



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
 By appointment only

## 26th July 2020 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

### THE PRICELESS PEARL IN LIFE

In order to possess Jesus in one's life it is absolutely necessary to pay the price of sacrificing all what he/she has. This is indeed equivalent to being the owner of the pearl of great price. In the first reading of today when God said Solomon, "Ask what I should give you". He did not ask God for gold and silver but for the pearl of wisdom and knowledge to rule His people, thus Solomon became the wisest man the world ever has seen. . In the second reading, St. Paul teaches, that insight to recognize God's grace and use it, is indispensable for those who want to follow Him and to do His will, thus remaining in His Kingdom. He assures Rome's Christian community that "*all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*" In the Gospel Jesus speaks about something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that possessing it calls for a total commitment to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and a heart willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded.

Therefore we should stay alive every moment in view of our costly goal. Most of the time, we are after false treasures such as money, social status or worldly pleasures. Thus, the really valuable "pearl" of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven, is never found. Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God, following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments. When we do this, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still on earth.

### \*\*\* IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION \*\*\*

*In order to comply with the government's track & trace guidelines, please bring your phone to Mass and text your name to this parish telephone number - **07548 868418**. This will enable us to keep a record and contact number for those in attendance each day if needed. Many thanks for your cooperation.*



UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO LIVE STREAM 10AM MASS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. THIS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO OTHER PARISH'S LIVE STREAMS IN THE MEANTIME.

### Mass Intentions This Week

- 25 July: Saturday SAINT JAMES**  
 10:00 Donor's Intentions  
 17:30 Robert Wood RIP  
 18:30 Ellen Connor RIP
- 26 July: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**  
 09:00 Mick Semeta RIP  
 10:00 John Joseph RIP  
 11:00 Baby Donnch  O'Donovan RIP  
 12:00 All Parishioners
- 27 July: Monday**  
 10:00 Margaret McDowell's Intentions  
 15:30 Reception of the body of Patricia Harley RIP
- 28 July: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Patricia Harley RIP  
 11:30 FUNERAL RITE of Patricia Harley RIP
- 29 July: Wednesday SAINT MARTHA**  
 10:00 Bernadette McDonagh RIP
- 30 July: Thursday**  
 10:00 John O'Sullivan RIP  
 19:30 Alphonsos & Joan Blaney RIP
- 31 July: Friday**  
**SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**  
 10:00 Jean Lubinska RIP
- 1 August: Saturday**  
**SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI**  
 10:00 Ellen Murphy RIP  
 17:30 Susan Burke RIP  
 18:30 David Warner RIP
- 2 August: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY**  
 09:00 Agnes Haughian RIP  
 10:00 Eileen Haines RIP  
 11:00 Ruby & Alexio D'Souza RIP  
 12:00 All Parishioners

### COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

*An Offertory box is now located in the church porch if you wish to drop off your donation.*

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Margarette Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson*

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:*

*Irene Groombridge, Martha Nestor, Bill Cowan, Eric Wood, Phylis Linton, Maria Albert, Anne Larkin, Jacqueline Collins, Deborah Shine, Pauline Smith, Jimmy Flaxman, John Templeton, Eileen Fleury, Michael Kemmett, Lena Croxford, Thomas O'Dwyer, John Potter, Gerald Quinn*

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

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

The winners for the July *200 Club Across draw* are -

£100 - Sarah Curley

£ 50 - Mena Maguire

£ 50 - Michael McGarvey

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](http://www.anerleyacross.org.uk)) and download an application form.

We are very grateful to Members of the Parish Community who have supported the *Irish Shop Project*; this initiative has raised £750.00 for the Brain Tumour Charity & Anerley ACROSS.

*St Mildred's Drop In Centre* for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed them when the Centre reopens.

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.*

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAT HARLEY RIP

Pat Harley's body will be received into church here at Our Lady's on **Monday 27th July at 3.30pm**. The funeral Rite will take place on **Tuesday 28th July at 11.30am**. Obviously due to lockdown restrictions these will be private services, however we ask you all to keep Pat and her family in your prayers, especially at that time next week. *May she Rest in Peace.*

**OFFERING A MASS INTENTION:** If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please 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](mailto: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:** As the parish office remains closed to the public, if you wish to purchase a Mass card, *you will only be able to do so when the Church is open during the times shown above. Please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED!

Are you good with flowers, creative, or even just willing to help and learn with supervision? Our flower team is shrinking and we need more volunteers to come and help make our church a beautiful place to worship!

If you are willing and able to assist, please email the parish office at [addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk) and we will pass your information on.

**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.

### 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 11.0am

Households of 1 or 2 people only

Sun 12.00pm

Households of 1 or 2 people only

*Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

### LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY MARGARET ROPER SCHOOL - FROM SEPT 2020

Download the application form on the Margaret Roper School website or see the poster on Our Lady's webpage for more details .

**Application deadline midday, Friday 14th August 2020**

*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.*

**MILK BOTTLE TOP RECYCLING:** Thank you to whoever delivered a kilo of bottle tops to my house on 20th July - regrettably three-quarters of this had to be dumped in the Councils' recycling bin as they were not milk-bottle tops. **It is only - repeat, only!! - plastic milk-bottle tops** which I can send for recycling into park benches and picnic tables, so please don't deliver anything else; dump it in your own bin! *Andy Bebington*

### OUR LADY'S INVITES YOU TO.....

Do you have any questions or doubts about **FAITH AND SACRED SCRIPTURE?**

Your priests are ever ready to clarify at this moment of pandemic. Send an email to the parish office: [addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk) marked **ASK YOUR PRIEST.**



*"For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty and people seek instruction from his mouth". (Malachi 2:7)*

**ASK YOUR PRIEST**

**STAY ALERT**

**CONTROL THE VIRUS**



**SAVE LIVES**