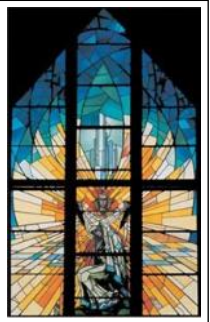




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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26th November 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (page 158 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Discerning human experience helps us to better understand ourselves, others, and our world, not least in glimpsing the hand of God at work, often retrospectively. Accompanying people through their experience can help them make sense of their life, find belonging in the Church, and encounter the Lord Jesus more deeply and personally...

There is a caution in setting human experience against divine revelation, received through Scripture and Tradition, as if it were somehow corrective of a now outdated deposit of faith. Our Catholic faith is not our own creation. It is revealed to us by God. Neither can it be determined by the spirit of the age. Our faith is a gift that comes through the Church in the Apostolic Tradition. We understand who we are, and who we are called to be, in the light of Christ's call to discipleship. The Gospel demonstrates the virtues and qualities we need to rediscover continually in faithfulness to what the Lord Jesus asks of us. Every human being who accepts Christ's invitation to repent and believe in the Gospel (cf. Mk 1:14-15) faces his or her own weakness. We depend on God's help, on his grace, to heal, transform, and raise us up. If we empty the Gospel of its challenge, adapting it to our own way of thinking, then we also empty the Gospel of its power to save...

Our Christian witness and mission flourish when we maintain direct focus on Christ as Saviour, attentive to the Holy Spirit. We face great challenges from indifference and secularisation. In some instances, it is not simply the case that the faith is unknown. It is known – or a version of it – but it is ignored. The Catholic convert G. K. Chesterton commented *'the Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.'* It takes courage to evangelise, to speak, preach, and practice the Gospel today. It remains, however, the responsibility of every disciple...

*Archbishop John Wilson -
'Some Reflections in Light of the Synod on Synodality'*

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 28th at 8pm (PRC)
Adult Catechesis: Wed 29th at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)
RCIA: Wed 29th at 8pm (PRC) *Seasons of the Church - Living the Faith*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 426.05
Loose cash	£ 644.95
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2361.00

Mass Intentions This Week

25 November: Saturday

10:00 Bryan Cully RIP
18:00 Domingos C D'Souza RIP

26 November: SUNDAY

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

08:30 Mr & Mrs Mathiyas RIP #
10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP 2nd Anniversary
11:30 Vicente Fernandez RIP

27 November: Monday

10:00 Elizabeth Murphy RIP

28 November: Tuesday

10:00 Wellbeing of Jude Joseph

29 November: Wednesday

10:00 Veronica Kearsley RIP 1st Anniversary

30 November: Thursday SAINT ANDREW

10:00 Mona Benson RIP
19:30 Holy Souls

1 December: Friday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Stephen Shaw RIP

2 December: Saturday

10:00 Pio Perera RIP
18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

3 November:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 UCM:
11:30 Shirley Gaunt RIP 3rd Anniversary

With Children's Liturgy

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a Diocesan collection for **Youth Sunday**.
Next weekend will be our annual **Toy Collection**. Please see the note overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary

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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

5th November: Kieran White

12th November: Pat Jordan

19th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

26th November: Shane & Mervyn Owens

3rd December: Theresa Rodgers

10th December: Glen Flynn

17th December: Frank Nelson

31st December: **New Year's Eve Party** - Ally Harron/Marian Curry

7th January: Kieran White

14th January: Theresa Rodgers

21st January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

- In partnership with St Mildred's Church, we will be supporting the **Annual Pyjama Appeal for Children** up to 18 years of age in Hospital, Hospices and Women's Refuges throughout the UK this weekend.

- **The Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons Tribute Evening** - is **completely SOLD OUT**. No tickets will be available at the door.

- The **Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner** will be on Sunday, 17th December from 12.30pm. This event is open to members of our Lady's Parish Community & Members of the Social Club; entertainment will be provided by Frank Nelson. **To reserve a place at the Dinner, call Pat Winston on 07734 250375.**

- The **New Year's Eve Party** will take place on Sunday, 31st December from 7.30pm. Guests will be invited to bring Party Food to the event & Entertainment will be provided by **Ally Harron & Marian Curry**. Admission will be by Ticket: Members - £5.00 & Guests £6.00. **To reserve Tickets call Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the following deaths in the parish;

John Boyle, whose funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on Thursday 14th December at 10am.

Nell Bentley, mother of Derek Bentley. Funeral arrangements will follow shortly.

Stephen Shaw, whose funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on Friday 1st December at 10am.

Leon Titus, who died unexpectedly on Tuesday 21st November.

Please keep all the recently departed in your prayers at this time, along with their families. May their gentle souls **Rest In Peace**.

Liz Chow would like to thank all parishioners for their kindness, prayers and support following the death of her husband Raymond. It has been of great comfort at this very difficult time.

*** NEW!! YOUNG ADULTS GROUP ***

All young adults (aged 23 - 35 years) are invited to attend a meeting on **Friday 8th December at 8pm in the PRC**.

This new initiative in the parish encourages you to come together for prayer, discussion, contemplation and to socialise!

We look forward to meeting you all!

*** Everyone's Nativity ***

Sunday 10th December 2 - 3pm

Join us for an interactive and 'family friendly' reading of the Nativity Story. Come dressed up as one of the characters to help bring this special story to life. Your costume can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. We don't mind how many Marys, Josephs, Donkeys, Innkeepers, Stars, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels or Kings we have. Everyone will be included - the more the merrier!

Afterwards, festive refreshments will be served in the church hall, and all children will be invited to take part in arts & craft activities.

For Collection:

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Nov) Readers (Nov/Dec)

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2024 ENTRY

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the parish office before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith.

Appointments will **ONLY** run until **Friday 8th December**.

ANNUAL REFUGEE DAY CENTRE TOY COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - 2nd/3rd December

Please bring your gifts wrapped and marked with age & gender. (Please avoid gifts involving paints as children may be housed in hotels and toys with combat connotations). You will be invited to bring up your gifts to the altar during the Offertory at Mass.

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz delivers catechesis for adults **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall**. He looks forward to seeing you there!

Topic for this week:

Transgenderism & Homosexuality

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Please remember to use your Gift Aid envelopes every week. If you require a replacement set please contact the parish office and a new set can be arranged for you.

THANK YOU!

Emer & Dave Cruickshank would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who supported the Wednesday coffee mornings. **This year you raised £350 for Saint Mildred's Drop In centre**. *Many thanks!*

MEMORIAL SERVICE - FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

David Lindsay & his team warmly welcome you to a **Memorial Service** to remember all those who have passed, here at Our Lady's on Friday, 8th December at **6.30pm**. More details are available on the poster in the porch.

Tea & Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the Service.

Save The Date - CAFOD MARCH Sat 9th December 11.45am -2pm

Pope Francis has written a new message calling for world leaders to tackle the climate crisis and make the most of the upcoming COP28 climate summit. Join CAFOD and thousands marching in London (location to be confirmed) on Saturday 9 December in solidarity with those on the frontlines of the climate crisis. We'll be calling for leaders to act on Pope Francis' message in the remaining days of COP28.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2023

This Sunday (26th November) is National Youth Sunday, and the retiring collection will be for the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35.

For more details about what is on offer, please see our website tinyurl.com/scys1. Please also sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork to receive regular updates. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has produced further World Youth Sunday resources at worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023.

GOLDEN PENNIES

It's that time of the year again! Please bring in your golden pennies jar. Kindly leave it with the office or the church on the porch by the last Sunday in November. Don't worry if your jar isn't full, as every penny helps. Feel free to use your own jars. Thanks to everybody who already has a jar or picked up one last Sunday. All proceeds go towards Christmas meals for the homeless.

** PAY WHAT YOU CAN CAFE **

Eat, drink, chill and pay what you can afford! Every Tuesday - Friday 10am to 5pm at Socco Cheta Café, 44B Portland Road.