



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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26th December 2021 The Holy Family Sunday YEAR C

Today's readings invite us to focus on family relationships. At a very basic level, we are all "children of God", invited to remember the love that God has "lavished on us". In the gospel reading, Luke presents the young Jesus coming with his parents from Nazareth to Jerusalem "as usual" for the great feast of Passover. He is twelve years of age, capable in that culture of making quite serious decisions for himself. He does just that, much to the consternation of his parents, who only become aware after a day's journey that he has remained in Jerusalem and has not joined the extended family group for the return journey to Nazareth. Mary and Joseph are not well pleased. They express their concern but fail to understand his response: he is primarily God's child and must follow God's call first and foremost. This does not preclude obedience to his parents. It does, however, foreshadow the pain involved in parenting this young man whose mission will take him along paths they would never have chosen for him. I expect this will sound familiar to parents of young adults. As Luke's story unfolds, Joseph fades from the picture. Mary lives in the reflective way we are all called to live, "storing all these things in her heart". Sometimes God's call to children is in tension with parents' wishes or hopes. Children are first of all "children of God". Much as we might want to, we cannot hold on to them. We try to understand their choices, we do everything we can to nurture their uniqueness, and we pray that they too will grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God as responsible members of The Church and the society in which we serve.



*** PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE ***

Please note that the parish office will be closed over Christmas and New Year from **Wednesday 22nd December**, re-opening on **Thursday 6th January 2022**. Therefore there will NOT be a newsletter published on 2nd January 2022.

Mass Intentions This Week

- 25 December: Saturday**
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 08:30 Betty McHugh RIP
 10:00 Wellbeing of Pat Winston & Family **
 11:30 John Boswood & David Warner RIP
- 26 December: Sunday THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**
 08:30 Lucas, Ubaldina & Sylvia DeSouza RIP
 10:00 Eileen Chesher RIP
 11:30 Margaret Joseph RIP
- 27 December: Monday SAINT JOHN**
 10:00 Birthday Remembrance for Mary Rayner RIP
- 28 December: Tuesday**
THE HOLY INNOCENTS
 10:00 Mary Jane & Stanley Alfonso RIP
- 29 December: Wednesday**
SAINT THOMAS OF CANTEBURY
 10:00 Owen McNally RIP
- 30 December: Thursday**
 10:00 Nadia Ghawi RIP
 19:30 Caroline Koch RIP
- 31 December: Friday**
 10:00 Harry, Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP
Followed by Devotion
- 1 January: Saturday**
MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
 10:00 Thanksgiving for Felix Alvares
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 2 January: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**
 08:30 John Drewett RIP
 10:00 Teresa Pollard RIP
 11:30 Wellbeing of Celine Santamaria
- ** LIVE STREAMED VIA FACEBOOK**



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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 3pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING
 30th DECEMBER - TEAM D

COLLECTIONS

The **Christmas Day** collection is your personal offering to Fr Keith & Fr Jackson. Special envelopes are available in the porch. Those on the Gift Aid scheme should use their designated envelope for Christmas Day. **CRIB OFFERINGS** will be given to The Friends of the Holy Land & The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Southwark Crisis Fund.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Phyllis Donnelly, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Karen Pearson, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux, Jean Carpenter

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Mary L. Conway, Ruby D'Souza, Celso Donsion, Ellen Clarke, Eileen McGarey, Sr. Dierdre O'Neill, Sandra Clark, Michael Stammers, Thaddeus Curry, Martin Curry, Ernest Gray, Margaret Rowe, Joseph Gatt, John Joseph Daly, Benta Carneiro, Kitty Ivory, Baby Jack Mack, Immaculada Halsackda, Canon Ernest Wake, Kathleen Kelleher, John Fitzgerald, John Harmer, Rose Holmes, Richard Mould, Victor Winchester, James Cruickshank, Leonard Gomeze, Joseph O'Hanlon, Steven Grosser, Julia Miller, Hugh McGovern, Tom O'Sullivan, Norman D'Cruz, Kitty Duggan, Mary Lyons, Elizabeth Daly, Basil Gow, William Fitzgerald, Margaret Everson, Mena O'Sullivan

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the support and contributions that members of the Parish Community have shown to the Social Club over the years.

I hope that 2022 will be a year in which we hope the future will become brighter and that we will stay stronger together.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. **Ben Cahill**

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

26th December: **Christmas Celebration** - Finbar & Paul

2nd January: **New Year Party** - Ally Harron & Marian Curry

9th January: Kieran White

16th January: Theresa Rodgers

23rd January: The Foot Tappers

- Thank you for your wonderful support of our **Christmas Raffle**, which raised approx. £4,800.00 to support three local charities; **The Alzheimer's Society, The Woodside Bereavement Service & Young Minds**.

The Results of the Raffle have been published on the Parish website.

IN APPRECIATION

I just wish to say a very sincere Thank You for your prayers and messages of condolences on the death of my twin brother, Jim. Knowing that so many were praying for me was what helped me to get through the funeral. I truly felt an inner strength that day as I celebrated the Mass and cremation service. I have offered Mass for you all in appreciation of your prayers and support. Please continue to say the odd prayer for me and the family as we live with the shock and loss. I assure you that bereavement is just as painful for a priest as it is for anyone else!

Thank you, **Fr Joe**.

THANK YOU!

Pakie, David, Clare & families would like to thank you for all your heartfelt condolences, prayers and sympathy since the passing of our wife, mum and nanny, **Maureen Walsh**. Your support has been a great comfort to us all.

We would also like to thank you for your generosity of donations to St Christopher's Hospice in Maureen's memory.

ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES

Appeal Sunday 9th January 2022

We are delighted to tell you that suitable property has been found in East Croydon to house a refugee family. We now expect the family to arrive in early Spring 2022.

There will be a special appeal to the parish at all Masses on Sat/Sun 8/9th January. This will include financial support, more volunteers and specific itemised furniture and household items. More details on 9th January.

*Thank you for all your support to date,
which has got us to this point.*

PENNY JARS

Please leave your jars in the church porch, to be collected and donated to charities that provide support and meals at Christmastime. Many thanks for your continued support. **Nike**.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2021

Confirmation certificates for 2021 can now be collected from the Parish Office. **Many thanks**.

Mass Intentions Next Week

3 January: Monday

10:00 Norma Bird RIP

4 January: Tuesday

10:00 Wellbeing of Majella Buckley

5 January: Wednesday

10:00 Betty Dolan RIP

6 January: Thursday THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:00 David Warner & John Boswood RIP Anniversary

19:30 Teresa Taylor RIP

7 January: Friday

10:00 Alwyn Cornabe RIP

Followed by Devotion

8 January: Saturday

10:00 Alfred Clark RIP

18:00 Tony Queally RIP

9 January: SUNDAY - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Celebration of All Our Brothers and Sisters

with Downs Syndrome

11:30 Colin Cully RIP

REFUGEE COLLECTION OF COATS (NOT TOYS) - 15th/16th JAN 2022

Due to Covid, the Croydon Refugee Day Centre are unable to hold their Children's Christmas Party this year or distribute toys to refugee children. **They are, however, in need of warm winter clothing!**

We will not therefore be holding our usual Advent Toy Collection but will instead be collecting WARM coats (and jumpers) for adults and children (not babies) in the New Year - 15th/ 16th January 2022.

ACCOMMODATION TO LET

Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association are opening up the waiting list for accommodation. Applicants should be 55+, not a homeowner or have savings or equity over £30,000 and able to live independently. If interested and require more details, please email carolinenestor@acha.org.uk. If you do not have access to email, call 0779 5269533.

PAX CHRISTI TALK

The Justice and Peace group invites all parishioners to come to a talk on the work of Pax Christi, the Catholic peace organisation. The talk will be on **Zoom on Tuesday 25th January at 8pm**.

Please contact Chris Sciberras if you are interested in attending. You will be sent a Zoom link before the talk.

PILL BLISTER PACKS

As the company which recycles blister packs has been overwhelmed by the response, we are unable to collect these for the time being. Please do not leave any more in the church porch until we can let you know that we can handle them for you. Sorry! Many thanks.

Andy Bebington, Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL: Have Nursery (part-time and full time) places available for entry September 2022.

Please apply by downloading the form via the website <https://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryschoolstrust.co.uk/> or call in at the school office. The closing date for this 15th January 2022.

Items for collection: *Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos, H Munangatire, J King*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

Rotas: *Readers (Christmas) Eucharistic Ministers (Dec)*