



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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26th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 129 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

In introducing the Jubilee year Pope Francis writes:

*'We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, **Pilgrims of Hope**. This will indeed be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity.'*

We are celebrating our own Jubilee year this year, mindful of the wider church in which we serve. The calendar produced to mark the year was gifted far and wide and we have received a few notable responses (the Vatican. The Apostolic Nuncio. The Cardinal Archbishop) posted on the notice board and on line as the third page of the newsletter.

Thank you girls, you know who you are!

There are a number of events being considered as we celebrate these Jubilees, the most important being the Archbishop's visit on Thursday 2nd October. Please keep an eye open in the newsletter.

Fr Keill.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 25 January: Saturday**
THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL
 10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP
Followed by Adoration
 18:00 Kevin Quinn RIP
- 26 January: THIRD SUNDAY**
 08:30 Carole (5th Ann.) & Brian Simpson RIP
 10:00 Sarah & Owen O'Hara RIP
 11:30 All Parishioners
- 27 January: Monday**
 10:00 Ellen Flanagan RIP
- 28 January: Tuesday**
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
 10:00 Wellbeing of Matilda Olatunji
- 29 January: Wednesday**
 10:00 Mildred & Francis RIP
- 30 January: Thursday**
 10:00 Johnny O'Sullivan RIP
 19:30 James Brady RIP
- 31 January: Friday SAINT JOHN BOSCO**
 10:00 Helen Cornabe RIP
- 1 February: Saturday**
 10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 2 February: SUNDAY**
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 08:30 Thelma Sheta RIP *
 10:00 UCM: Mary O'Sullivan RIP *
 11:30 Clare McNamara RIP

* *With Children's Liturgy*

MEETINGS

- Ascent Group:** Tuesday 28th at 10.45am (Small Hall)
SVP: Tuesday 28th at 8pm (PRC)
Bible Study with Fr Tomasz: Wednesday 29th at 11.30am (Large Hall)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 479.15 |
| Loose cash | £ 613.51 |
| S/Os (Approx) | £ 1340.00 |
| Total | £ 2432.66 |

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **Pax Christi** amounted to £448.20. Many thanks.
 The next Diocesan collection, for **Racial Justice Sunday** will be on 16th February.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr D Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: 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, Carmel O'Flanagan, Michael Kenny, Jeremiah Johnson, Sr Rita, Edward Gallacher, Lily Risso, Ron Edwards, Roy Cuming, Ralph Hoyle, Maura Waller, Margaret Maguire, Eileen Cheshier, Clara Gosine, John Joyce, Geraldine Hanlon, Hilda Botell, Janice McNamara, Peter Fitzpatrick, Maggie Fitzgerald, Ewald (Frank) Szaszyniek, Constance Hansen, Diane Hill, William McCarthy, May Carroll, Fr. John McKenna, Elizabeth Coomber, Zygmunt Torka, Baby Tamsin Taylor, John Santry, Marie-Carmen Thatcher

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

26th January: Cross Keys

2nd February: Finbar & Paul

9th February: Theresa Rodgers

16th February: Kieran White

23rd February: Barry Doyle & Sean Wilson

2nd March: TR Dallas

9th March: Pat Jordan

16th March: **St Patrick's Celebration** - Kenny Paul

- Thank you to our Parish Community and Members of the Social Club for your support of the recent **Quiz Night**. A massive **£3,000.00 was raised** to support Music Therapy for patients recovering from serious head injuries & brain injuries at the Critical Care Centre, King's College Hospital. These resources will provide music therapy for 140+ patients.

- The **Motown Tribute Evening** on Friday, 7th February & the **Declan Nerney & His Band Evening on Friday, 14th March are now completely SOLD OUT**. Admission will be strictly by **TICKET ONLY**. **No tickets will be available at the door**.

RECENT DEATHS

We regret to announce the recent death of **Mary O'Sullivan**. Mary was a parishioner here for many decades and will be sadly missed by all. Details of her funeral will follow once known.

Please remember Mary & family in your prayers at this time.

BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS WITH FR TOMASZ

Topic: *The Faithful Love of God in the Old Testament*

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS: A new rota is up in the church porch for anyone wishing to sign up and run one. Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) 7pm Friday 7th March At Our Church

This year our Church will celebrate with people all over the world the service prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands in the Pacific Ocean. The Islanders have celebrated 200 years of Christianity and their worship service invites us to recognise that God has created each one of us with great attention and loving care.

This beautiful service will include singing, prayer and readings selected by the Ecumenical women of the Islands and will last for about an hour. There will be a collection for WDP and light refreshments after.

We would be very grateful for attendees who will undertake reading roles, all simple and within the service booklet which will be available before the service. If you are interested, please let me know at Anne.Barcellos@btinternet.com.

All are welcome

and we look forward to seeing you at the service at 7pm.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Parish Ascent Group is part of "Life Ascending International". It is a Catholic movement for men and women who have reached a certain age in life. The three aims are first, developing Friendship, then growing in Spirituality and finally supporting the Church's Mission both at home and abroad.

All parishioners are very welcome to join us. We meet over tea and coffee to share in many different ways our understanding and experience of our Catholic faith, in the *Small Hall after 10am Mass on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.*

Tuesday 28th - Saint Benedict's way of praying Holy Scripture

OUR LADY'S CENTENARY CALENDARS

Every weekend this year, the names of our loved ones listed in the current week of the calendar, will be read out during the bidding prayers.

For Collection:

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Jan) Readers (January/February)

Baptism Certs: Should be collected from the parish office

ST THOMAS BECKET - MOSAIC FOR THE CENTENARY

St Thomas Becket School are designing and working on a mosaic to commemorate the Parish's Centenary. All classes are involved in the design which will reflect the life of our church community. The completed mosaic will be placed on the outside of the church on the empty board above the doors. This will be an ongoing project during this school year. Any expertise or donations towards the cost of the project will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school directly - **020 8654 3006** or www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk

REPOSITORY SALE!

There are a number of items in the repository which are in the sale **from after the 11.30am Mass** this week, for the next few weeks! These items will be in the small blue crates on the table under the general cards display. The price? A donation! What you feel you would like to pay for the items - donate!

LARGE HALL KITCHEN USE

We have recently had a clear out of the large hall kitchen, and hope to maintain it in good order. To this end, **please can all users ensure that ALL food (including bottled sauces etc) is removed from the fridge after each event and taken home**. We need to keep an empty fridge so that any person using the hall has full use of all the facilities. **Any food currently in the fridge, will be disposed off at the end of the month**. If you have left items in the kitchen, please remove them asap! *Many thanks for your co-operation!*

OLA GOLDEN PENNIES JARS

Thanks to everyone who collected a jar to fill and to all those who have dropped them back. We want to do the counting by end of this month so please do bring your jars in. Feel free to pick up an empty jar from the porch! Best wishes *Nike*

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to try and make them better.

There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship.

These BABM days start at 9.30am and finish by 4.30pm. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15th, East Sheen; April 12th, West Croydon; June 28th, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13th, Amigo Hall, Southwark.

More details – T: **07983 524727** or E: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025

Sunday, 16th February

St George's Cathedral, Southwark

Venue: St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY

Time: 10am (Please be seated by 9:45 AM)

Dress Code: Traditional attire (optional)

Special Feature: Bring a national flag to represent your heritage

After Mass: Refreshments and community gathering in Amigo Hall
See the poster in the porch for more details via QR code

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Hello Parishioners, thanks to all who supported us last year and we hope 2025 is progressing well for you and yours! You are warmly invited to our first meeting this year on **Sunday 2nd February** in the **small hall immediately after the 11.30am Mass**. We will discuss planned events for the year plus anything else of interest to you. All are welcome - especially newcomers! Hope you can make it. *Many thanks Sylvia sylviaaw3k@gmail.com*

HOUSEBOUND & WANTING COMMUNION?

Do you know of any parishioners who are housebound and unable to come to Mass? Would they like to receive Communion at home? If so, please contact the parish office with their details, and home visits can be arranged for those in need.