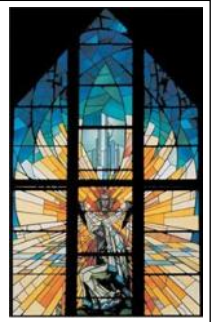




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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### POPE FRANCIS ON GOD'S MERCY

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11).

- *Homily on March 17, 2013*

Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. "Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm.

- *Angelus on March 17, 2013*

In the past few days I have been reading a book by a Cardinal ... Cardinal Kasper said that feeling mercy, that this word changes everything. This is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient. ... Let us remember the Prophet Isaiah who says that even if our sins were scarlet, God's love would make them white as snow. This mercy is beautiful.

*Angelus on March 17, 2013*

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*Fr. Keith and Fr. Tomasz are God's men, sent to serve.*

***They are never too busy to see you.***

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**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:** Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd May  
 due to staff annual leave. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### Mass Intentions This Week

#### 26 April: Easter Saturday

10:00 Rosalie Hughes RIP (90th Birthday)  
 18:00 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP

#### 27 April: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 Gloria Hunneybun RIP (Birthday)  
 10:00 All Parishioners ~  
 11:30 Erin O'Donnell RIP \*

#### 28 April: Monday SAINT GEORGE

10:00 Anthony Fernandes RIP

#### 29 April: Tuesday

##### SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

10:00 Margot Evans RIP 5th Anniversary

#### 30 April: Wednesday

10:00 Stuart McKenzie RIP

#### 1 May: Thursday

10:00 Derrick Bentley RIP 1st Anniversary  
 19:30 Karol Skorniak RIP

#### 2 May: Friday SAINT ATHANASIUS

10:00 Angela Ennis RIP

#### 3 May: Saturday

##### SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES

10:00 30th Wedding Anniversary Wishes for  
 Anthony & Stella Uraih  
 18:00 Harold, Michael & Harry Sweeney RIP

#### 4 May: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 UCM: All Children Making Their  
 First Holy Communion  
 11:30 Kathy Slater RIP

~ *With Uniformed Groups*

\* *With First Holy Communion Children*

### MEETINGS

**SVP:** Tuesday 29th at 8pm (PRC)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 3778.35
Loose cash	£ 3473.36
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 8591.71</b>

### \*\*\* DEFIBRILLATORS \*\*\*

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

### COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a Diocesan collection for the *Maintenance of St George's Cathedral*. See note overleaf.  
 Good Friday's collection for *Holy Places of Palestine* amounted to £818.14. Many thanks.

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Joseph Anand, Pat Joyce, Darren Ngasseu & all others*

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Ellen Conroy, Rita Fido, Joe Garry, Norma Waddell, Cal McCarthy, Tom Thornton, Denzil Peters, Eva Molony, Margaret Brown, Edward Whelton, Marie Carter, Cora Geraghty, Olga Beaucaasin, Sarah Rose Claudius, Kathleen Evans, Margit Coombs, Mary Avery, Trevor Rodrigues, Douglas Weidemann, Jean Crayford, Col. J.H.Craig, Cedric De Saa, Seamus Lacey, Derrick Bentley, Tricia Urwin, Win Moloney, Norma Bird, Thomas O'Flanagan, Margaret Tuck, Johanna Meek, Bridie Coombes*

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

27th April: Kevin Kearney

4th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kenny Paul

11th May: Theresa Rodgers

18th May: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

25th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kieran White

1st June: Cross Keys

8th June: TR Dallas

15th June: Shane & Mervyn Owens

- **The London Irish Centre (Camden)** are now bringing their afternoon Social Groups to Addiscombe! There will be Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Raffle, Singing, Bingo, Quizzes, Day trips et al. **The group will be facilitating sessions every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.**

- The **Barry Doyle Band** will be appearing in the Social Club on Friday, 9th May from 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Irish Community Services, Bexleyheath.**

The **Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance** will take place on Friday, 16th May. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm and **Dancing to The Duets** will commence at 8:00pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Anerley ACROSS, a charity which will be taking a party of disable people to Lourdes in June.**

To reserve tickets for the above events, please call **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.**

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **Loretta (Sandy) Robson**, will take place here at Our Lady's on Thursday 8th May at 10am.

The funeral of **Linda Ross**, will also take place here at Our Lady's on Tuesday 27th May at 10am.

The funeral of **Anne Abbott** (nee O'Sullivan and an old Coloma girl) who died on 29th March, will take place on Tuesday 13th May at 12.30pm at Holy Family Church, Limpsfield Rd, Sanderstead.

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> CROYDON SCOUTS

We are thrilled to share that our Beaver Scout Colony has grown so wonderfully that we've reached full capacity! To continue offering an amazing experience to more young adventurers, we need to open a second Beaver Scout Colony.

To make this happen, we need your support. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help lead and inspire our 6 to 8 year old Beaver Scouts. No prior experience is necessary - we will provide training and support to ensure you feel confident and prepared.

**Joining our team as a volunteer is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in the lives of local children, gain new skills, and have a lot of fun along the way!**

Time commitment - 90 minutes each week, probably on a Thursday 6pm to 7pm (can change day if needed). Plus planning and training time.

*Be part of something amazing. [gsl@28thcroydon.org.uk](mailto:gsl@28thcroydon.org.uk)*

**NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** Will be distributed after all Masses the weekend of 10th/11th May. Please remember to collect your boxes!

### PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Parish Ascent Group is part of "Life Ascending International". It is a Catholic movement for men and women who have reached a certain age in life. The three aims are first, developing Friendship, then growing in Spirituality and finally supporting the Church's Mission both at home and abroad.

**All parishioners are very welcome to join us.** We meet over tea and coffee to share in many different ways our understanding and experience of our Catholic faith, in the *Small Hall after 10am Mass on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.*

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 29th April.** We will gather for a special meeting to finally respond to the Archbishop's 'Called To Bear Fruit' initiative which hopes to grow 'Missionary Disciples'

### NO BOOK CLUB OR BIBLE STUDY NEXT WEEK

As Fr Tomasz is away. Both will resume from **Tuesday 6th May.**

**COLOMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** Is calling all 'Coloma Old Girls' to come to the annual lunch on **Saturday 10th May**, starting with Mass in St Anne's chapel at 11.15 am, and lunch at midday. Home time is 5pm after tea and cakes.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school. For booking form please contact [colomaoldgirlsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:colomaoldgirlsassociation@gmail.com) or Claire Tucker (chair) on 07774 659966

### ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.

*Thank you!*

- Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral)
- Telephone weekdays 9am – 5pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church.

### ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD - 7 JUNE 2025

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults.

This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). **The event itself is free.**

*If there is enough interest, our parish will look at putting on a minibus/coach for the day itself (cost to be advised), so to express your interest, please speak to Fr Keith.*

You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at [rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025](http://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025).

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Is the name which has been given to the journey taken by people who seek to enter into full communion in the Roman Catholic Church. Essentially this allows adults to get to know our church teaching and practice in a friendly, informal group setting and culminating, if they so wish, in the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist next Easter.

Parishioners are asked to encourage friends and relatives to consider joining RCIA this year. **The welcome meeting for our 2025-26 group, will be on Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm.**

*Anyone considering embarking on a new stage of their own journey in faith is invited along on that evening to learn how the RCIA group work together and share our faith. "Come and See"*

More details are available on page 3 of the online newsletter.

**For Collection: UCM**

**Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (April)**

**Readers (May/June)**

**Baptism Certs: Should be collected from the parish office**

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who attended the Easter vigil, or one of the Sunday Masses in Lent, you will have been part of our RCIA candidate's initiation into the Catholic Church.

Soon **RCIA** in our Parish will start again for another year. Those involved in helping with the programme always find it to be an inspiring and rewarding experience.

What is the **RCIA**, and could you play a part or benefit from joining the process?

The Southwark Diocese website explains what is involved very well...

**[www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/becoming-a-catholic](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/becoming-a-catholic)**

*“Becoming Catholic is an amazing, life-changing journey. Much more than a series of educational classes, it moves through a process of deep reflection, discernment and formation.*

*God offers each of us the grace of desiring and seeking love, truth and meaning. He is the initiator and giver of all faith, who inspires and guides us on our journey. Throughout the process of initiation into the Catholic Church, the people of God accompany those seeking full initiation step-by-step, to support, guide, and help them hear God's call in their life.”*

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is the name which has been given to the journey taken by people who seek to become Christians and be confirmed participants in our Catholic Church. Essentially this process allows adults and older young people to enquire, and if they wish, to be prepared for three sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation and The Eucharist.

In our parish it normally takes about 10 months and culminates in personal decisions being made in the new year, a formal welcome by the Archbishop at Southwark Cathedral in Lent and in celebration of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The group meets every two weeks (excluding school holidays), starting **Wednesday 14th May at 8pm**.

Parishioners are asked to encourage friends and relatives to consider joining RCIA this year and indeed anyone wishing to follow the process can be a great help in the Journey to Faith. You will be very welcome to join and accompany this year's candidates. You do not need any particular skills or training. If you might be interested, or would like more information or perhaps have been through the process in the past, please contact one of the priests after Mass on Sundays.