audience for what should be a fascinating exploration of one of the great artistic accomplishments of this period.

Wine and nibbles will be provided as usual.