



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

26th January 2020 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 127 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” This was the keynote address of Jesus upon the start of his public mission. Like John the Baptist, Jesus also uses the word 'Repent' in his initial utterances. There is thus continuity in their ministries. But while John asked the people to repent to prepare for the coming of the Promised One, Jesus, told the people to repent because 'the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Repentance is the response to Jesus' call to us. 'Repent' usually means to be sorry for, to regret some wrong actions we have done in the past. Jesus, however, is asking for much more than that. The call is not just to be sorry for past sins and not to do them anymore. It is a call for a change of direction from now on and into the future. The repentance Jesus speaks of implies a radical change in one's thinking; it means looking at life in a completely new way. It is only when we begin to make this radical change that we begin to become part of that Kingdom, that we begin effectively to come under the influence of God's power in our lives. We begin to see things the way God sees them and our behaviour changes accordingly.

Now, can be a very misleading term. To many, it may be identified with 'heaven,' the place 'up there' where we hope to go to after death, if we have behaved ourselves. Again, 'kingdom' for us suggests the territory ruled over by a king. But actually, it indicates more the power of being a king than the place over which one is king. To be in the kingdom, then, is not to be in a particular place, either in this life or the next. Rather it is to be living one's life - wherever we are - under the loving Kingly and Fatherly power of God. It is to be in a relationship of loving submission to one's God and Lord and to be in an environment where values like truth, love, compassion, justice, freedom and peace prevail.



Mass Intentions This Week

- 25 January: Saturday**
THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL
 10:00 Adriano Scalco RIP
 18:00 Adrienne Baptiste RIP
- 26 January: THIRD SUNDAY**
 08:30 Michael Beston RIP *
 10:00 Sarah & Owen O'Hara RIP *
 12:00 Dick Walsh RIP +
- 27 January: Monday**
 10:00 Maura Haron RIP
- 28 January: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 David Warner RIP
- 29 January: Wednesday**
 10:00 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP
- 30 January: Thursday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 John Boswood RIP
 19:30 Helen Cornabe RIP
- 31 January: Friday**
 10:00 Bryan Cully RIP
- 1 February: Saturday**
 10:00 Paul & Eileen Jennings RIP
Followed by Devotion
 18:00 Earl Brown RIP
- 2 February: SUNDAY**
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 UCM:
 12:00 Celso Gacio RIP +

* *With Children's Liturgy*
 + *With Baptism*

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 28th at 8.30pm (PRC)
1st Holy Communion Parents' Meeting: Tuesday 28th at 8pm (Large Hall)
RCIA: Wednesday 29th at 8pm (PRC) *Question Time*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team D

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 744.07
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 567.16
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1311.23

COLLECTIONS

Last week's second collection for *Pax Christi* amounted to £587.00. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *The Chelmsford Hospital Burns Unit* and *London Air Ambulance*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Rosa Lobo

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Elisabeth Piney, Eva Mahoney, Daniel Gorman, Ted Murphy, Marilyn Novell, Simon Quinn, Richard Walsh, Neil Dennett, Catherine Rocca, Arturo Braiotta, John Williams, Isabella Gallett, Raymond Burkin, Colin Grant, Peter You Than Lim, Sarah O'Hara, Mary Druce, Michael Kenny, Carmel O'Flanagan, Jeremiah Johnson, Sister Rita, Edward Gallacher, Lily Risso, Ron Edwards, Roy Cuming, Ralph Hoyle, Maura Waller, Margaret Maguire, Eileen Chesher, John Joyce, Geraldine Hanlon, Hilda Botell, Janice McNamara, Maggie Fitzgerald, Ewald (Frank) Szaszynek, Constance Hansen, Diane Hill, William McCarthy, May Carroll, Fr. John McKenna, Elizabeth Coomber, Zygmunt Torka, Baby Tamsin Taylor, Marie-Carmen Thatcher, John Santry

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

26th January: Pat Hayes

2nd February: Mary Rose & Her Band

9th February: Theresa Rodgers

16th February: Sean Wilson

23rd February: Mustang Showband

1st March: Eugene Doonan

8th March: Finbar & Paul

15th March: Frank Nelson

The **Bacon & Cabbage Dinner with the Strictly Come Dancing Competition** takes place on Friday, 7th February with Dinner served at 7.30pm. A vegetarian option will be available for Dinner. Tickets at £10.00 each are now available in the Church Hall or from Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. All proceeds from this event will be given to Anerley ACROSS; a charity which takes disabled children on an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes in June.

Coming soon:

- **Mick Flavin & His Band** on Friday, 13th March

- **Neil Diamond Tribute Evening** on Friday, 27th March

VALENTINE'S DISCO - SAVE THE DATE! 7pm on Friday 14th February in the Large Hall

DJ Lizzy playing Club Classics

Fun Games / Mr & Mrs Competition

Lucky Gift Bags / Cocktails 2 for 1 (Happy Hour 7 - 8pm)

Admission £10

To Reserve Your Ticket Please Contact

Sheila 07921 235141 Pat 07734 250375 Ben 07958 903410

For The Brain Tumour Charity In Memory of Christy Jordan

GAELIC FOOTBALL TASTER SESSIONS

There will be a series of Gaelic Football Taster Sessions for Boys born after 1st January 2006 commencing on **Tuesday, 4th February** and every week thereafter. The sessions will take place at St Mary's RC High School (enter via Tavistock Road) from 6pm and will conclude at 7.30pm. The sessions will focus on the key skills of the game. Participants will require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers. For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

BECOME A CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEER AT CUH!

The Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Team at CUH are looking for people who can; do ward visits / bring people to Sunday Service / Support the office with admin services. If you can spare 1/2 a day to one day a week, please think about joining our team.

Full contact details and our next training day dates with itineraries in April and May, are on the poster in the porch.

Your Local Hospital Needs You!

ACCOMMODATION TO LET

Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association would like to invite potential applicants to be on the waiting list for either studio or 1 bedroom properties. The properties are in Addiscombe, close to the shops, buses and tramlink. Applicants should be 55 plus, not a homeowner or have savings or equity over £30,000 and able to live independently.

If you are interested and require more details, please email carolinenestor@acha.org.uk. If you do not have access to email, call the **Accommodation Officer** on **07921 868011**.

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH AT 7PM IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH WILL YOU BE THERE?

This year's **World Day of Prayer** service has been composed by the women of Zimbabwe who encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and their hopes for the future and ask us to **'Rise! Take your mat and walk'** with them on their turbulent journey towards reconciliation.

If you would like to help with the service in any way, please contact Anne on anne.barcellos@btinternet.com. She is particularly keen to hear from anyone with Zimbabwean links so that we can integrate some local background into our service.

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!: The next quiz by Andy Bebbington - with Liz's famed ploughman's - for Citizens Advice Croydon will be on **20th March** in the large hall.

Teams of up to 8; **tickets £11 each or 8 for £80** (Form a team! Save money!) from lizbeb@gmail.com or **020 8777 4840**.

Buy before they all go ...

CAKE SALE FOR LONDON'S AIR AMBULANCE

12th Addiscombe Brownies raised **£86.31** through their cake sale last Sunday! Many thanks for your support.

TREASURER NEEDED: For 1st Addiscombe Guides. If you think you can volunteer to help in this role please contact **Louise** at 1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com or **07941 006863** for more details. Thank you!

ST MILDRED'S DROP IN APPEAL

The drop in centre is in desperate need of men's shoes / boots / trainers! If you have anything suitable which is still **WEARABLE** please deposit them in the box in the porch. Many thanks.

THE Z FACTOR - Bestowing Faith To A New Generation Sunday 2nd February at 4pm - St Mildred's Bingham Rd

FREE event (booking required). Poster in the porch with full details.

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**.

UPRIGHT PIANO - FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Has been tuned to concert pitch / Specialist removal needed

Contact **Clare** on **07779 782275**

JOURNEYS IN HOPE: Exhibition open every day. Charity art Auction on **January 30th**. Please book on eventbrite. Details at www.journeysinhope.com contact johnart85@outlook.com

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS 2019: Remaining photographs/certificates can now be collected from the Sacristy corridor.

Cadar / Owusu / Hedger

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

Items for collection: A Aitchison, M Parmionovas, A Hughes, Cadar, A Owusu, I Hedger, Paddy Ryan, S Turner, M Hennessey

Baptism certificates: D Faronbi, V Conkova, Z Mendoza, J Sweeney, L Taggart

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (February) Readers (January / February) Servers (February) Repository (January / March)

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