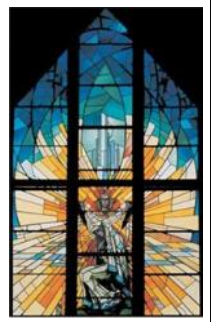




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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27th November 2022 First Sunday of Advent (page 82 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Maranatha ("O Lord, come!")

Today we begin our yearly pilgrimage through the events of history of salvation starting with our preparation for the birthday celebration of Jesus and ending with our reflection on his glorious "second coming" as judge at the end of the world. We are entering the Advent season. Advent means coming. We are invited to meditate on Jesus' first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible, and through the worshipping community, and finally his *Second Coming (Parousia)* at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked. We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings, dried flowers or plain green plants and the Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness through and all around us.

In the first reading (Is 2:1-5), Isaiah describes his prophetic vision of all nations making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, affirming their Faith in the one true God.

In today's Gospel (Mt 24:37-44), Jesus warns us of the urgency of vigilant preparation for his coming on our part that we may meet him as our Judge both at the end of our lives on earth and on the day of the Last Judgment when he comes in his glory.

*** WARNING - SCAM ALERT ***

Please be aware that the cash machine at the Co-op in Addiscombe, is once again being targeted by a few unsavoury characters looking to relieve you of your cash!
 Unfortunately a few parishioners have already fallen foul of their scheme. ***Please be wary and extra cautious if using this machine or others along the high street.***

Mass Intentions This Week

26 November: Saturday
 10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP 1st Anniversary
 18:00 Peggy & Deceased Members of the Scanlon Family RIP

27 November:
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 08:30 Caitriona McMahon RIP
 10:00 Dec. Mems. of the Braim Family RIP
 11:30 All Parishioners +

28 November: Monday
 10:00 Wellbeing of Jude Joseph

29 November: Tuesday
 10:00 Elizabeth Murphy RIP

30 November: Wednesday ST ANDREW FUNERAL MASS
 10:00 Don Carmichael RIP

1 December: Thursday FUNERAL MASS
 10:00 Shirley Adams RIP
 19:30 Maria Morris RIP

2 December: Friday
 10:00 Bridie Fowley & Her Family's Intentions

FUNERAL MASS
 12:00 Gloria Brown RIP

3 December: Saturday SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
 10:00 Ann Nolan RIP
 18:00 Shirley Gaunt RIP 2nd Anniversary

4 December:
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 08:30 All Parishioners *
 10:00 UCM: *
 11:30 Jim Molamphy RIP

+ *With Baptism*
 * *With Children's Liturgy*

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 29th at 8pm (PRC)



Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING
 1st DECEMBER - TEAM D

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 329.32
Loose cash	£ 350.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
Total	£ 1819.32

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Maryhill School, Uganda* amounted to £152.00. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *Catholic Youth Services*. Next week 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, Kevin Moynihan, Baby Noah, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Con Molyneaux, Margaret McGing, Patience Claudius, Arthur Brandon, John Fisher, Nuala Fox, Maureen Walsh, Bridget Hoey, 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, Patrick Casey, Margaret Lord, Teresa Cleary, Mary Brown

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

27th November: Theresa Rodgers

4th December: Frank Nelson

11th December: Glen Flynn

18th December: Kieran White

1st January: New Year Party with Ally Harron & Marian Curry

8th January: Kieran White

15th January: Theresa Rodgers

22nd January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

- Thanks to members of our Parish Community & the Social Club for your support of our recent **Declan Nerney Evening**. The event raised a massive £7,000.00; these resources will be split between the **Brain Tumour Charity & Research into the Williams Syndrome**.

- There will be a **Jiving Workshop** in the Large Hall TODAY Sunday, 27th November from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. **Admission will be £8.00 and Young People Under 18 will be Free**. This event is open to both experienced Dancers as well as Beginners.

- The **ABBA Tribute Evening** will be on Friday, 16th December. All proceeds from this event will support the Anerley ACROSS Charity. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle/Auction.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

- The **Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner** will be on Sunday, 18th 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 Kieran White. **To reserve a place at the Dinner, call Pat Winston on 07734 250375**.

RECENT DEATHS

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Don Carmichael**, whose funeral will take place here at **Our Lady's on Wednesday 30th November at 10am**. Please keep Helen and all the family in your prayers at this sad time.

The funeral of **Carmen Tinglin** will take place here at **Our Lady's on Monday 12th December at 10am**.

** CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY SHOP **

Advent calendars, Advent candles, Christmas cards, Christmas candles and much more, is now available to buy in the Repository. 2023 Church Art Calendars are also in stock.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS: A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one. Thanks for your continued support in hosting these events.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER

David Lindsay & his Team warmly welcome you to a **Memorial Service** to remember all those who have passed, at Our Lady's Church on Friday, 9th December at 5.30pm. More details available on advertisement in the church porch.

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

ST THOMAS BECKET CHRISTMAS PANTO

In lieu of a winter fayre, St Thomas Becket School Association have arranged for a professional theatre company to perform a festive panto, 'A Riskmas Carol', at the school, on **December 3rd**. There are 3 performances, 1 hr long and performed throughout the day. Tickets are **£5** and available pre-sale only, purchased through our website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa/>.

There will be hot food, refreshments, & Santa's Grotto to enjoy on the day. **All funds raised will go towards purchasing IT equipment.**

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2023 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 2nd December**.

*** SAVE THE DATE - Everyone's Nativity ***

Sunday 11th December, 2pm

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 more information, contact Sophia:

slinehanbiggs@gmail.com

EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED: For the presbytery house, to start as soon as possible. Duties include all usual household cleaning (kitchen/bathroom/dusting/hovering) no laundry or ironing necessary. The job requires 4 hours work, to be done either on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

Please speak to Fr Keith for more information if interested.

ANNUAL REFUGEE DAY CENTRE TOY COLLECTION

3rd/4th 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.

OUR WELDERLIES FESTIVE CHEER: Will take place on **Wednesday December 21st from 1-4pm** and we need volunteers to help on the day. *We would also like to hear from anyone who can offer their services as Santa or an elf (you will need to dress up!) to distribute a small present to those attending.* Normally our elderly friends would deliver our events, but we want them to have a break this time. Do contact **Sylvia on 07870508790** if you can help.

Many thanks and blessings.

THE VINE FOODBANK: Are now preparing Christmas hampers and need the following:

<i>Jam</i>	<i>Tinned Veg</i>	<i>Tinned Ham</i>	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Tea</i>
<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Juice</i>	<i>Milk</i>	<i>Pasta</i>	<i>Sauce</i>

as well Christmas specific items:

<i>Pringles (or alternative make in tube)</i>	<i>Box of chocolates</i>
<i>Box/Tin of Biscuits</i>	<i>Carton of Juice</i>
<i>Bag of sweets (sealed with date on)</i>	

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR NOEL CAMPBELL

Wednesday 14th December at 6.30pm

This Mass to celebrate the years of service given to St Thomas Becket School by head teacher Noel Campbell, is open to all the Becket family, past and present. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the large hall. We hope to see you there!

ALL PARISHIONER MASSES: It may have come to your attention recently, that we have not held an 'All Parishioners' Mass every weekend, as is usual. Unfortunately this is due to the number of funerals being held, meaning that other Mass intentions have been moved to accommodate them. In the short term we have used the 'All Parishioners' Masses to pray for those displaced intentions.

Items for collection: B Cronin

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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