



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

## 26th September 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

Today's Scripture readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance and giving scandal. In the first reading, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant and successor, Joshua. Moses and seventy future helpers were called by the Lord God to the *Tent of Meeting* for the Spirit-giving Ordination ceremony.

In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complains to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples has been exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, despite their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus responds by giving the Apostles lessons in Jesus' own kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they have done for the apostles because they are the disciples of Jesus.

Let us avoid conduct that can lead to giving scandal. We give scandal and become stumbling blocks to others: a) when we are unkind or unjust in our treatment of them, b) when we humiliate them by hurting their pride and damaging their self-image, c) when we discourage, ignore, or refuse to accept them, and d) when we become judgmental of those who are still struggling to reach a level of commitment that we feel is too low to be useful.

### Mass Intentions This Week

- 25 September: Saturday**  
 10:00 Thanksgiving for the Tran Family's Ints.  
 18:00 Thanksgiving for the Aloysius Family
- 26 September: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY**  
 08:30 John Flannegan RIP  
 10:00 All Parishioners +  
 11:30 John Boswood RIP
- 27 September: Monday**  
**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**  
 10:00 Kathleen Scully RIP
- 28 September: Tuesday**  
 10:00 The Borfiga Family's Intentions
- 29 September: Wednesday SAINTS**  
**MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL**  
 10:00 Chris Lynch RIP
- 30 September: Thursday SAINT JEROME**  
 10:00 Intentions of John & Kay Devereux  
 19:30 Maria Morris Mitchell RIP
- 1 October: Friday SAINT THERESE OF**  
**THE CHILD JESUS**  
 10:00 Joan McHugh RIP
- 2 October: Saturday**  
 10:00 George Somasundaram RIP  
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 3 October: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY**  
 08:30 Kathleen Ord RIP  
 10:00 UCM: Maria Morris Mitchell RIP  
 11:30 Kevin Dragwidge RIP

+ With Baptism

### MEETINGS

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 28th at 10.30am (Large hall)  
**SVP:** Tuesday 28th at 8.30pm (PRC)



*Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page and on the 'Live Masses' page of the parish website.*

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 30th SEPTEMBER - TEAM C

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 435.40
Loose cash	£ 288.75
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1887.38</b>

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Home Mission Sunday* amounted to £150.25. Many thanks.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, Duncan Pears, John Devereux

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Winifred Waller, Winifred Dias, Salvatore Di Meo, William Donachy, Margaret Skeats, Fr. Patrick Best, Antonio Corazzo, Daphne Higher, Anne Miller, Pope John Paul I, Blodwyn Mayfield, Eileen Rudduck, James Brennan, Robert Priest, David Curry, Leslie Harley, Nicholas Corio, Archbishop Peter Amigo, Mary Stammers, Pierina Oriana, John Fleury, Hilda Goodfellow, Andrew Knapp, Margaret Elmes, Veronica Wynne, Nora Murray, Patricia Jones, Richard Hubberstey, Joyce Gomeze

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

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

There will be a meeting to discuss proposals for the reopening of the *Social Club: the Ballroom of Romance* on Sunday evening. The evening will commence at 6pm with Tea/Coffee being available. The formal meeting will start at approx. 7pm; we will address a range of issues including Covid protocols, a programme for the remainder of the year and a Christmas Raffle to support local charities.

**RECENT DEATH:** We are sad to announce the sudden death of *Maria Morris Mitchell*. Please keep Maria, her son Caleb and all the family in your prayers at this difficult time. May she Rest In Peace.

### BROWNIES, GUIDES AND COP 26

Our Lady of the Annunciation brownies and guides have their eyes on our world leaders during COP 26! A banner bearing hand painted & decorated eyes will be taken to COP as part of the CAFOD 'Eyes of the World' campaign to remind global leaders that we are all watching how they respond to the Climate Emergency. In advance of its journey with Christian Climate Action the banner will be blessed at our **Creation Service on Monday 4th October at 7pm**. This Mass is followed by a talk on Live Simply in the small hall.

**All parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass and the talk.**

### SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! WELDERLIES ANNUAL SHADES OF AUTUMN

Half Term Family Fun Day

**Wednesday 27th October 11.30am-1.30pm in the large hall**

Start creating your Autumn Wear to win a Prize

Also tell your friends to prepare, thanks!

Contact **Sylvia** at **07870 508790** for more details

**THE ASCENT GROUP:** Will be meeting on Tuesday morning after the 10am Mass in the large hall. We will be looking at The Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is welcome.

### WHAT IS THE LIVE SIMPLY AWARD?

The Live Simply Award is an opportunity for Catholic communities such as parishes and schools, to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.

Some Live Simply Award communities have encouraged people to walk or cycle to church or school, install solar panels, start recycling schemes, join a climate change campaign, support Fairtrade stalls or donate to a local food bank. The award celebrates what you have already done and inspires you to do more. It helps your community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully.

For more details see

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Livesimply-award>

Our parish will be applying for the Live Simply Award. *Join us for a talk on this award after the mass at 7pm on Monday 4th October.*

**SUPPORTING PARISHES:** In terms of evangelisation, catechesis and formation, is the work of the **Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis** which celebrated its first anniversary this month (September 2021). If you would like to find out more on the courses, resources and support they offer please visit the website: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk>; follow them on various social media platforms @aecsouthwark or subscribe to their free monthly newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/heWjml>

### APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. **Please complete the form and return it to the presbytery/parish office by Friday 8th October.** Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available from Monday 20th September to Friday 15th October.

*Primary school interviews will take place later in the year.*

### VISIT OUR REPOSITORY SHOP!

Don't forget to pay the Repository shop a visit after Mass each weekend. The new Confirmation cards and gifts are now on display, and a great selection of Christmassy things are sure to follow soon after. **Bag yourself a bargain and support Sr Celia and her team!**

### FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We would like to resume Adoration on a Friday between the hours of **11am and 3pm from 1st October.**

*Are you able to commit one hour of your day to the Lord?*

We need **two responsible people** to sit with the congregation **per hour**. If you are able to commit to this, please sign the form in the porch and speak to Fr Keith.

### THERE REMAIN 50+ ENVELOPE BOXES AWAITING COLLECTION FROM THE CHURCH PORCH!

There are also 30+ small sets of 2nd collection envelopes unclaimed. I suspect that some parishioners who donate by Standing Order may have forgotten that they requested these. **PLEASE CHECK and see if there is a set waiting for you as the 2nd collections recommence.**

Would **M DEVITT** please contact Jenny Mitchener via the parish office. Many thanks.

### NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WHO RESIDE IN THE PARISH

**and wish their children to prepare for First Holy Communion**

Application forms for the two year (term time only), First Holy Communion programme **for children in years 2 & 3** at non Catholic schools can now be downloaded from our website. Forms should be completed and handed into the Parish office no later than **Sunday 26th September. IT IS ESSENTIAL to attend the first session and introduction (WITH PARENTS) on Tuesday 28 September at 5pm promptly in the Large Hall**, which will finish at 5.30pm. For safeguarding and support, Parents/Guardians must stay with their child every week.

Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.

### RESTORED LIVES

**A course for people whose relationship has broken down**

Relationship breakdown can be the hardest experience of a person's life. No one should have to face it on their own. By joining a Restored Lives course, you can become part of, and supported by, a local group working together to find a way forward. The next eight-session online course starts on October 4th. For more details and to book visit the website [restoredlives.org](http://restoredlives.org)

### THOMAS MORE SCHOOL PURLEY CR8 2XP

Is holding an Open Evening for children currently in Year 6 of primary school and their parents on:

**Tuesday 5th October from 6 - 9pm**

There is no need to book for this event, please just turn up on the evening to meet students and staff, hear the Head Teacher talk and see what the school has to offer.

If you require any further information, please contact:

Mrs C West-Symes, Admissions Officer, on 020 8668 6251 ext 205