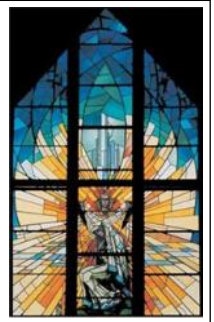




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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28th January 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 132 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

This weekend, we mark Racial Justice Sunday – a day on which Christians unite in prayer for an end to racism and racial inequality in our world today. This year, the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has chosen the theme “Seeing one another in the life of the Church”. Through this year’s theme, we are invited to reflect and celebrate people around the world who have led holy and exemplary lives by exploring a little more about saints from different backgrounds.

Introducing the theme, Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, says:

“In the history of the Church, there have been those who looked at the society in which they lived, and responded to what they saw. They looked, made a decision based on what they saw, and acted. Alert and sensitive as they were to the commandments of Christ, when they saw justice being denied to someone because of their racial origin or colour, they were prompted to act. Their actions of opposing racism, promoting equality and justice, became their life’s work. Following this path, sometimes they encountered hostility, rejection, and attempts to overturn what they were doing.

“However, they persevered and became instruments of change, agents of progress, and some are acknowledged as saints of the Church. There are many, many saints in the Church. Each is different. Each chose to follow a particular aspect of the person of Jesus.

“Some saw Jesus as a teacher and devoted their lives to teaching. Some followed Jesus as one who loved the sick, and opened hospices and hospitals. Others saw Jesus as the friend of the poor and gave witness to that. Among the saints are those who remembered the words of Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right. They shall be satisfied.” And then they spent their lives working that everyone would be treated justly, with fairness and without discrimination.

We celebrate joyfully with Fr. Joe as he is recognised for his faithful service to the Church in the Diocese of Southwark.

He has been made 'Chaplain to His Holiness' with the title Monsignor.

Mass Intentions This Week

27 January: Saturday
 10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP
 18:00 Harry Michael & Harold Sweeney RIP

28 January: FOURTH SUNDAY
 08:30 All Parishioners ~
 10:00 Tony Carrigan RIP ~
 11:30 Pauline Psaila RIP

29 January: Monday
 10:00 Paudie Twomey RIP

30 January: Tuesday
 10:00 Intentions of Brieger Sweeney

31 January: Wednesday
SAINT JOHN BOSCO
 10:00 Helen Cornabe RIP

1 February: Thursday FUNERAL MASS
 10:00 Alfreida Schembri RIP
 19:30 Ellen Flanagan RIP

2 February: Friday
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 10:00 Pat Agacy RIP

3 February: Saturday
SAINT LAURENCE OF CANTERBURY
 10:00 Jerry Foley RIP
 18:00 All Parishioners

4 February: FIFTH SUNDAY
 08:30 Josephine Seemampillai
 10:00 UCM:
 11:30 Peggy Scanlon RIP

~ With Children’s Liturgy

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 30th at 8pm (PRC)
1st Holy Communion Parents’ Meeting: Tuesday 30th at 8pm (Large Hall)
Adult Catechesis: Wed 31st at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)
Young Catholic Adults Fellowship: Fri 2nd Feb at 7pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 680.16
Loose cash	£ 951.84
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1290.00
Total	£ 2922.00

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week’s collection for *The White Flower Appeal (SPUC)* amounted to £505.00. Many thanks.
 This week there will be a Diocesan collection for *Racial Justice Sunday*.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Michael Hewish, Ann Page, Arthur Hughes & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Mary Druce, Carmel O’Flanagan, Michael Kenny, Jeremiah Johnson, Sister Rita, Edward Gallacher, Lily Risso, Ron Edwards, Roy Cuming, Ralph Hoyle, Maura Waller, Margaret Maguire, Eileen Chesher, John Joyce, Geraldine Hanlon, Hilda Botell, Janice McNamara, Peter Fitzpatrick, Maggie Fitzgerald, Ewald (Frank) Szaszynek, Constance Hansen, Diane Hill, William McCarthy, May Carroll, Fr. John McKenna, Elizabeth Coomber, Zygmunt Torka, Baby Tamsin Taylor, John Santry, Marie-Carmen Thatcher, Elizabeth O’Hara, Elizabeth Hardy, Timothy Quinn, Gordon Eastaugh

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

28th January: Cross Keys

4th February: Finbar & Paul

11th February: Shane & Mervyn Owens

18th February: Kieran White

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

3rd March: Pat Jordan

10th March: Glen Flynn

17th March: **St Patrick's Day** - Frank Nelson

- Many thanks to our Parish Community & Members of the Social Club for your support of our recent **Quiz Night**. The event raised in **excess of £3,000.00**; these resources will be used to provide **Music Therapy for Patients with Brain/ Head Injuries** at the Critical Care Centre at King's College Hospital, London

- **J & M Country Dance Classes** commence in the Church Hall on Sunday, 21st January from 2:00pm for five weeks. Admission will be £10.00 per class. For more information, call **Michael on 07576 146431**.

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs will take place at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon, CR9 7AT. The sessions commence on Wednesday, 7th February from 5:45pm - 7:00pm; they will be 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.

- **Sabrina Fallon & Shane Moore** will be appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 15th March from 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Place to be Cafe, Purley**; a Social Club for older people living with **Dementia** and **their Carers**. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling **Pat Winston on 07734 250375**. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT

The funeral of **Vera O'Neill**, will take place here at **Our Lady's on Thursday 8th February at 10am**. Please keep her family in your prayers at this time.

JOIN US FOR ADORATION!

Saturday 24th February 10am - 12pm

Mass, Confession, Worship & Prayer Ministry - all are welcome.

CALLING ALL 'OUR LADY'S' VOLUNTEERS!

We are in the process of reviewing safeguarding at Our Lady's. **In order to ensure that our church is a safe place, we need all volunteers to complete a 'Volunteer form' so that we have an up to date register of helpers.** Parishioner Joanna, has taken on this task for us. If you have not already been contacted by her, or by the leader of the group you help with, and you volunteer in a specific role in the parish (cleaner, reader, florist, SVP etc) please email her on:

addiscombedbs@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

Fr Tomasz delivers catechesis for adults **every Wednesday from 11.15am (during coffee morning) in the large hall, and at 7.45pm in the small hall.**

Topic for this week: Reading Fiducia Supplicants

THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

The date is 13th July, 3pm at St George's Cathedral. Couples celebrating a special anniversary - 1, 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 or more years - and wishing to receive a personal invitation from Abp John, should email **mflsw@rcaos.org.uk**

For Collection: *K Duignan, C Buxton, M A McGuigan*

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: *Eucharistic Ministers (Jan) Readers (Jan/Feb)*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine with a focus on living with each other in love. The service was prepared some years ago and therefore does not reflect the turmoil that is currently devastating the people in their country. We may feel there is nothing we can do for them but come and share the prayers at our Church at **7pm on the 1st March**, joining your prayers with those of rest of the world and letting them know we care.

If you would like to take on a specific role in the service please contact **Anne.Barcellos@btinternet.com** in the next couple of weeks. Many thanks.

FOUND!: A small bubble wrap pouch/envelope with some items in it. If this belongs to you and you can tell us what items they are, please phone or visit the parish office to collect. *Many thanks.*

ALL LARGE HALL KITCHEN USERS.....

Please ensure that all cups/mugs etc are properly washed and dried before putting them away! On a few occasions recently dirty cups have been found in the cupboards, which is unacceptable and very unpleasant for all hall users. Following the kitchen refurbishment we have a very efficient dishwasher that you are welcome to use! Please help us to keep the kitchen and the crockery in a hygienic and usable state.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Is holding a **Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection** on **Saturday 10th February from 1:30 - 4:30pm at St Georges Cathedral, London.**

The Reflection will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Way of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

All Welcome.

Please call Millie on **07957 594646** for more information.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

This group for ages 23 - 35, meets **fortnightly** on a **Friday evening in the PRC at 7pm**. Our next meeting is on **2nd February**. Please come along and join us!

** UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES **

Lourdes - 5th to 9th June

Flying from Gatwick to Bordeaux

Full Board

£550 per person (sharing a twin room)

£620 (single room)

Fatima - 26th June to 1st July

Flying from Gatwick to Lisbon

Full Board

£590 per person (sharing a twin room)

£665 (single room)

For further details please contact:

Malcolm Fernando

07505 011249 or email mjsfernando@gmail.com

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & CO MAYO

3rd March 2024

£899.00 pps - Price includes:

Flight with 10kg hold luggage

5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport

with dinner, bed & breakfast

Lunch on three days

All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

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