



Our Lady of the Annunciation



Parish Priest: Fr. Keith Sylvia **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Jackson Sebastian
 147 Bingham Road, Addiscombe, Croydon CR0 7EN. Phone 020-8654 1709
 email: addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk website: www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com
 Diocesan website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk
 Office Hours: The office is currently closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 By appointment only

25th October 2020 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

The whole theme of the sacred Scripture is nothing but to love God above everything and love one's neighbour as oneself. Our love for God is tested and put into practice by the way we love our neighbour.

The first reading, taken from Exodus explains the second greatest commandment, namely, loving one's neighbours, especially the underprivileged. The chosen people of Israel should remember that once they were aliens in the land of Egypt. Just as God protected them and treated them kindly, so they are to protect others and treat them with kindness. Thus, they should become a humane society rooted in the basic religious concept of loving God living in their neighbour. In the Gospel today, Jesus combines the commandment to love God with the commandment to love one's neighbour and gives the result as the one Commandment of supreme importance in Christian life. Jesus underlines the principle that we are to love our neighbour as we love ourselves because, as God's children, both of us bear God's image, and to honour God's image is to honour Him. Love for our neighbour should not be a matter of feelings, but of deeds by which we share with others the unmerited love that God lavishes on us.

Therefore we need to love God: Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, in response to His total love for us, means that we should place God's will ahead of ours, seek the Lord's will in all things and make it paramount in our lives. There are several means by which we can express our love for God and our gratitude to Him for His blessings, acknowledging our total dependence on Him. We must keep God's Commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Bible and accept His invitation to join Him in the Mass and other liturgical functions. **We need to love our neighbour:** God's will is that we should love everyone, seeing Him in each of them. Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbour as Jesus loves him or her. This means we need to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone without discrimination based on colour, race, religion, gender, age, wealth, or social status.



*** CONFIRMATION MASSES ***

11am & 12pm on Sunday 1st November!

Confirmation will be celebrated over two Masses next weekend. We expect the church to be near, or at capacity. Therefore, unless you are part of the Confirmation group, we kindly ask that you attend a different Mass that day *if you are able*.

Many thanks.

Mass Intentions This Week

24 October: Saturday

10:00 John Larkin RIP

Followed by Adoration & Benediction

17:30 Welfare of Jason Tavares

18:30 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP

25 October:

THIRTIETH SUNDAY

09:00 Private Intention

10:00 Desire Toure RIP

11:00 All Parishioners

12:00 Martha & Abraham Pereira RIP

26 October: Monday

10:00 Peggy & Donal Kelleher RIP

27 October: Tuesday

10:00 Birthday Wishes for

Beaty & Sydney Fletcher

28 October: Wednesday

SS SIMON & JUDE

10:00 Sebastian & Maryla Gomez RIP

29 October: Thursday

10:00 Alan Dwyer RIP

19:30 James Murphy RIP

30 October: Friday

10:00 Sylvia, Lucas & Ubaldina DeSouza RIP

31 October: Saturday

10:00 Mary Marnane RIP Anniversary

Followed by Adoration & Benediction

17:30 Mary Good RIP

18:30 Graham Lightfoot RIP

1 November: SUNDAY ALL SAINTS

09:00 Holy Souls

10:00 UCM: All Confirmandii

**** Confirmation Mass ****

11:00 All Parishioners

**** Confirmation Mass ****

12:00 Patrick Larkin (Snr) RIP

IMPORTANT REMINDER



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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 740.62
Loose cash	£ 327.50
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2043.12

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, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Mary Ann Fowler, Anthony Brunson, Maisie Wyatt, Abina Martin, Sophie Jones, John Davis, Walter Elfer, Anastazy Kachellek, Richard Allen Wilding, Catherine Grogan, Innes Gosine, Matthew McCabe, Mark McDonald, Joseph D'Souza, Maria Mendonca, Albert Rocca, Nora Walsh, Edward Mobsby, Alan Dwyer, Peter Tuck, Douglas Morrison, Sean Gaffney, Patricia Aherne, Sylvia Desouza, Sylvia Pyne, Caroline Mozumder, Mary Good, Oscar Marshall, Anne Farrell, David Bassett, Maria Cowley, Michael Huggett

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - 07548 868418. 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.

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!

Daniel McNicholas has recently completed the October **200 Club Across draw**. The winners are:

No. 22: Niall Maguire £100.00
No. 125: Kathy McNelis £50.00
No. 106: Kathleen Denning £50.00

All winners will receive their cheques over the next few days. Thank you to Members who have renewed their membership of the **200 Club** and to those who have recently joined the Club. If you would like to join the **200 Club**, please go to the website www.anerleyacross.org.uk and download an application form.

The Social Club in partnership with Our Lady's Parish will launch the **Christmas Raffle** on the weekend of 24th/25th October to support three local charities; **The Lily Pad Appeal** (Children with Cancer) at Croydon University Hospital, the **Woodside Bereavement Service** and **St Mildred's Church** (Women's Refuge Project).

There will be a wide range of Prizes including, three cash prizes of £300.00, £200.00 and £100.00 plus ten additional prizes. All of the Prizes have been sponsored and they include:

- Cash Prizes of £300.00, £200.00 & £100.00
- 7 x £100.00 Christmas Hampers
- 4-Ball Golf Vouchers
- Meal Voucher
- 5 Tickets for the **Club Rossie: Win a Home in London**
- A case (1 Dozen) of Prosecco
- Signed Charlton Athletic FC shirt

Books of 5 Tickets - £5.00

To order Books of Tickets send an email to:

patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk or bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk

Tickets will either be hand delivered or sent by Post
Counterfoils & Monies will be collected by arrangement
Payments for Tickets can be made via Bank Transfer to:

Addiscombe Catholic Social Club

Sort Code: 60-01-04 A/C. No.: 41564138

Draw will take place on Sunday, 6th December at 12.45pm

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

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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020/2021

If your child is in a **Catholic School** and was 7 years old or older on 31st August 2020 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 **no later than Sunday 1st November 2020**. *The first parents' meeting is on Tuesday 17th November at 8pm in the church.*

*** REPOSITORY SHOP REOPENING ***

We are delighted to tell you that the **REPOSITORY SHOP IS NOW REOPEN!** *The opening times remain the same as they were prior to the pandemic.* Please bear in mind, **that due to social distancing measures the shop will operate a one in one out system.**

So please do pay us a visit - we have a wonderful range of Confirmation cards and gifts on display already, and our Christmas ranges will be available earlier than usual to give everyone a chance to bag a bargain!

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP: Invites everyone to Covid Reflections; a show of Solidarity and Fellowship to give thanks for courage, guidance, strength, forbearance and for continued graces to overcome all of what is ahead.

Also, joining hands to say 'Thank You' to everyone in their community for their support and kindness, and best wishes for the future.

Sunday 1st November, All Saints Day at 4pm

Via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89087017283>

Opening Prayers, Words of inspiration and blessings by Father Jackson plus contributions by parishioners.

Call **Sylvia** on **07870 508790** for more information.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. **Please place the envelope in the secure 'offertory' box at the back of church.** The list of names will then be placed in our Memorial chapel (in the Lady Chapel) and your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

HM Government

**WASH
HANDS**



**COVER
FACE**



**MAKE
SPACE**



NHS

*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.*

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 entrance, 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@rcaos.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 visit the Repository shop at the weekend, or see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday 9am – 10.50am
Saturday - 9am - 10.30am and 5pm - 7pm
Sunday - 8am – 12.30pm

The church will close between Mass times for cleaning

Sat	5.30pm	Family bubbles only
Sat	6.30pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	9.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	10.00am	Family bubbles only
Sun	11.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	12.00pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only

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

Please try to attend the appropriate Mass for your family situation ie: *only attend a family bubble Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm or Sunday at 10am, if there are more than 2 people in your bubble.* In recent weeks the Sunday 10am Mass has been at capacity, meaning some families were unable to attend. If we all attend at the correct allocated times, and do not take up pew spaces on our own when a whole family could be seated there instead, hopefully we will never need to turn parishioners away from church to maintain our safe social distancing measures. We will of course monitor the situation and make any changes to Mass arrangements we think necessary. *Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.*

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: If you are waiting to receive a Baptism certificate, please ring the Parish office to arrange a suitable time to collect from there. Many thanks.

ST THOMAS BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admission for Reception places in 2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 and you are considering our school, please visit our website and click the link on the Home Page - **Admissions Information for Reception 2021.**

Here you can find important information including our school admissions policy, a **Virtual Tour** of our school premises and advice on completing your application.

You can also view videos of our school produced by our school council and our digital leaders.

For more information on admissions, please visit our website at www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk and read our **Admissions Policy.**

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING 2020

Is now available on line at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_im9U2dAzKc

where you can hear from the Headteacher and students of the school.

We recognise that choosing a secondary school for your child is an important decision and hope that you will support St Mary's as the local Catholic mixed school in the heart of Croydon. Christ is the centre of our school and our core values of welcome, hard work and service are promoted in the Catholic ethos we share with students.

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Please remember that *the Parish office remains closed to the public.* This is especially important given Croydon's recent upgrade to 'Tier 2' of the new COVID measures. However, the secretaries are still working and are available to answer calls and emails during the usual office hours. Meetings can also be arranged by appointment. Thank you again for your patience during these difficult times.

LOST PROPERTY IN CHURCH: The shelving at the back of church is filling up with lost property again! Please check if there is anything of yours there, as it will be cleared after 12pm Mass next Sunday. Anything that hasn't been claimed will be taken to a local charity shop. Many thanks.

HEATING IN CHURCH

Many say that the best of this year's weather is behind us!! This brings us to the sticky subject of the ethics of heating the church through the autumn and winter months. Best practice in times of a pandemic must be maintained; doors open to avoid handling, space well ventilated, etc etc. There will be little point in having the heating on for extended periods before the church is occupied, and it may be that the heating is only effective for those sat right in front of it under these circumstances. To be honest, we just don't know! We do not want to burn gas and money without benefit. *Please be patient with us whilst we experiment, and be prepared to wear an extra layer if you are one who feels the cold.* Many thanks.

