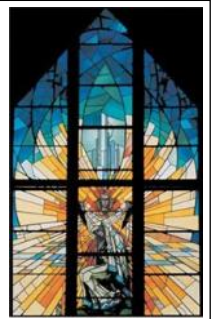




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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24th December 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent (page 90 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Fr. Tomasz, Fr. Keith, Jacqueline and the family
would like to wish you all a

Merry Christmas

And a



Happy New Year!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note that the parish office is now closed for the Christmas break and will reopen on **Thursday 4th January 2024**. The next newsletter will be published on **Sunday 7th January 2024**.

Mass Intentions for next week are shown overleaf.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 2nd Jan at 8pm (PRC)
RCIA: Wednesday 3rd Jan at 8pm (PRC)
Ascent Group: Tuesday 9th Jan at 10.30am (Small Hall)
Adult Catechesis: Wed 10th Jan at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 586.51
Loose cash	£ 725.92
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2602.43

Mass Intentions This Week

23 December: Saturday

10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP
18:00 Dec. Mems. of the Carey Family & Maureen Walsh RIP

24 December: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 Margot Evans RIP
10:00 Ints of the Turner & Stonebridge Fams
11:30 Maria Morris RIP & Malec Family Ints

*** Christmas Day Vigil Masses ***

18:00 All Parishioners
23:30 21st Birthday Wishes for Alvin Jude Vethanayagam

25 December: Monday

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

08:30 Eileen Chesher RIP
10:00 Betty McHugh RIP
11:30 Robert Maxwell RIP

26 December: Tuesday SAINT STEPHEN

10:00 Margaret Joseph & Her Intentions

27 December: Wednesday SAINT JOHN

10:00 Mr & Mrs Abiodun RIP

28 December: Thursday FUNERAL MASS THE HOLY INNOCENTS

10:00 Margaret Wall RIP
19:30 Caroline Koch RIP

29 December: Friday

SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

10:00 Mijella Buckley RIP 2nd Ann.

30 December: Saturday

10:00 Owen McNally RIP
18:00 Bamse RIP

31 December: SUNDAY

THE HOLY FAMILY

08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 Kevin Quinn RIP
11:30 Anthony McGuane RIP 2nd Ann.

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

COLLECTIONS: The *Christmas Day* collection, is your personal offering to Fr Keith and Fr Tomasz *and is separate to your usual Sunday offering*. Those on the Gift Aid scheme should use their designated envelope for Christmas Day please. **CRIB OFFERINGS** will be given to The Friends of the Holy Land & The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Southwark Crisis Fund.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Arthur Gateley, Jacqueline Phillips, Kathleen McCarthy, Mary L. Conway, Ruby D'Souza, Celso Donsion, Ellen Clarke, Eileen McGarey, Sr. Dierdre O'Neill, Sandra Clark, Michael Stammers, Thaddeus Curry, Martin Curry, Ernest Gray, Margaret Rowe, Joseph Gatt, Adelio Crovato, John Joseph Daly, Benta Carneiro, Kitty Ivory, Baby Jack Mack, Immaculada Halsackda, Canon Ernest Wake, Kathleen Kelleher, John Fitzgerald, John Harmer, Rose Holmes, Richard Mould, Helen Kilkelly, Victor Winchester, James Cruickshank, Leonard Gomeze, Joseph O'Hanlon, Steven Grosser, Julia Miller, Hugh McGovern, Tom O'Sullivan, Norman D'Cruz, Kitty Duggan

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

31st December: **New Year's Eve Party** - Ally Harron/Marian Curry

7th January: Kieran White

14th January: Theresa Rodgers

21st January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

28th January: Cross Keys

4th February: Finbar & Paul

11th February: Shane & Mervyn Owens

18th February: Kieran White

- The winners of the 200 Club Across Draw for December 2023 are:

£200: Brenda Morgan £100: Danny O'Donovan

£50: Noel Valapinee

Cheques have now been sent to all of the winners. If you would like to join **the 200 Club**, please go to the website (www.anerleyacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

- Thank you to our Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of the **Frankie Valli Tribute Evening**. The event raised approx. £3,100.00; these resources will be used to take a party of disable people to Lourdes in June.

Our Senior Citizens' Lunch was very successful with a large number of Guests in attendance. We are very grateful to our Catering Team for an enjoyable & wholesome meal and to members of the **Addiscombe Youth Club** for proving Waiter/Waitress service to our Guests.

During the last week, we have sent a cheque to the value of £1,000.00 to St Mildred's Church to support their Community Dinner on Christmas Day.

- The **New Year's Eve Party** takes place on Sunday, 31st December from 7.30pm. Guests will be invited to bring Party Food to the event & Entertainment will be provided by **Ally Harron & Marian Curry**. Admission will be by Ticket: Members - £5.00 & Guests £6.00. **To reserve Tickets call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

- On Friday, 19th January, there will be a **Quiz Night with a Fish & Chip Supper**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Critical Care Centre at King's College Hospital to provide **Music Therapy for patients recovering from serious head injuries**. To reserve tickets at £15.00 each, please call **Sheila Jordan on 07921 235141**.

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Alfreida Schembri**. Details of her funeral, which will be held here at Our Lady's, will be published shortly.

Please pray for Alfreida and her family at this very sad time. May she **Rest In Peace**.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING TRAINING

www.thelisteningear.org.uk

Do you have a listening ear? Do you have some spare time to give as a volunteer? Are you aged between 18 - 90?

Why not join our 50 hour training course starting in January!

Contact us for an information pack now! Woodside Bereavement Service, Waterside Centre, 26 Avenue Rd, London SE25 4DX.

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AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for **years 1 to 'A' level**
On **Sundays** in **Our Lady's small hall** between **1 - 7pm**.

To register your interest please contact:

Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009

Mass Intentions Next Week

1 January: Monday

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 Wellbeing of Brenda Neaves

2 January: Tuesday SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

10:00 K Adaikalam RIP 2nd Anniversary

3 January: Wednesday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Maria Hernandez RIP

4 January: Thursday

THE BEATIFIED MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE

10:00 Edward Foong Sum Tye RIP

19:30 Phyllis Walsh RIP

5 January: Friday

10:00 Alwyn Cornabe RIP

6 January: Saturday

10:00 David Warner & John Boswood RIP Anniversary

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

7 January: SUNDAY - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Peter Enahoro RIP

11:30 David Warner RIP

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP

(Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the SMALL Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

9th Jan: CaFE Video on Reflections on the Creed - Why we believe.

ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL

From 9.30am every Monday - Saturday

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

The adult catechesis talks will stop over the Christmas period and resume in January.

Topic for 10th January: Transgenderism

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES

The parish sends Ernie & Mary Jayawardena its congratulations and very best wishes for their 50th wedding anniversary on 27th December 2023. May God continue to bless them into the future.

ST THOMAS BECKET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Applications for Reception Class 2024

A reminder that the closing date for all applications for Reception 2024 class is **15th January 2024**. This is the deadline for both SIF (supplementary information forms) and the online 'e-admissions form'. To ensure your application is ranked as high as possible, SIF forms should be accompanied by the original baptism cert (child & 1 parent, birth cert, proof of address x 2, and a priest's reference. **If you have any questions about the application process please contact the school office.**

Diarmuid Skehan (Headteacher)

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For Collection: D O'Donovan, UCM

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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