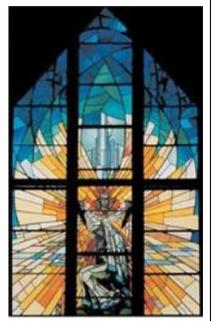




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behaviour of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honour the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honours him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

DETAILS OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

- Tuesday 5th April: Service of Reconciliation, 7.30pm
- 10th April - Palm Sunday: Palm Gospel at all Masses
- 14th April - Maundy Thursday: Mass with Washing of Feet, 7.30pm
Followed by the Watch in the Garden 'till mid-night
- 15th April - Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Good Friday: Liturgy
- 16th April - Holy Saturday: 10am Morning Prayer with RCIA Candidates
9pm The Easter Vigil
- 17th April - Easter Sunday: Usual Sunday Mass times

Mass Intentions This Week

- 26 March: Saturday**
10:00 Abraham & Martha Pereira RIP
18:00 Donald Rebeiro
- 27 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 Brendan Moss RIP
11:30 June Cully RIP
- 28 March: Monday**
10:00 Aldina Ghirardini RIP
- 29 March: Tuesday**
10:00 Intentions of the Munting Family
- 30 March: Wednesday**
10:00 Terence (Charlie) O'Sullivan RIP Ann.
15:45 *Stations of the Cross*
- 31 March: Thursday**
10:00 John & Eveleen McBride RIP
19:30 Julia Cultess-Morrison RIP
- 1 April: Friday**
10:00 Caroline Koch RIP
- 2 April: Saturday**
10:00 Eugene Kearns RIP
18:00 Marie Breen RIP
- 3 April: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
08:30 All Parishioners
10:00 UCM: All Members & their Families and Paul Franklin RIP
11:30 John Boswood RIP

MEETINGS

- Finance Committee Meeting:** Monday 28th at 8pm (PRC)
- 1st Holy Communion Parents' Meeting:** Tuesday 29th at 8pm (Church)
- SVP:** Tuesday 29th at 8pm (PRC)
- RCIA:** Wednesday 30th at 8pm (PRC)

LENT PROSE

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
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Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page and on the 'Live Masses' page of the parish website.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 534.40
Loose cash	£ 451.60
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
Total	£ 2041.00

CHURCH CLEANING
31st MARCH - TEAM A

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 10.30am - 12pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *The Ukraine Appeal* amounted to £5205.00. Thank you. You can still donate to this appeal if you wish, please give your donation to the Parish Office. Many thanks.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, John Devereux, Jean Carpenter

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Delia Carder, Brendan Hickey, Norma Waddell, Eileen Parsons, Jack Hoey, Bob Tatnell, June Cully, Petronilla Molyneux, Stanislaw Stepien, Charles Lancaster, Felecita Johnson, Ryszard Siepka, John Groombridge, Brenda Bond, Maria Robinson, Patrick Joseph Carroll, Harold Kelly, Maureen Purcell, Bridget Daly, Bill Cox, Patrick Reddington, Alvaro Pinto

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

27th March: Finbar & Paul

3rd April: Kieran White

10th April: Theresa Rodgers

17th April: **Easter Sunday Celebration** with Shawn Cuddy

24th April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs take place every Wednesday evening at Trinity School from 5.45pm and concluding at 7.00pm. The sessions are on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- Thank you to members of the Parish Community & the Social Club for your support of the **60s Tribute Evening**. The event raised £3,000; these resources will be used by **Round Towers GFC** to provide an extensive programme of Gaelic Football Training for Girls and Boys.

- The Social Club in partnership with DA Lindsay & Sons (Funeral Directors) present the **Counterfeit Beatles Tribute Evening** on Friday, 22nd April commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**. All proceeds from the event will be given to **the Chaplaincy Team at Croydon University Hospital**.

RECENT DEATH: It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Fr Denis Paul** on Thursday 24th March. Details of his funeral will be published shortly. Please remember him in your prayers and may he **Rest In Peace**.

*** LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE ***

Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm in Church with visiting priests.

TOWARDS A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Following discussion at the last Parish Meeting on 21st July 2021, a small group of parishioners together with Fr. Keith and Fr. Jackson have met on a number of occasions as a Working Party to discuss the purpose, membership and re-establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for our parish. At the Working Party's last meeting on 24th February it was agreed that adequate preliminary work had been done so that an actual decision to go ahead, or not, with setting up a PPC should be put to the parish at a Parish Meeting.

Nominations for membership of the Working Party had been sought from a range of parish organisations so that it (the Working Party) could be as widely representative of the parish as possible. Happily, there was a very positive response from parish organisations which meant that the Working Party was well placed to reflect the views of the parish. Due to the Covid restrictions most of the meetings were held on line (using Zoom, generously hosted by a member of the parish's Diversity Group).

Most of the discussions were focussed on the purpose and membership of a PPC but a number of particular and immediate issues were discussed at Fr. Keith's request enabling him to get a broad view of parishioners' feelings on various matters.

The Working Party thought it important to let the whole parish know what has been happening following the discussion at the last Parish Meeting, and to give **advance notice of a Parish Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 28th April at 8pm in the large hall**.

Please make a note of that date and do your best to attend. An Agenda and supporting papers, including details of the proposed constitution, will be published nearer the date.

Arthur Hughes, Convenor.

PILGRIMAGES SUPPORTING CATHOLIC SHRINES

Please see the poster in the porch for full details of trips.

PARISH FILM SHOW

In support of Addiscombe Welcomes Refugees. An entertaining variety show presented via film projection (not digital).

In the **Small Hall on Friday 8th April at 7.30pm**. Tickets (£6 adults, £3 aged up to 16) will be on sale after Mass this weekend and next weekend. You can also reserve seats from Adrian Winchester, Email: adrianw_8-16@tiscali.co.uk, Tel: 020 8656 0168.

THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE (CAMDEN): Are bringing their afternoon Social Groups to Addiscombe! There will be:

Tea / coffee & biscuits

Raffle / Singing / Bingo

Quizzes / Day trips etc.

**From April 13th on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 1 - 3pm
In the Small Hall**

Please contact **Joe on 07947 120568** for more information, or if you are able to volunteer to help set up and serve on the days. Thank you.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THEIR BROTHER AIDEN HOLDER; Ciara & Niamh Holder & Joe Dwyer will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon on 3rd April.

All donations go to Movember UK who work year round to save men's lives tackling men's mental health, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

To donate please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joe-dwyer4> or drop your cash donation through the parish office letterbox.

For more information about the work Movember UK do please visit: <https://uk.movember.com>

In crisis, please contact The Samaritans: <http://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you/contact-us>

TRANSPORT TO MASS - SUNDAYS AT 11.30am

Could you help a parishioner with a lift to Mass? If yes, please contact the parish office. Many thanks.

FAIRTRADE PARISH

We are a fairtrade parish, and parish groups are asked to use fairtrade products such as tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits at their meetings. These products are widely available in supermarkets. They can also be purchased online through Traidcraft at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES – FURNITURE APPEAL

We are seeking the following items to furnish a property, located near to East Croydon station, which the group is currently preparing for a refugee family to move into.

- Kitchen - 4 matching kitchen chairs
- Dining room - Table and chairs to seat 8; Small set of bookshelves (to fit into an alcove); Shade for a small lamp
- Sitting room - Arm chair; TV cabinet; Nest of tables; TV; Rug; Table lamp
- Upstairs - Standard double mattress x2; Standard double bed frame; Chests of drawers; Wardrobes; Storage solutions for toys in children's room/s

If you have any of these items and would like to donate them, please send photos of the furniture along with measurements to addiscombewelcomesrefugees@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all those in the parish who have already and continue to support the work of our group.

JOIN US!

Coffee morning on Mothering Sunday 27th March after 10am Mass

Join us for a delicious selection of homemade cakes and baked treats, served with tea and coffee. We'll be raising funds to support a refugee family who will soon be moving to our community, so donations will be welcome.

Items for collection: *Francisco Serradilla-Mazuelos*

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

Rotas: *Readers (Mar/Apr) Eucharistic Ministers (April and Easter)*