



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

24th June 2018 The Nativity of St John the Baptist (page 167 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Saint John the Baptist commands our interest because he is a witness. By his witness, he reminds us that we are called to be witnesses. And in any age, to be a witness is challenging. The witness of John the Baptist begins with his birth.

An angel announces his birth to a woman well beyond childbearing years. His father is struck dumb for his disbelief. As an infant, John, leaps in his mother's womb when he is in the presence of the Messiah's mother.

Upon his birth, he is given not his father's name, but rather the name, John, which translates "Yahweh is gracious". His miraculous beginnings give witness to a sacred world, a world reaching beyond time and space.

As an adult, his chosen surroundings bear witness to a different reality. John is a man of the desert. Within his solitude he is able to hear the voice of God.

John's manner of dressing bears witness as well. He does not clothe himself in the garments of the leaders of his day. Even John's food bears witness to the blessedness of a simple life. People cannot resist a witness like John.

Many people provide messages that they themselves do not live up to. But John not only preaches a message, he is the message. Because his beliefs and his actions are one and the same, people listen to what he says. He is an authentic witness because he himself is authentic. His message is effective because he is completely empty of himself. He does not preach himself. He points to someone beyond himself.

AGM Reports are available on line and on the display at the back of church.

Mass Intentions This Week

23 June: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
18:00 Alice Marion Wolfe RIP

24 June: SUNDAY

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

08:30 Martin Dwyer RIP *
10:00 All Parishioners *
12:00 David Kingston RIP 1st Anniversary +

25 June: Monday

10:00 Katie Keehan RIP

26 June: Tuesday

10:00 Intentions of Jane Frances

27 June: Wednesday

10:00 Johnson Periera RIP

28 June: Thursday

10:00 Intentions of Kay & John Devereux

VIGIL MASS FOR SS PETER & PAUL

19:30 Michael Kelly RIP

29 June: Friday SAINTS PETER & PAUL

07:00 Joanna Byrne & Thomas Murphy RIP
10:00 Intentions of Jim Daly & Family

30 June: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
18:00 Rodrigues Family & Friends RIP

1 July: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Margaret Warnock RIP
10:00 UCM: Baby Donnch  O'Donovan RIP
1st Anniversary
12:00 Patrick Clancy RIP

+ With Baptism

* With Children's Liturgy

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM A

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 631.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 566.75
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2172.75

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Day For Life* amounted to £666.97. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *Peter Pence* (Gift-Aid-able). Next week there will be a retiring collection in aid of the UCM, with proceeds going towards the Refurbishment of the Croydon University Hospital Children's Cancer Ward.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Jos  Fernandez, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Julia Herneman

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Michael Kerepecki, Bridget O'Sullivan, Herbert Harwood, Kathleen Haffenden, Kathleen Clark, Martin Cullen, Peter Payne, Katherine Mullins, Eslyn Earl, Maurice Bird, Marjorie O'Sullivan, Cecilia Ann Fennell, Michael Conroy, Bridget Teresa Rowland, Elisabetta Velitani, Charles Kevin O'Sullivan, Dr. Edmund Dias, Stan Emmanuel, Eric Jones, Baby Donncha O'Donovan, Phyllis Steele, Bill Crinnegan, Eric O'Connell, Christopher Benham

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 24th June: TR Dallas
Sunday, 1st July: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 8th July: Kevin Keys
Sunday, 15th July: Ally Harron & Marion Curry
Sunday, 22nd July: Finbar & Paul
Sunday, 29th July: Tom Healy

Coming soon
Freddie Mercury Tribute Evening

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/2019

If your child is in a Catholic School and will be 7 years old or older by 31st August 2018 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website or see one of the priests after Mass. 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 **no later than Sunday 15th July 2018**. A date for the first parents' meeting will follow shortly.

ACCOMMODATION TO LET: Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association has a ground floor one-bedroom flat and a large, ground floor studio to let in Addiscombe, close to the shops, buses and tramlink. Applicants should be 55+, not a homeowner or have savings or equity over £30,000 and able to live independently. If interested and for more details, please email secretary@ACHA.com. If you do not have access to email, call the Accommodation Officer on **07921 868011** or the Parish Office on **8654 1709** who will pass on your information.

BROWNIE UNIT LEADER NEEDED!!

A new unit leader and helper is required for the Brownie group which is held on Tuesdays from 4.30 - 6pm, if anyone is interested please contact **Denise** on **07958 226696**.

If no one comes forward the unit will most likely close.

UCM PROSECCO & SHARED MEAL EVENING Wednesday 4th July from 8.15pm in the Large Hall

Come along & help support the refurbishment of the Croydon University Hospital Children's Cancer Ward. **Entry is £5** (includes 2 glasses of fizz!) - see poster in the porch for more details.

The 10am Mass coffee morning on 1st July, hosted by the UCM is also in aid of this worthy cause - please come and support us!

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDRENS' (SVP) SUMMER CAMP Aldham Essex

This is a activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows

- **Week One Saturday 21st July to 28th July for Boys**
- **Week Two Saturday 28th July to 4th August for Boys**
- **Week Three Saturday 4th August to 11th August for Girls**

It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Should you require an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>. For any enquiries then please email the boys camp at boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls camp at girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION MEETING - BEYOND BIG BANG Wed 27th June 7.45 for 8pm - Laleham Lea School, Purley

The speaker is Canon Frank O'Sullivan whose talk will be based on his booklet Beyond Big Bang exploring the relationship between science and Christianity. A small donation is requested and light refreshments are provided. **The meeting is open to all.**

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 26th at 8pm (PRC)
J & P Group: Wednesday 27th at 7.30pm (PRC)
Refugee Support Group: Thursday 28th at 7.30pm (Small Hall)
**** NEW SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME ****

SUMMER FAIR 2018

St. Thomas Becket Primary School

Our Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 30th June from 2 - 6pm. Please join us for an afternoon of fun including Inflatables, Becket BBQ, Bar, Pimms Tent, Cakes, Tombolas, Smash the Plates, Grand Draw, Pocket Money Stall, Face painting etc.

COLOMA SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday 7th July 12 - 4pm - In honour of Mrs Meyer

The Coloma Parents' Association are holding a Summer Music Festival in honour of Mrs Meyer, at Coloma Convent Girls School. **Entrance is £2 per adult and 50p per child.** The day will include performances from past and present Coloma pupils as well as external acts (i.e. Pop Choir). There will be a BBQ, Beer/Pimms Tents, Human Demolition and large slide inflatables, as well as tea/scones, tuck shop, grand raffle etc.

We hope you can support this event, everyone is welcome. If you would like more details please send an email to coloma.pa@hotmail.co.uk.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

All members of the Scheme are reminded that only **GREEN** (or **Yellow** for 2nd Collections) Gift Aid envelopes can be used this year.

There are GREEN (OR YELLOW) spares available in the church porch that simply need you to note your number (or full name).

**THERE ARE NOW 23 ITEMS FOR COLLECTION -
PLEASE, PLEASE TAKE THEM THIS WEEKEND!**

Please would the generous donor with envelopes No. 288 contact me via the Parish office as soon as possible. Jenny Mitchener

ADDISCOMBE UNITY CLUB (For the Over 60's)

Do you want to meet new friends and take time out to have a good chat? Come and join the Addiscombe Unity Club - we meet every **Friday** from **1.45 - 3.45pm** in the **large hall**. There is a varied programme of entertainment, theatre visits and outings. Weekly raffles and refreshments!

Contact **Mary Kingman** on **8406 5377**.

THE JUBILATE CHOIR: Will be holding a **WORKSHOP DAY** on **Sat 30th June (10am registration)** at **St Matthew's Church**, Chichester Rd. This will be led by Janet Haney, their conductor and Susan Waters, Professor of Singing at Guildhall School of Music & Drama. We are very fortunate indeed to have Susan who has previously trained the chorister at Cambridge & now works with students who will perform in the Opera Houses. We shall study the Vivaldi Gloria and the Rutter Gloria. Come along - it will be a very good day! (Angela Yates 8654 3041)

FUNERAL MASS OF FR SEAN HEARTY: Will be at **12 noon** on **Thursday 5th July** at **Good Shepherd, New Addington**. Full details can be found on the Archdiocese of Southwark website.

THE CONSIDINE FAMILY: Would like to express their sincere thanks to Our Lady's parishioners for the kindness and sympathy shown to them in their recent bereavement, and a very special thank you to Canon Michael O'Dea and Fr Keith Sylvia for all the comfort, help and support given to the family. Mass will be offered for your intentions by Fr Denis.

Items for collection: L Barreto Montero, K Evans, P Hines, L Padain, D Pop, I Rodrigues-Castro, N Kennedy, I Thorpe, D Tran, M Blower, K Burnett, I Tercsi-Dajka, O Remedios, S Fernandes, D Pears, Ellen Coppinger, Elizabeth Coppinger, L Adewebi, Michael Craig, E Fitzgerald, P Mulligan, W O'Sullivan, C Townsend, P Young, E Thompson, B Foley

Baptism certificates: R Salton, J Cabrera, D Hall, Taggart

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