



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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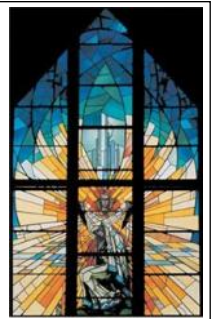
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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm **Wednesday:** Closed

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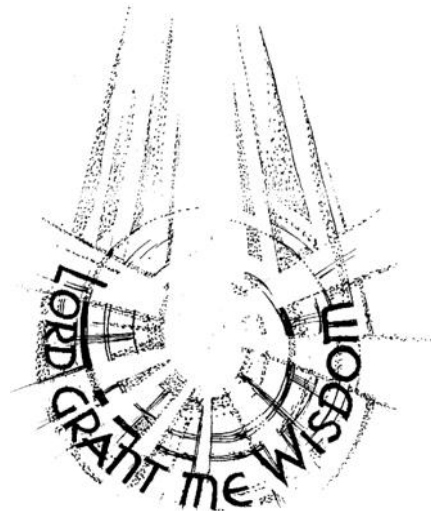
Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment



26th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 108 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

St. Augustine beautifully expressed this truth when he wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Every human being is searching for happiness. We seek it in success, money, relationships, recognition, possessions, or pleasure. These things are not bad in themselves, but they can never completely satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart. Only God can.

The joy experienced by the youth after spending time with the elderly reminds us that lasting happiness comes not from possessing more but from loving more, because wherever God reigns, there is true life. The parable of the fishing net adds another important dimension. The Kingdom is universal. The net gathers fish of every kind, reminding us that God's invitation is open to everyone without distinction. Yet the parable also speaks of judgment. At the end, the good fish are separated from the bad. God's mercy is offered to all, but our response matters. One day each of us will be called to account for how we have lived.



PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish office will be closed next Friday, 31st July, due to staff annual leave. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Mass Intentions This Week

25 July: Saturday SAINT JAMES

10:00 Daemonn Bogle RIP

18:00 Maureen Walsh RIP

26 July: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 John Joseph RIP

10:00 All Parishioners

11:30 Martha Nestor RIP 31st Anniversary

27 July: Monday

10:00 Tony Birkby RIP

28 July: Tuesday

10:00 Thanksgiving & Birthday Wishes for Louise Sage

29 July: Wednesday

SAINTS MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS

10:00 John Devereux RIP (Birthday)

30 July: Thursday

10:00 Georgina Noble RIP

19:30 Anna Tackie RIP

31 July: Friday

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

10:00 Hannah Beston RIP

1 August: Saturday

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

10:00 Miranda Nelson-Okrafor RIP 5th Ann.

18:00 Sheila McCormick RIP

2 August: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Paul, Pat & Geoff Emson RIP

10:00 All Parishioners

11:30 Fr McKenna RIP

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 28th at 8pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 666.37
Loose cash	£ 457.37
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2463.74

*** 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

The next second collection will be for **APF - Red Box Appeal** on 8th/9th August.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Lauren Horwood, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Paddy Ryan, Dave Freegard, Lorraine Quinlivan, Mervat Nasri, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade, Mary-Jane Watson & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Bernard Moynihan, Irene Groombridge, Martha Nestor, Bill Cowan, Eric Wood, Phyllis Linton, Maria Albert, Michael Hewish, Anne Larkin, Jacqueline Collins, Deborah Shine, Pauline Smith, Kevin Moynihan, Jimmy Flaxman, John Templeton, Roger McNelis, Eileen Fleury, Michael Kemmett, Lena Croxford, Eileen Moody, Roger Coles, Eileen Moody, Thomas O'Dwyer, John Potter, Gerald Quinn, Hannah Beston

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

26th July: Kieran White
2nd August: Kevin Kearney
9th August: Shane & Mervyn Owens
16th August: Martin Ruddy
23rd August: Theresa Rodgers
30th August: **Bank Holiday** - Pat Jordan
6th September: Martina & Tommy Maguire - Family Affair
13th September: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

Coming soon:

Anerley ACROSS Golf Day followed by an evening with **Effie Neill & Barry Doyle**: Friday, 11th September
The Dreamettes, an evening of **Motown Hits**: Friday, 16th October
The Other Guys, leading tributes to **Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons**: Friday, 13th November

To reserve Tickets for Tribute Evenings, please call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.

OUR LADY'S AUTUMN FAYRE & FUN DAY Sunday, 27th September

Thank you for your support of **Sales Boards** from **Oaks Estate Agents** to promote the Fayre; we have reached our target of 100 Households!

The **LMB Group, Croydon**: www.lmb-lofts.com (Joanna & Lee Murphy) will sponsor the first prize for the Raffle - £500.00! **Dan O'Donovan: Gardening Services** will sponsor the Cake Stall & **Damian Farnan** will sponsor the Dog Show.

The Fayre will be launched over the weekend of 29th/30th August.
All proceeds from the Fayre will be given to support the major repairs to the Church.

Over the next few weeks we need assistance in the following ways:

- Sponsorship for the Fayre; this can be from Businesses or Private Donations
- Items for Prizes for the Raffle/Tombola: Meal Vouchers, Sports Merchandise, Golf Vouchers
- A selection of Fruit: Apples, Rhubarb, Berries for the preparation of Jams, Chutneys, Crumbles et al

If you can assist in any way, please contact:
patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk

Next planning meeting: **Tuesday 1st September 8:15pm** (Small hall)

ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB

We are pleased to announce Addiscombe Youth Club, held at Our Lady's Church, for young people in school years 7-10.

The club offers fun, supervised sessions with games, activities, music and opportunities to meet new friends.

Session dates and times will be sent out by email.

To register and receive more information,
please email: **aycouthclub11@gmail.com**

We look forward to welcoming new members.

First Holy Communion 2026/27 NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY

Catechism sessions for children in **NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY** will commence in September 2026.

If your child will be moving into **School Year 3 ONLY** this September, we invite you to email the parish office to register your interest and obtain an application form by **THE END OF TODAY**.

SAFEGUARDING: It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding info can be found on the Diocesan website: **safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk**

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Joanna Murphy - **Addiscombedbs@safeguardrcaos.org.uk**

Clare George - **addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk**

*** CLEANER REQUIRED FOR CHURCH HALLS ***

(6hr per week - flexible working across 4/5days)

Cleaning and monitoring of all kitchens & toilets
& washing/sweeping all floors

**Please speak directly to Fr Keith
to express your interest and for further details.**

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?

Traditionally we do not meet during August, but begin again, refreshed, on **Tuesday 8th September**.

FUNDRAISING FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

A Message from Bishop Paul

One of the trustees of our Lourdes pilgrimage has been doing a sponsored walk to raise money to help disabled pilgrims to go to Lourdes. He will be in parts of Kent and SE London this week.

If you would be willing to contribute, he has a fundraising page at **www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw**

RECENT DEATHS

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Inacio Mandinga Boa Esperanca Junior** (aged 29) and also, **Bridget Elwell**. Their funeral arrangements will be published once known.

We kindly ask that you remember **Inacio, Bridget** and their families in your prayers at this very difficult time. May they Rest In Peace.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The new Altar Servers training will be on **Sunday 6th September after 11:30am Mass in the Church**. Please attend with your child, if they have received their First Holy Communion and want to become an Altar Server.

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

UCM CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT Friday 9th October in the large hall

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start time

Teams of 6-8 people

Bring Your Own Food/Nibbles (no drinks please)

Raffles / Bar will be open

Tickets £7 per person

All proceeds will go to Croydon Nightwatch

Contact Marie Tross **07774 643159**

SUMMER MASSES IN THE HOSPITAL: There will be **NO Weekly Masses** in the hospital during **AUGUST**. Wednesday Masses will resume on **2nd September** at 12pm. *All are welcome.*

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING: Our parish has made **£25.95** for Cafod by recycling used printer cartridges! *Thank you* for supporting this project and please continue to donate used cartridges!

SHRUBLANDS FOOD BANK - AN INVITATION

Shrublands Food Bank have invited us to visit them on **Friday 4th September at 10am** at 7 Broom Road, Shirley, Croydon CR0 8NG. The visit will be about an hour.

Please contact **Chris** on **sciberraschris7@gmail.com** if you would like to come on the visit or have any questions on other aspects of food banks.

ST JOSEPH'S PEREGRINATION 2/5/26 - 13/3/27

This year, we once again invite our parishioners to entrust all our intentions to St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church.

If you would like to participate in our Peregrination, please sign up on the list in the porch. Kindly leave your name and phone number.

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (July)

Readers: (July/August)