



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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24th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (page 160 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

FROM POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY ON SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING:

The Gospel presents the kingship of Jesus as the culmination of his saving work, and it does so in a surprising way.

"The Christ of God, the Chosen One, the King" (Lk 23:35,37) appears without power or glory: he is on the cross, where he seems more to be conquered than conqueror. His kingship is paradoxical: his throne is the cross; his crown is made of thorns; he has no sceptre, but a reed is put into his hand; he does not have luxurious clothing, but is stripped of his tunic; he wears no shiny rings on his fingers, but his hands are pierced with nails; he has no treasure, but is sold for thirty pieces of silver.

Dear brothers and sisters, today we proclaim this singular victory, by which Jesus became the King of every age, the Lord of history: with the sole power of love, which is the nature of God, his very life, and which has no end (cf. 1 Cor 13:8).

We joyfully share the splendour of having Jesus as our King: his rule of love transforms sin into grace, death into resurrection, fear into trust. It would mean very little, however, if we believed Jesus was King of the universe, but did not make him Lord of our lives: all this is empty if we do not personally accept Jesus and if we do not also accept his way of being King. The people presented to us in today's Gospel, however, help us. In addition to Jesus, three figures appear: the people who are looking on, those near the cross, and the criminal crucified next to Jesus.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 23 November: Saturday**
 10:00 Margaret Wall RIP 1st Anniversary
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 24 November: SUNDAY**
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 08:30 Henryk Pawelczyk RIP 20th Anniversary
 10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP 3rd Anniversary
 11:30 Bryan Cully RIP
- 25 November: Monday**
 10:00 Lawrence Pereira RIP
- 26 November: Tuesday**
 10:00 Holy Souls
- 27 November: Wednesday**
 10:00 Private Intention
- 28 November: Thursday**
 10:00 Wellbeing of Jude Joseph
 19:30 Elizabeth Murphy RIP
- 29 November: Friday**
 10:00 Wellbeing of Matilda Olatunji
- 30 November: Saturday SAINT ANDREW**
 10:00 Thanksgiving for the Lim Family
 ** Followed by Adoration **
 18:00 The Welfare of Coloma & All Catholic Education

MEETINGS

- Diversity Group Meeting:** TODAY (Sunday 24th) at 12.30pm (Small hall)
Ascent Group: Tuesday 26th at 10.45am (Small hall)
SVP: Tuesday 26th at 8pm (PRC)
Bible Study with Fr Tomasz: Wednesday 27th at 11.30am (Large hall)
RCIA: Wednesday 27th at 8pm (PRC) *Seasons of the Church - Living the Faith*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 584.51
Loose cash	£ 680.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2604.51

*** 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 will be a Diocesan collection for **Youth Sunday**.
 Next weekend we have our annual **Toy Collection**. Please see the note overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: 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, Daniel Aherne, Shiri Maharaj, Mary McPhillips, Keith Carder, Florence Moynihan, Mary Fernandez, Josefa Martin Muniz, Arthur Halliday, Gertrude Chandler, Eric Hope Smith, John William Davis, Betty Cox

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

24th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens

1st December: Theresa Rodgers

8th December: Glen Flynn

15th December: Frank Nelson

22nd December: Pat Jordan

29th December: Kieran White

5th January: Theresa Rodgers

12th January: Frank Nelson

- Many thanks to our Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your continued support of our events.

- The *Pyjama Appeal* in partnership with St Mildred's Church was very successful; we have collected two large boxes of Pyjamas for young people in Hospitals, Hospices and Women's Refuge Centres.

- The *ABBA Angels Tribute Evening* was very well attended. The event raised £4,500.00; these resources will be split between CLAPA (Cleft Lip & Palate Association) and NICU (Neuro Intensive Care Unit) at St George's Hospital, Tooting.

- The *Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner* will be on Sunday, 1st December from 12.30pm. This event is open to members of our Lady's Parish Community & Members of the Social Club; entertainment will be provided by Kieran White **To reserve a place at the Dinner, call Pat Winston on 07734 250375.**

- The *Bee Gees & Barbra Streisand Tribute Evening* featuring all of their hits over the last 40+ years takes place on Friday, 6th 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 DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent deaths of **Joan Motts** and **Joséphine Hannan**.

Joan's funeral takes place here at Our Lady's on Fri 6th December at 10am, Josephine's is also here on Friday 20th December at 10am.

Also, **Attracta (Tatty) Slater** (wife of John mother of Marie, John and Denise) whose funeral will take place at St Mary's W. Croydon.

May they all Rest In Peace.

ADORATION - Saturday 30th Nov 10am - 12pm in Church

Please join us for Mass, Confession, Healing prayers & Prayer ministry. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the small hall.

All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS WITH FR TOMASZ

Topic for this week: *The Faithful Love of God in the Old Testament*

TOY COLLECTION 30th NOVEMBER / 1st 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!*

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 commencing 13th January 2025.

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

HOUSEBOUND & WANTING COMMUNION?

Do you know of any parishioners who are housebound and unable to come to Mass? Would they like to receive Communion at home? If so, please contact the parish office with their details, and home visits can be arranged for those in need.

For Collection:

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

Baptism Certs: Should be collected from the parish office

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2025 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 between **Monday 18th November and Friday 6th December.**

REPOSITORY SHOP: Advent Calendars, Advent candles, Christmas cards and more, now available in the Repository. Post your cards early for Christmas!

WELDERLIES FESTIVE CHEER

Thanks to the parishioners who attended our successful Welderlies Brunchette Meet-Up celebrations last Thursday, and to Sarah Turner for doing our lovely themed birthday cake.

Our Welderlies Festive Cheer is on **Wednesday 18th December in the large hall, from 1 - 5pm.** Book for a 3 course sit down meal, meat/veggie option, assorted warm welcome drinks plus Christmas themed entertainment at a subsidised fee of **£10.**

Text Sylvia **07375 824615** to book & for menu by 11th Dec. *Thanks!*

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

TODAY (Sunday) 2 - 4pm in the Large Hall

Bring garden clippers/scissors, gloves, and any candles, greenery or decorations you wish to add.

YOU'RE INVITED: EVERYONE'S NATIVITY SERVICE

Sunday 15th December 2 - 3.30pm

Join us in the church for an interactive and family friendly reading of the Nativity Story. Dress as a Nativity character to help bring this special story to life. Costumes can be as simple or as elaborate as you like. We don't mind how many Marys, Josephs, donkeys, innkeepers, stars, shepherds, wise men, angels or kings - the more the merrier!

After the service, which will last for around 30 minutes, there will be arts & crafts activities and refreshments in the large hall.

Any questions please contact Sophia: slinehanbiggs@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Saturday 30th November 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at

St Scholastica 17 Kenninghall Road Clapton London E5 8BS

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

JOB VACANCY AT ST CHAD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Chad's is a popular and successful inner city Catholic primary school, graded GOOD by OFSTED (Jan 24). We are a happy, caring, two-form entry school. **We are looking to appoint a Caretaker.**

Visit our website for more details - www.stchadsprimaryschool.com

Closing date 29th November. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed by appointment, please phone 020 8771 3470 to arrange.

WRAP-AROUND CARE ASSISTANT NEEDED

£15 per hour

Due to increasing demand, St Thomas Becket school is looking to appoint a member of support staff to work at our popular breakfast and/or after school clubs. (candidates can express an interest in working at one or both). Breakfast club hours are 7.15am to 9am and after school club hours are 3pm - 6pm Mon - Fri. The role is term-time only. Key duties will include supporting primary school age children with play and helping to prepare meals. Full training will be provided. As the role involves working with children, an enhanced DBS certificate will be required. Please contact the school office on 0208 654 3006 or email admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk for further details.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of church. **Please place the envelope in the secure 'offertory' box in the Lady chapel.** Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.