



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

26th November 2017 Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (page 158 of Parish Mass Book)

In Matthew's gospel this story is the last word from Jesus. Now Matthew's narrative will move on to the passion. It will tell of what happens to Jesus and that small band of followers who stay close to him – those awful last days and his death. His teaching is at an end. His last word is about the last things – about judgement at the end of time. But it's not some fanciful story of a future age or a calling to account after death. It's put in such a way that it asks a hard question of every person who hears it: Do you know what you are doing day by day, every single day? Do you live as a person who gives away God's love, God's gift of life, of care, of liveliness, without keeping score? It is not enough to say we believe if we reject him in the poor. It is not enough to say that we come every Sunday to be fed by Him if we fail to feed Him in the hungry. It is not enough to say we love the Word of God if we do not put into practice its mandate to welcome the stranger.

A WORD FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then you need to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Mass Intentions This Week

25 November: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Michael Walsh RIP +

26 November: Sunday

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

08:30 Brian O'Brien & Dennis Budhu RIP ~
 10:00 All Parishioners
 12:00 Peggy Scanlon RIP

27 November: Monday

10:00 Dr Jerry Marshall RIP 1st Anniversary

28 November: Tuesday

10:00 Wellbeing of Jude Joseph

29 November: Wednesday

10:00 Elizabeth Murphy RIP

30 November: Thursday

FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW

10:00 Holy Souls

1 December: Friday

10:00 Fr John McKenna's Intentions

2 December: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 All Parishioners +

3 December:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 Michael Croghan RIP
 10:00 UCM: All Confirmation Candidates
 12:00 Enoch Mawanda RIP

~ With Children's Liturgy (8.30am only)

+ With Baptism

WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Anne Callow

* NEW MEMBERS NOW NEEDED *

* ONLY £12 A YEAR *

Contact Monica Grant on 8656 2602

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash £ 757.90

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 697.64

S/Os £ 975.00

Total £2430.54

CHURCH CLEANING
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COLLECTIONS

Last week's ACA collection for the *Woodside Bereavement Services* amounted to £1016. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *Catholic Youth Work* (Gift Aid-able). Next week, we have our annual *Toy Collection* weekend. Please see the note overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Ted Curry, Margarett Collins, Lauren Horwood, Phyllis Donnelly, Steve Richer, José Fernandez*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *Antonina Laskowska, Bridget Derby, Mgr. John J. Moran, Con Molyneaux, Margaret McGing, Patience Claudius, Arthur Brandon, John Fisher, Nuala Fox, Bridget Hoey, Tom Keegan, Jack Mills, Patrick Cummins, Peter Early, Elizabeth Kennedy, Marie Bond, Shiri Kisunlal Maharaj, Daniel Aherne, Mary McPhillips, Florence Moynihan, Keith Carder, Josefa Martin Muniz, Arthur Halliday, Gertrude Chandler, John William Davis, Eric Hope Smith, Betty Cox, William Conroy, Tom Clarke, Terri (Annie) Knight, Wladyslaw (John) Langowski*

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 26th November: *First appearance of Ally Harron & Marion Curry*

Sunday, 3rd December: Kevin Keys

Sunday, 10th December: Tom Healy

Sunday, 17th December: Finbar & Bernie

The next Fundraising Jamboree will be on Friday, 1st December. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *Anerley ACROSS*, a charity which takes disabled children on an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Tickets are now available in the Church Hall on a Sunday evening. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle and/or auction.

A massive thank to our members, their guests and the Parish Community for your outstanding support of the *Declan Nerney evening*. The event raised £2,500.00 for the building programme of the Critical Care Unit at King's College Hospital.

The key events for the Christmas & New Year programme are:

- Friday, 22nd December: *Members' Party*

- Wednesday, 27th December: *Tea Dance* with Kevin Keys from 3.00pm. This event is open to all members of our Parish Community.

- Sunday, 31st December: *New Year's Eve Party* - all guests are requested to bring a plate of light refreshments, sausage rolls, mince pies etc. Tickets at £5.00 each are available from the Church Hall or our coordinator Danny O'Donovan.

Coming soon

- *Take That & Robbie Williams Tribute Night* on Friday, 26th January

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Do something different this Advent

Every day in Advent, as you open a door in your Advent Calendar, put one item into a box or bag, the contents of which will be donated to a food bank after Christmas.

The usual items of tinned goods are perfect but also toiletries, ladies sanitary products, nappies (size 4,5 & 6) are items greatly needed. Bring the filled box to the Church after Christmas. The boxes will be collected by **1pm** on **Saturday 30th December** and delivered to the Croydon Food Bank.

Remember this is NOT a Christmas box but a way of thinking about others during Advent and seeing that the food banks are well stocked for the coming year. January can be a long and desperate month.

For more information or for a more detailed list of suggested items please contact **Ivonne** on **07906558676**

THE JUBILATE CHOIR: Is celebrating it's 40th year and has commissioned a new piece of music by Paul Carr (Ubi Caritas), which will be sung at it's concert on **9th December at 7.30pm** at **St Matthew's Church**, Chichester Road. Do come and support us!
See poster on the music notice board or ring **Angela** on **8654 3041**

MAURICE REANEY MEMORIAL MASS

Bishop Paul Hendricks will be saying Mass for Mr Maurice Reaney at **6pm** on **Thursday 30th November** at St Mary's Catholic High School, Woburn Road. All former pupils, parents and staff are warmly invited to attend. There will be a small reception afterwards and a chance to have a look around the school. St Mary's would be grateful if you would let them know you are attending, either by telephone **8686 3837** or email **a.flavin@stmaryscroydon.co.uk**

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Items for collection: A Callow, M Sequeira

Bapt Certs: Forte, Tusiime Kabalega, Rodrigues, Loubao, Ssebanakitta, Baptista-Birch, De Silva Bateson

Rotas: Repository (December / January)

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 28th at 10.30am (Large Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 28th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: Seasons of the Year, Advent - Wednesday 29th at 8pm (PRC)

J&P Group: Wednesday 29th at 8pm (Small Hall)

ST. THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL WINTER FAIR 2017

Sunday 26th November 12 -4pm

We look forward to seeing you all for an afternoon of fun including Circus Skills, Santa's Grotto, Face Painting, Becket BBQ, Bar, Mulled Wine, Teas/Coffees, Cakes & Waffles, Christmas Stall, Tombolas and lots more...

TOY SUNDAY - 2nd/3rd DECEMBER

Our annual Toy Collection will take place next weekend - 2nd/3rd December. This year, we need items for teenagers as well (vouchers are most welcome). Please wrap your gifts and use a tag to indicate the age range and gender for which the gift is suitable. Thank you for your continued support and please look out for a 'Toy Sorting' date in future newsletters, and come along to help organise the gifts!

JPIC MEETING: The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group is holding an open meeting in the **Small Hall** on **Wednesday 29th November** from **8pm**, to which all parishioners are invited.

There will be speakers on J&P issues, Amnesty International and the Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Scheme. Plus tea and coffee to keep you awake! More info from:

Ross Roberts 020 8656 6873 or **rosscharlesroberts@yahoo.com**

THE CARROLL SINGERS - A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday 13th December 8pm

St Mary's, Help of Christians, Coudon Rd

Come and enjoy an evening of seasonal music, sung by this group made up entirely of former Coloma pupils, and directed by Norma Carroll.

ENTRANCE IS FREE!

Retiring collection for the St Mary's 'New Window Fund'

THE CEDARS SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE

Tuesday 5th December 7.30pm at Our Lady's

The Cedars School is holding its Advent service of Lessons and Carols with Benediction at Our Lady's this year. The school extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to join them in their preparations for Christmas.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of the church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. These envelopes are placed in our Memorial chapel (in the Lady Chapel) and your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

REPOSITORY

CHRISTMAS has arrived in the **REPOSITORY SHOP**, with all sorts of lovely new Christmassy things. **Come and see!!**

Advent Calendars and other Calendars, Candles, Cribs: large and small, Decorations, Gifts, and **a wide selection of cards**.

(Due to lack of space, other things have been put away until January)

UNITY CLUB

The Unity Club are desperately looking for help to put the tables and chairs away after their meetings on a Friday. Help would be appreciated between 3.30 and 4pm. If you can assist, please come along to the Large Hall or ring **Mary** or **Pat Kingman** on **8406 5377**.