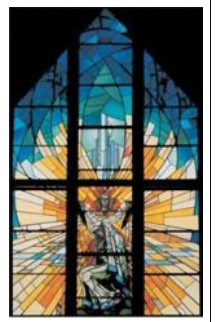


Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 By appointment only

27th September 2020 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

The readings of this week speak about a crucial decision making in one's life, to say 'YES' to God or no! It is up to us to determine whether to choose heaven or hell or eternal punishment or eternal life. As free beings in this world, let's choose right - heaven.



In the first reading, the Lord God, through His prophet, Ezekiel, corrects the Jewish beliefs that children inherit the guilt of their ancestors and are punished for their sins, and that God is more strict than merciful. God explains that His mercy overrules strict justice and that He will punish us only for our sins, not for the sins of our ancestors.

Today's Gospel, a man with two sons, who tells both to go out to work in the vineyard. The first son says he won't go, but later regrets it and works. The second son says he will go but does not. In each case, it is the final decision that is more important. Jesus teaches through this short parable that repentant tax-collectors and prostitutes, represented by the first son who initially refused to go, will make their way into the Kingdom of God before the chief priests and the elders, represented by the second son in the parable.

We need to do God's will every day: Each one of us is responsible to God for every one of our actions, and the just God will punish or reward each individual according to that person's actions. Since we are not sure about the moment of our death, our only guarantee of dying in God's friendship is to live in that friendship always, saying "Yes," to God by doing His will.

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We have just been advised by the Diocese, *that with immediate effect, Baptism services are limited to 6 people in attendance* (this does not include the priest). We will notify you if this situation changes again. Many thanks.

*** EASTER OFFERING ***

The offertory next weekend (3rd/4th October) will be your personal offering to Fr Keith and Fr Jackson, postponed from Easter this year. Please leave your donations in the collection box at the back of church. Can I please ask all parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme, including those who pay by standing order, to use their Gift Aid envelopes. Many thanks.

Mass Intentions This Week

26 September: Saturday

First Holy Communion Mass
 10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP

First Holy Communion Mass
 17:30 Michelle & David Harris'
 30th Wedding Anniversary

18:30 John Boswood RIP

27 September:

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

09:00 SVP. Intentions for the Lonely & Vulnerable of the Parish

First Holy Communion Mass
 10:00 All Parishioners

11:00 For Peace in the Dem. Rep. of Congo

12:00 John McElhinney RIP

28 September: Monday

10:00 Wellbeing of the Benedict Family

29 September: Tuesday SAINTS MICHAEL GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

10:00 Special Intention

30 September: Wednesday

SAINT JEROME

10:00 David Warner RIP & Marguerite Warner's Intentions

1 October: Thursday

SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

10:00 Ubaldina, Lucas & Sylvia DeSouza RIP

19:30 Phil RIP

2 October: Friday

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

10:00 Intentions of George Floyd's Family

3 October: Saturday

10:00 Peggy Canavan RIP

17:30 Thanksgiving for the Bambi Family

18:30 All Parishioners

4 October:

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

09:00 Ints. of Mary & David Woodeson

10:00 UCM: Children Who Just Made Their First Holy Communion

11:00 James 'Jim' Leigh RIP 7th Anniversary

12:00 David Knott RIP



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 364.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 599.09
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1938.09

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Winifred Dias, Salvatore Di Meo, William Donachy, Margaret Skeats, Fr. Patrick Best, Antonio Corazzo, Daphne Higher, Anne Miller, Pope John Paul I, Blodwyn Mayfield, Eileen Rudduck, James Brennan, Robert Priest, David Curry, Leslie Harley, Nicholas Corio, Archbishop Peter Amigo, Mary Stammers, Pierina Oriana, John Fleury, Hilda Goodfellow, Andrew Knapp, Margaret Elmes, Veronica Wynne, Patricia Jones, Richard Hubberstey, Joyce Gomeze, Bridget Pauline Quinn, Brian Houlihan, Nora Murray, Kathleen Ryan

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - [07548 868418](tel:07548868418). Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club, I hope that you are all safe and well!

The winners for the September **200 Club Across draw** are -

No. 8: Davy Doherty £100.00

No. 34: Sarah Doherty £50.00

No. 105: Eileen Purcell £50.00

All winners will receive their cheques over the next few days. Thank you to Members who have renewed their membership of the **200 Club** and to those who have recently joined the Club. If you would like to join the **200 Club**, please go to the website www.anerleyacross.org.uk and download an application form.

The Social Club in partnership with Our Lady's Parish are proposing to have a **Christmas Raffle** to support three local charities; **The Lily Pad Appeal** (Children with Cancer) at Croydon University Hospital, the **Woodside Bereavement Service** and **St Mildred's Church** (Drop In Centre & Toys for Children in Care). There will be three cash prizes of £300, £200 and £100 plus seven additional prizes. Over the next two weeks, we are seeking sponsors for the Prizes. If you can help in anyway, please send an email to patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk.

St Mildred's Drop In Centre for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed them when the Centre reopens.

More News from **the Social Club** is available on the Facebook site.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. **No task is too small - please make contact.**

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

If you have not already done so, please ring the parish office to sign up to **one** of the two catechism sessions that are to be delivered on

EITHER October 4th OR October 11th

***** SPONSOR FORMS *****

Candidate sponsor forms are now available to download from our website. **Please can all candidates print this off, and have their sponsor complete and return it to you.** It is essential that this form is handed in to Fr Keith by **Sunday 11th October** for administration purposes. Thank you.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Many thanks to those of you who are still donating used postage stamps. **HOWEVER**, please can you ensure that you **ONLY HAND IN STAMPS WITH A FULL 1CM BORDER AROUND THE OUTSIDE**, otherwise the charity will not accept them.

HEATING IN CHURCH

Many say that the best of this year's weather is behind us!! This brings us to the sticky subject of the ethics of heating the church through the autumn and winter months. Best practice in times of a pandemic must be maintained; doors open to avoid handling, space well ventilated, etc etc. There will be little point in having the heating on for extended periods before the church is occupied, and it may be that the heating is only effective for those sat right in front of it under these circumstances. To be honest, we just don't know! We do not want to burn gas and money without benefit. ***Please be patient with us whilst we experiment, and be prepared to wear an extra layer if you are one who feels the cold.*** Many thanks.

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. **Please complete the form and return it to the presbytery/parish office by TODAY - Sunday 27th September.** Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments are available until Friday 9th October.

Primary school interviews will take place later in the year.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS who wish their children to start preparation for First Holy Communion

Application forms for the two year (term time only), First Holy Communion programme for children in years 2 & 3 at non Catholic schools can now be downloaded from our website. Forms should be completed and handed into the Parish office no later than **TODAY - Sunday 27th September.** The first session and introduction (WITH PARENTS) is on **Tuesday 6th October at 5pm promptly** in the **large hall** and will finish at 5.30pm. Late applications cannot be accepted.

SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC ARTISTS

To celebrate its 90th year of existence the Society of Catholic Artists has an online exhibition of both religious and secular works. The society was started in celebration of 100 years of Catholic Emancipation in England. The link to this beautiful exhibition which can be shared is: www.catholicartists.co.uk/90years

OPEN EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Open Evening for entry to year 7 in 2021 on **Tuesday 6th October.** Tours from **5pm until 7pm**, with the head teacher's speech at 5.15pm. If you are unable to attend this event we can make separate arrangements to visit us by appointment. Telephone **020 8686 3837.**

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