



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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25th February 2024 Second Sunday of Lent (page 151 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Today in our Gospel we here Marks account of Jesus's transfiguration at the top of the mountain. We give thanks to God for transfiguring our lives through faith, and ask him to make us strong in our resolve to follow the path faithfully, resisting the temptations that come our way. But, more importantly, to trust like Abraham trusted even when it seems that what is being asked of us is unthinkable, beyond our power to endure. It is at these times when we are closest to God, sharing in Christ's passion, the passion that led to glory.



Please remember in your prayers our RCIA candidates this year:

William, Richard, Remi-Lou, Leena and Ryan.

SPECIALIST HELP NEEDED

Our office computers are 10+ years old now and beginning to drive our secretaries to an early grave. We need a specialist to do one of two things; revive them and bring them back to life (beyond the normal defrag etc), or help us to migrate IN FULL the contents of our current hard drives to new machines. If that is something you know you can do blindfolded would you consider offering a few hours of your time. Please email the office with your details so they can book an appointment with Fr. Keith to discuss the best way forward.

DOUBLE PARKING

Has become a significant issue most weeks. Please do not double park. In order to ease the situation could I ask, if you are not going home immediately after Mass for any reason (attending coffee morning etc), that you move your car onto the street. This would allow those attending the next Mass to have access to the same number of spaces that you enjoyed when you arrived.

fr Keill.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 24 February: Saturday**
 10:00 Martha Sam Vu RIP
 18:00 Margot(RIP) & Michael Evans Wed Ann
- 25 February: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Paul Antoine RIP 12th Ann ~
 11:30 Zena Marshall RIP
- 26 February: Monday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Clara Gosine RIP
- 27 February: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Michael Beasley RIP
- 28 February: Wednesday**
 10:00 Veronica Mahon RIP
 15:45 *Stations of the Cross*
- 29 February: Thursday**
 10:00 Wellbeing of Derek Bentley and Marieline Brackin
 19:30 Intentions of the Kpangni Family
- 1 March: Friday SAINT DAVID**
 10:00 Joseph Simons RIP
 19:00 *World Day of Prayer Service*
- 2 March: Saturday**
 10:00 William Cornabe RIP
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 3 March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
 08:30 Maria Harris RIP
 10:00 UCM: For All Mothers
 11:30 Thanksgiving for Godday Ejemear & Family +
- + *With Baptism*
 ~ *With Uniformed Groups*

MEETINGS

- SVP:** Tuesday 27th at 8pm (PRC)
Adult Catechesis: Wed 28th at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)
RCIA: Wednesday 28th at 7.30pm (PRC) *The Scrutinies Explained*
Young Catholic Adults' Fellowship: Friday 1st at 7pm (PRC)



Hearing Loop
 Switch hearing aid to T-coil

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 410.66
Loose cash	£ 821.50
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2522.16

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **Clergy Support Fund** amounted to £1041.50. Many thanks.
 This week there will be a second collection for **CAFOD (Family Fast Day)**. Please pick up an envelope in the porch.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary, Anna Maria Caruana, Arthur Hughes & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Peter O'Flynn, Elizabeth Comber, Sian O'Hara, Kevin Sweeney, Brian Linnane, Kathleen Milmo, Bartolomeo Argenziano, Baby Alexander Partridge, Hanora Daly, Immacolata Di Meo, Antonietta Catley, Michael Grogan, Anne Rogers, Inocencia Fernandes, Vincent McLaughlin, Rose Barker, James Reid, Richard Molyneux, Marshall Weetman, Lancelot Baptiste, Bridget Baptiste, Andonieta Mansi, Patrick O'Hare, Doris Wilson, Stephen Walker, Mary Hoey, Daniel Chambers, Sarah Burnett, May Pick, Thomas Byrne, Philomena Clark, John Izzie, James Dalrymple-Alford, Patrick Coffey, Marian Hayward

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

18th February: Kieran White

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

3rd March: Pat Jordan

10th March: Glen Flynn

17th March: **St Patrick's Day** - Frank Nelson

24th March: Shane & Mervyn Owens

31st March: **Easter Sunday Special** - Kieran White

7th April: Theresa Rodgers

14th April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs take place at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon, CR9 7AT on Wednesday evenings from 5:45pm - 7:00pm; they will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- **Our St Patrick's Celebrations include:**

Sabrina Fallon & Shane Moore appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 15th March from 7:30pm. There will also be a display of Dancing by the **Keady Academy of Dance**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Place to be Cafe, Purley**; a Social Club for older people living with **Dementia** and **their Carers**. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling **Pat Winston on 07734 250375**. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

Frank Nelson & Michael Howard will be with us on St Patrick's Day: Sunday, 17th March from 7:30pm. The Castlerea Brass & Reed Band will also give a display of Music. Admission will be by Ticket: Members - £5.00 & Guests £6.00. **To reserve Tickets call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

LENTEN MASSES IN C.U.H.

There will be Mass in the Hospital Chapel at 12 noon on Monday 4th, Monday 11th and Monday 25th March. **All are most welcome.**

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Dear Parishioners, you are invited to the Diversity Support Group meeting on **Sunday 3rd March at 12.30pm** in the **large hall**. Discussions will be around '*Counting our blessings and moving forward*'. Come and appreciate our achievements and plan for an exciting future. Thanks, peace and blessings Sylvia.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

This group for ages 23 - 35, meets *fortnightly* on a **Friday evening in the PRC at 7pm**. Our next meeting is on **1st March**. Please join us!

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING: We can only accept the small printer cartridges for recycling. Many thanks.

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.

5th March: Faith Journey by Bella

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz delivers catechesis for adults **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall.**

Topic for this week: Saints about the Eucharist & A Role of EMHC

For Collection: K Duignan

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Feb) Readers (Jan/Feb)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

On this day our Church will be one with people all over the world answering the call from Palestinian Christian women to "**Bear with one another in love**". The service seeks to reflect challenging times through scripture, reflection and prayer and encourages a deeper understanding about sharing the land and the humanity of one another.

The service commences at 7pm and the doors will be open at 6.30pm. Booklets will be handed out with singing, prayer and readings selected by Christian Palestinians as well as an updated prayer to reflect the current situation. There will be a collection for WDP during the service and light refreshments after. You are all welcome and we look forward to seeing you at the service on Friday.

COMMEMERATIVE SOUVENIR 2025 CALENDAR

Thank you for all your support so far. Last weekend was a successful start to collecting pledges for a date in memory of our deceased loved ones. This is an opportunity for ALL parishioners, new parishioners as well as long term parishioners and past parishioners who still have a connection to Our Lady's, to be part of the start of our centenary celebrations. Your loved ones do not have to have been parishioners.

There are still dates available for £20 per name of a loved one. If you are interested, please contact the parish office by email to addiscombe@rcaos.or.uk giving the name of the loved one and two preferred dates (to avoid disappointment) to reserve a date.

Payment is by cash or cheque (made payable to Addiscombe Catholic Church) in an envelope marked 100 with the name of your loved one, preferred dates and your contact number.

To keep the production of the calendar on target all payments must be received by Monday 25th March to confirm your requested entry into the calendar.

DOLLY LORNA MARY PARK

Can the person who requested a memorial date for the above named, please contact the parish office asap. Many thanks.

NEXT UCM MEETING: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS..... Wednesday 6th March - 8pm in the Large Hall

Ex prison officer Pauline Martindale, will be with us to talk about her experiences working in a prison. Everyone is welcome to attend.

£2 on entry

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 11.30AM MASSES

We are delighted to confirm that we will be holding Children's Liturgy sessions during some 11.30am Masses - with thanks to a new leader who has come forward to run them! The first one will take place at Mass on Sunday 28th April.

We are now recruiting a small team of volunteers to help, without whom we won't be able to offer these sessions. In terms of the time commitment, volunteers arrive 15-20 mins before Mass and carry out the role during the Mass itself. Volunteers usually help at 4-6 masses each year. No experience required — you'll be fully briefed before each session.

Helping involves setting up and resetting the hall, as well as supporting with arts and craft activities. There is no 'typical' volunteer — some of our existing team members are students in secondary school or sixth form, others are parents whose children attend sessions, whilst many are people who simply enjoy engaging with and encouraging our younger parishioners.

Could you help? If so, please contact **Sophia** on **07717 572791** or slinehanbiggs@gmail.com

'A DAY WITH MARY' PILGRIMAGES

Further information on A Day With Mary 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at www adaywithmary.org or email adwmary.uk@gmail.com

LALEHAM LEA SCHOOL OPEN WEEK

4th - 8th March 9:30 - 11:30am - email secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk to book your space. * *Limited spaces available for Y3 entry 2024.*

29 Peaks Hill, Purley, Surrey, CR8 3JJ Tel: 0208 660 3351.

ADDISCOMBE PARISH'S CENTENARY 2025

Did you know that next year, 2025, is the Centenary of the opening of the Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation?

The first Church opened on 11th October 1925 in the former "button factory" on the corner of Lower Addiscombe Road and Brockenhurst Road. It was a satellite of the Parish of St. Chad's. Our current Church was completed and opened on 8th December 1964, so this year we celebrate 60 years of continuous service in Bingham Road.

We are planning to produce a Souvenir Commemorative Calendar celebrating one hundred years of our Parish.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1. Have you any contacts in companies or work for organisations that would be willing to sponsor a month up to 12 months for advertising their logo?*
- 2. Has anyone got any contacts with a reliable designer and/or printing company that we can use?*
- 3. For costs and with details of the above, please email the Parish office. A letter has been written that can be given to companies and organisations with details of sponsorship.*
- 4. Have you any photos from any past events? Have you any of past Parish Priests? Any memories that you can share?*

Start searching those albums and attics now!

PLEASE HOLD ON TO THEM UNTIL WE ASK YOU FOR THEM!

Our plan is to have the calendars available for sale at the Autumn Fayre 2024. All monies raised will be for Our Lady's - decisions on how it will be used will be discussed in due course.

There will be other celebrations so watch this space in the months to come!

Many thanks

fr Keill.

fr Taman Marçal

and the PPC.