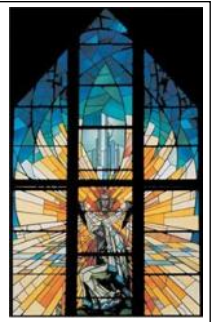




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter (page 262 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

The Fourth Sunday of Easter in Year A reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows each of us by name and calls us to follow Him with trust.

In a world filled with noise and distraction, His voice remains gentle yet persistent, guiding us toward peace and life. I once heard a story about a young boy who got lost in a crowded marketplace and began to panic as strangers tried to help him. Despite the confusion, he ignored every voice until he suddenly heard his father calling his name. Immediately, he ran toward that familiar voice, not because it was the loudest, but because it was the one he knew and trusted. In the same way, Jesus doesn't force us; He invites us to recognize His voice through love, truth, and faithfulness.

Sometimes we wander, drawn by other voices that promise happiness but lead us away from what truly gives life. Yet the Good Shepherd never stops searching for us, never stops calling us back. His care is personal, not distant; He walks with us, even through fear and uncertainty.

This Sunday invites us to ask ourselves whose voice we are listening to each day. And in choosing to follow Him, we find not only direction, but a love that never lets us go.

*Fr Cajetan*

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### PLEASE NOTE:

The parish office will be closed on Thursday 30th April & Friday 1st May, due to staff annual leave. **Therefore there will be no newsletter next weekend (2nd/3rd May).** Sorry for an inconvenience.

*Mass intentions for next week can be found overleaf.*

## Mass Intentions This Week

- 25 April: Saturday SAINT MARK**  
 10:00 Stanley & Stella Alby RIP  
 18:00 Karen Walsh RIP 1st Anniversary
- 26 April: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 08:30 Kathleen McSharry RIP  
 10:00 All Parishioners \*  
 11:30 Tony & Bernie Potter RIP +
- 27 April: Monday**  
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Christopher Nash's 50th Birthday
- 28 April: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Rosemary & Anthony Simons RIP
- 29 April: Wednesday SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**  
 10:00 Margot Evan RIP 6th Anniversary
- 30 April: Thursday**  
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Phong Tran  
 19:30 Irene Siepka RIP
- 1 May: Friday**  
 10:00 Derrick Bentley RIP
- 2 May: Saturday SAINT ATHANASIUS**  
 10:00 Wellbeing of Roddy & Margaret McGuinn  
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 3 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 08:30 Martin Preston RIP  
 10:00 UCM: Irene Siepka RIP  
 11:30 Anthony Muthu Seemampillai RIP

\* With Uniformed Groups  
+ With Baptism

### MEETINGS

- Ascent Group:** Tuesday 28th at 10.45am (Small Hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 28th April (& 5th May) at 8pm (PRC)  
**1st Holy Communion Parents' Meeting:** Tuesday 28th at 8pm (Large Hall)  
**UCM:** Wednesday 6th May at 8pm (Large Hall)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 531.51
Loose cash	£ 708.45
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2579.96</b>

### \*\*\* 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:

This week there will be a Diocesan collection for **The Priest Training Fund**. Please see the note overleaf.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Jonathan Leiper, Marie Griffin, Christina Cahill, Anthony Kennedy, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Mervat Nasri, John Wright, Holly Bland, Bernard Smith & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** 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, Margit Coombs, Karen Walsh, Mary Avery, Trevor Rodrigues, Douglas Weidemann, Jean Crayford, Col. J.H. Craig, Cedric De Saa, Seamus Lacey, Derrick Bentley, Eileen Evora, Tricia Urwin, Win Moloney, Norma Bird, Thomas O'Flanagan, Margaret Tuck, Johanna Meek

## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm*

26th April: *First appearance* - Anton  
3rd May: *Bank Holiday* - Theresa Rodgers  
10th May: Ally Harron & Marian Curry  
17th May: Shane & Mervyn Owens  
24th May: *Bank Holiday* - Kieran White  
31st May: Kevin Kearney  
7th June: TR Dallas  
14th June: Cross Keys

### Coming soon:

*The Radiators* - The UK's definitive 60s Band, bringing the authentic sounds of the 60s to the Social Club on Friday, 26th June. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Croydon Nightwatch Charity*.

*Shawn Cuddy & Curtis Magee* - Singing the Hits of the last 30 years on Friday, 10th July. All proceeds from this event will be given to *The Place To Be Cafe, Purley*: A Social Club for older people living with Dementia & their Carers.

## CALLED: AN EVENING ON VOCATION

Join us for **Called**, an inspiring evening for young adults aged 18-35 to explore and pray about your vocation.

Enjoy live music, powerful testimonies from married, priesthood and religious vocations, and a keynote from Bishop Gerard Bradley. The evening also includes Adoration, Confession, veneration of the relic of St John Henry Newman, and a social afterwards with drinks and nibbles.

**Thursday 30 April, 6:30pm**

**St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR**

*No need to book - just come along!*

## CELEBRATE YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The popular annual Marriage Mass will take place at St George's Cathedral on **July 11th at 3pm**. Couples celebrating special anniversaries this year - their first, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later anniversary - are invited to apply for places. They will then receive a personal invitation to the Mass from Abp John Wilson and have an opportunity to renew their marriage vows.

Apply to: [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

## PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Are you an Adult Catholic, perhaps already retired, and interested in some up-to-date on-going Faith Formation? Would you like to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

*Could you be free to join us in the Small Hall, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at about 10.45 after 10.00am Mass?*

On **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** we will welcome Sr. Priscilla, to lead us in 'Praying with Scripture'.

*We are also planning to visit Worth Abbey in May, to experience a day of Benedictine Reflection. More Details to come!! You could come to join us??*

## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH – ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS

Archbishop John Wilson has commissioned a series of short videos and worksheets to answer some of the most important and fundamental questions about our faith.

*For further details see page three of the online newsletter or the posters in the church porch.*

## RECENTLY DECEASED

We are sad to announce the recent death of *Nuala Beatrice Davies* (formerly of Greencourt Gardens, before moving to Nottingham). Nuala, aged 96, passed peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Please remember her in your prayers and may she Rest In Peace.

*Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (May) Readers: (May/June)*

*For Collection:*

*Baptism Certificates: Please collect from the Parish Office*

## Mass Intentions 4th - 10th May

**4 May: Monday THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

10:00 Martin John Preston RIP

**5 May: Tuesday**

10:00 Chris Dunbar RIP

**6 May: Wednesday**

10:00 Tom Corduff RIP

**7 May: Thursday**

10:00 Maria McManus RIP

19:30 Ursula Kennedy RIP

**8 May: Friday**

10:00 Intentions of Hazel Denton

**9 May: Saturday**

10:00 Anne France RIP

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

**10 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

08:30 Mary Rayner RIP 5th Anniversary \*

10:00 Christy Jordan RIP 9th Anniversary \*

*1st Holy Communion Family Mass*

11:30 All Parishioners

\* *With Children's Liturgy*

**THE FILM SHOW TEAM:** Would like to thank everyone who supported the show on 18th April. The attendance was the highest to date, and **£803.50** (including a generous donation from the Social Club) was raised for *Croydon Nightwatch*.

## UCM NEWS

**Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th May** when we will be having a talk by the homeless charity *Croydon Nightwatch*, one of our local charities we are supporting this year.

**All are welcome to attend, we meet in the large hall at 8pm.**

## WIDOWED, SEPARATED & DIVORCED?

If so, *Beginning Experience* is there for you. They are organising a weekend on 8 -10th May at Worth Abbey, West Sussex, to help you deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness.

Email [beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com) for details.

## \*\*\* NEW CARD MACHINES IN CHURCH \*\*\*

The observant among you will have noticed the card machines in church, which gives more flexibility when donating or paying for candles or the Repository. When using for the first time it does take a minute to enter Gift Aid details, but the good news is you only have to do it once.

*The best way to make your offering remains to do so by Standing Order each week, whether you Gift Aid or not.*

**Also**, you can now make a card payment for Mass stipends in the parish office. *This can only be done in person, not over the phone.*

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

- Donate online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am–5pm)
- Use the envelopes at the back of church

### Leave a lasting legacy to the Church

Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will. Find out more:

[www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy)

Thank you for your prayers and support.

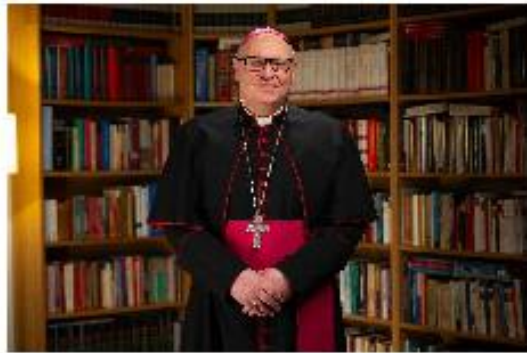




# ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK

## Ambassadors for Christ

*Building witnesses for the Lord Jesus and His Church*



**Ambassadors for Christ** is a new year-long video series from the Archdiocese of Southwark, created to help Catholics feel more confident talking about their faith so they can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

As interest in the Catholic Church continues to grow, many people find themselves asking big questions, or being asked them by friends, family and colleagues. This project offers clear, trustworthy answers through 52 short weekly videos, each presented by a Catholic priest and designed to be easy to understand, practical and rooted in the teachings of the Church. (The videos are 5-10 minutes each)

Each video has a supporting worksheet for personal use or for discussions in a group.

Full details are available on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist>

<https://rcaos.org.uk/worksheets>

The videos can also be watched on the Archdiocese You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1>