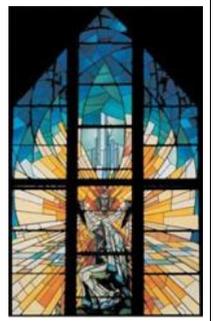




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 By appointment only

25th April 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter YEAR B

As we are celebrating the fourth Sunday of Easter as the Good Shepherd Sunday, and another significance of the day is known as the World day of prayer for vocations. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are his sheep, such heart touching symbolism and imagery. Who leads us into the ever green meadows and to the gush of running streams. He never allows us to be lost; if so he comes after us in search of us. He is always ready to lay His life for his flock. Many a times we deliberately stray from his love and mercy and explore for mundane comforts and pleasures.

Let's also pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. Let us seriously consider the value of the priesthood in our life. St. John Marie Vianney, the patron saint of all priests said, "Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption here on earth... What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods... Leave a parish for twenty years without a priest and they will end by worshipping the beasts there." Pope Benedict XVI is perfectly right when he said that without priestly ministry "there would be no Eucharist, no mission, not even the Church." Lets pray for our pope, bishops, priests and religious.

Fr. Jackson Sebastian

*As mentioned last week, we are all looking forward to the gentle easing of restrictions and a return to some sort of normality in our lives. One of the reasons we have coped so well here at Our Lady's is because we have a dedicated technical team, I think the term is 'massaging' our data base and co-ordinating our online presence. This is likely to need maintaining beyond COVID. So a huge thank you to Sarah Stone, Danny Ward and Herbert Biela for posting to the website, to Sarah Turner for updating Facebook, to Ben Sylvia for his work behind the iPad live streaming on Sundays, and to Pat Winston who has been doing the same at the funerals that take place mid week. It has been a massive effort. **THANK YOU!***

On the topic of live streaming, we are aware that the sound of our broadcasts is not on a par with those churches that have bespoke equipment installed. Estimates suggest we would need to spend 4-5k to install better hardware, then commit to an annual subscription to a third party should we want to continue this service beyond COVID. Apologies, and thank you for your understanding.

PLEASE NOTE: We now have a QR CODE for the church, which is displayed at all entrances and exits, for use by those who have the NHS COVID19 App. The church mobile number (also on display) for Track and Trace is still in use if you do not have the App.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 376.00
Loose cash	£ 381.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1732.00

Mass Intentions This Week

24 April: Saturday

10:00 Monica Grant RIP
 17:30 Joan McHugh RIP
 18:30 Anna Fitzpatrick RIP

25 April: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

09:00 Anthony McCloskey RIP
 10:00 Deceased Members of the O'Donnell & Sweeney Families RIP
 11:00 All Parishioners
 12:00 Mary Joyce RIP

26 April: Monday

10:00 Thanksgiving & Personal Intentions of Gertrude Onichabor

27 April: Tuesday

10:00 Federico Villaflores RIP

28 April: Wednesday

10:00 Marlene Federic RIP

29 April: Thursday

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

10:00 Kathleen Margot Evans RIP
 19:30 Julia Cultess-Morrison RIP 1 Month Ann

30 April: Friday

10:00 Bina Bowen RIP

1 May: Saturday

10:00 Rosemary Simons RIP
 17:30 Welfare of George Lazarus
 18:30 Harry Sweeney RIP

2 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

09:00 All Souls in Purgatory
 10:00 UCM: All Members & Their Deceased Relatives RIP
 11:00 Charlie 'Terence' O'Sullivan RIP (Month's Mind Mass & 90th Birthday) & Aiden Holder RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Mary Rayner, Jonathan Leiper, Sheila Quieros, Brian Kearney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Eve Emmanuel, Doris Pinto, Ellen Conroy, Rita Fido, Joe Garry, Norma Waddell, Cal McCarthy, Tom Thornton, Denzil Peters, Eva Molony, Margaret Brown, Edward Whelton, Marie Carter, Cora Geraghty, Olga Beaucasin, Sarah Rose Claudius, Kathleen Evans, Mary Avery, Trevor Rodrigues, Douglas Weidemann, Jean Crayford, Col. J.H.Craig, Cedric De Saa, Seamus Lacey, Tricia Urwin, Win Moloney

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - [07548 868418](tel:07548868418). Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

- A *Golf Day* followed by a *Gala Dinner & Dance* will take place at the *Farleigh Golf Club* on *Friday, 25th June*. All proceeds from the event will be given to the *Brain Tumour Charity* in memory of *Christy Jordan* who passed away in 2017 at 10 years of age having courageously battled with a Brain Tumour. Christy's passing touched thousands of lives and his story has raised *over £56,000.00* for the awareness of paediatric brain tumours.

The Golf & Dinner will be **£75.00** (inc. half a bottle of wine)

Dinner will be **£50.00** (inc. half a bottle of wine)

You can also support the event by *Sponsoring a Hole* at £50.00 or by *Donating an Item* for the Raffle or Auction

For more information, please contact **Sheila** on **07921 235141**

- *Sheila Jordan*, has recently completed the *200 club Across Draw* for April 2021; the winners are:

No. 5: Anne McLoone £100.00

No. 56: Rose McGlone £50.00

No. 94: Gertie Dolan £50.00

All winners will receive their cheques over the next few days. If you would like to join the *200 Club*, please go to the website (www.anerleyacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. **No task is too small - please make contact.**

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

RECENT DEATHS

It is with great sadness that we announce the recent death of *Aiden Holder* (Son of Angela) on Tuesday 20th April. We ask that you keep Aiden, Angela and his sisters in your prayers at this very difficult time. Also, *Peter Philipsz*, a longstanding parishioner formerly of Pleasant Grove. Our deepest sympathies go to both families and may their gentle souls **Rest In Peace**.

THE 16TH MIGRANT MASS

Is being hosted online this year by the Diocese of Southwark on **Saturday 1st May at 11.20am** from St. William of York, Forest Hill. In this, the Year of St Joseph, and in honour of St. Joseph the Worker, the Diocese of Westminster, Southwark and Brentwood come together to give thanks in celebration for the international nature of our churches, the work migrants contribute to our society, our concern for their welfare, welcome and human dignity. The main celebrant is Bishop Paul McAleenan. All are welcome. Please join the Mass at [Migrants Mass \(actionnetwork.org\)](https://www.actionnetwork.org)

GIFT AID BOXES

The new Gift Aid boxes for the year beginning in June 2021 will be prepared shortly. If there are any changes to your requirements, membership or address details, please notify me, *Jenny Mitchenor*, through the parish office email address, addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk, as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE BEAR GRYLLS TO VOLUNTEER FOR 28TH CROYDON SCOUTS!

We've already got one Chief Scout, and he's brilliant! What we need now are smilers and inspirers, activity planners and Zoomers - all round team players to support our young people.

The good news is you shape what you do and decide how much time you give. Scouts happens when a lot of us give a little (and no, you don't have to be a Scout or outdoors expert to volunteer). In particular, we are urgently looking for people to help on a Tuesday at our Beaver Colony (6 to 8 years old).

Contact groupscoutleader@28thcroydon.org.uk

AYC NEWS: We are delighted to inform you that AYC is now **OPEN** for young people school years 7-10. Please email Addiscombeyouthclub@gmail.com to register interest and receive our program of events.

TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

As members of the Church, we are encouraged to pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. Today we ask for your support of the Priest Training Fund, which pays for the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons and the good work of our vocations team. Please be generous to this appeal. *Your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the Priesthood for our Diocese.* There will be a donation envelope available at Mass today, which can be used to Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm, or via telephone on **020 7960 2504** (office hours Monday - Friday). Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As you may be aware from our recent update, community sponsorship programmes were abruptly halted in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Further to recent correspondence with the Home Office, we are now actively getting ready to welcome a family into our community. In preparation, we are:

1) Seeking volunteers to join the steering committee in the following roles:

- **Interpreter Lead:** you will ensure that the family have access to high quality translation and interpretation services.
- **Treasurer:** you will have financial oversight of the group's budgets, accounts and financial statements; ensure appropriate financial systems and controls are in place; have experience of record-keeping and account.

2) Resuming our search for a 3-bed, self-contained property. If you are a landlord who may have a suitable house available to rent in the next couple of months, please get in touch! Landlords will benefit from guaranteed rental income for two years.

If you would like to join the group or are a landlord who might have a suitable property to let, please contact us:

addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com / 07711 791729

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OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICE: Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

150th ANNIVERSARY

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ADVANCE NOTICE FOR FORMER PUPILS, PARENTS, STAFF, GOVERNORS AND FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION OF ST JOSEPH'S JUNIOR, INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOLS

In preparation for the 150th anniversary of the opening of St Joseph's School, we invite the submission of recollections, photos and memorabilia, which can be displayed in anniversary publications and at events. Please include a description of any items sent, name people in photos and add a date or occasion when the photograph might have been taken.

During the celebratory year, beginning in September 2021, there will be many opportunities to visit St Joseph's and to meet with other Alumni to mark this special milestone. Please help us spread the news to all those associated with St Joseph's.

To share memories of your days at St Joseph's, or to receive more information as the plans for the anniversary year unfold, please email your name and contact details to:

alumni@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you back to our wonderful schools.

The Federation of St Joseph's Junior, Infant & Nursery Schools,
Crown Dale, Upper Norwood, London SE19 3NX

<https://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk/>

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at **addiscombe@raos.org.uk**. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, *please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. *Many thanks.*

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.**
All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

***** THE REPOSITORY SHOP IS NOW OPEN!!! *****

So don't forget to pay us a visit!

HELPING CATHOLICS TO RETURN: Do you know a friend or relative who has been away from the church and would like support or encouragement to return? We invite them to contact a team that offers a **non-judgemental forum** to help them reconnect with their Catholic faith at: **landingsbeckenham@gmail.com**

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED FOR OUR LADY'S

Ann Marie Christian has stepped down as our lead safeguarding officer. **If you are experienced in this field** and think you would like to take up the role, please speak to Fr Keith. *Many thanks.*

Lord Jesus,

*When you walked with us on earth
you spread your healing power.*

*We place in your loving care all
who are affected by Coronavirus.*

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

*Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.*

*We lift our prayer to you Lord,
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.*

Amen.

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