

Our Lady of the Annunciation

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Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

28th July 2019 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 114 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY...

The Gospel opens with the disciples asking Jesus to “teach” them to pray. They remind Jesus that John the Baptist taught his disciples how they should pray. The prayer format Jesus teaches them is now called the “Our Father” and is familiar to all Christians. This prayer is simple and direct and focused on the needs of the community of faith. Jesus counsels us to petition God as our Father for “our” daily bread, that God forgive “our” sins, and that God lead “us” away from temptation. Do you hear the communal language? This prayer is meant to unite us to one another and to God.

In New Testament times Jewish prayers were long and formulaic. Prayer was a public event performed on street corners so that men could be seen (Matthew 6:5). Jesus doesn’t want his disciples to pray like this. Jesus counsels against praying like “babbling” pagans. Those pagans believed they would be heard because of the multiplication of many words (Matthew 6:7). The prayer style of pagans was contractual and very specific in nature. Pagan gods were thought to be capricious and always ready to trip up the petitioner. One had to be very specific with all petitions presented to these pagan gods. The gifted golden touch of King Midas could turn a stone to gold—but also a child. One could never be too careful. Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in a simple, concise, and clear manner.

Our prayer should be simple and be focused on the needs of the community, not just on ourselves. In his book *Prayer, Our Deepest Longing*, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser notes that the disciples wanted Jesus to teach them to pray like he did because they wanted access to Jesus' power to “be big-hearted, to love beyond his own tribe, to love the poor and the rich alike, to live inside charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, mildness, and chastity, despite everything within life that militates against these virtues.”

Our prayer response this week will be a thoughtful and private recitation of the “Our Father.” Carve out a few extra moments in your quiet time each day this week to pray it slowly and thoughtfully, paying special attention to the communal aspect of the prayer. In a special moment let us pray for our new Archbishop John Wilson and new Prime Minister Boris Johnson. May God bless all of us.

Fr Jackson

This is the last newsletter before the summer break - next newsletter on 1/9/19

Mass Intentions This Week

27 July: Saturday

10:00 Thanksgiving for the Joseph Family
18:00 Thanksgiving for the Aloysius Family

28 July: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Michael Semeta RIP
10:00 All Parishioners +
12:00 John, Joe & Maura Gilgunn RIP

29 July: Monday

10:00 Theresa & Eddie Rowland RIP

30 July: Tuesday

10:00 John Lucas RIP

31 July: Wednesday

10:00 Harold Lucas RIP

1 August: Thursday

10:00 Ellen Murphy RIP

2 August: Friday

10:00 Fr John McKenna RIP

3 August: Saturday

10:00 Private Intention
18:00 All Parishioners

4 August: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Debbie Grant RIP
10:00 Speedy Recovery of Jane Lumala
12:00 Intentions Of The Connors Family

+ *With Baptism*

*** AUGUST MASS INTENTIONS ***

WILL BE LISTED IN THE PORCH
FROM NEXT WEEK

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 30th at 8.30pm (PRC)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm
In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team B

AUGUST ROTA IN THE PORCH

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 720.80
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 816.32
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 2512.12

PARISH OFFICE

SUMMER CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be closed next **Thursday 1st August** due to staff annual leave.
Please see the notice in the porch each week for other office closure dates. Many thanks.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Sr Carol* amounted to £712.00. Many thanks. **Second collections will recommence on 8th September.**

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Rachael Ward, Neil Quinn, Mary Ann McGuigan, Pat O'Sullivan, Neva Sequeira, William Clayton

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Bill Cowan, Eric Wood, Phylis Linton, Anne Larkin, Jacqueline Collins, Deborah Shine, Pauline Smith, Jimmy Flaxman, John Templeton, Eileen Fleury, Michael Kemmett, Lena Croxford, Thomas O'Dwyer, John Potter, Gerald Quinn, Hélène Slonina, Jeremiah Galivan, Elena Lamberti

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Ann Marie Christian - 020 8662 0319 or amc@annmariechristian.com

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

28th July: Theresa Rodgers

4th & 11th August: *Closed for refurbishment*

18th August: **Grand reopening** with the Mustang Showband

25th August: Mary Rose & Her Band

1st September: Ciaran White

8th September: TR Dallas

The Autumn Programme for fundraising activities will recommence with a **Ceili & Social Dancing** on Friday, 27th September. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton. Tickets at £5.00 each are now available in the Church Hall or from Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Auction/ Raffle.

Coming soon

- Mowtown Tribute Evening: 11th October

- Declan Nerney: 8th November

- Abba Sisters & 70's Tribute Evening: 29th November

AUTUMN FAYRE: SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

Thank you to the team of volunteers that assisted with the **Tidy Up of the Church Hall & the Parish Grounds** last weekend. We are also very grateful for the refreshments that were provided by our catering team.

In preparation for the Fayre we need a selection of plums & apples for the production of jams & chutneys. If you can assist, please deliver the fruit to the Parish Office. Many thanks.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING: Please note that for the next few weeks we will be unable to use the halls for coffee after 10am Mass. **We will be reopen on Wednesday 21st August with a bumper raffle.**

THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY: In Glenthorne Avenue is holding its annual show on **Sunday 18th August**. It commences at **12.30pm** with a BBQ and stalls followed by the show hall opening at 2.30pm. An added attraction will be our wild life meadow which is the home of many butterfly species. Everyone is welcome, but please walk to the venue if possible as parking is limited.

ASHBURTON PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

Many thanks to all who came to support our picnic fundraiser for the playground. We are halfway to raising the £6,000 required to be in a strong position to receive up to £50,000 from the Lord Mayor's Fund.

We have until 12th August to raise the balance so we need your help! If you can, please go online to:

www.spacehive.com/ashburton-park-playground post your comments, share, and pledge if possible, every penny helps!

Thank you from the Friends of Ashburton Park.

OUR LADY'S HALLS COMMITTEE: We need some new members to assist the existing team with weekend halls bookings. The role requires the opening and closing of the halls on a rota basis. If you can assist please contact: **Mike Hennessy 07967 141035**

STILL WAITING FOR YOUR GIFT AID ENVELOPES?

PLEASE CHECK ITEMS FOR COLLECTION AND RETRIEVE YOUR ENVELOPE FROM THE SACRISTY CORRIDOR.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019/2020

If your child is in a Catholic School and will be 7 years old or older by 31st August 2019 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website or see one of the priests after Mass. Those who are not at Catholic school, but have completed the first year of preparation should also submit an application form. Forms should be returned to the Parish office **by the end of TODAY, Sunday 28th July 2019**. A date for the first parents' meeting will follow shortly.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 28th September at St George's Cathedral

This Day is for all the Catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process, and will include a catered sandwich lunch. More information to follow in September. Please let a priest know if you'd like to attend.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

You are invited to a celebration of your marriage. However long you have been married, come along to St Columba's in Selsdon, from 9.45am till 4.30pm on Saturday 28th September. The day is for couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them a bit better. Booking is essential:

Call **07983 524727** or Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

ANERLEY ACROSS CHARITY GOLF DAY

The Anerley Across charity will be holding their charity golf day on **Friday 13th September at Selsdon Park Golf Club**. The day will consist of bacon rolls on arrival, 18 holes of golf followed by dinner and presentation and the cost is **£60**. Tee off times **from 11am**.

If you would like to join us for a three course evening meal the cost is **£30**, please let us know in advance. Following the meal there will be and music and dancing with Eugene Doonan from 8.30pm until late and everyone is invited to join us. If you would like to join us for the music and dancing only the cost is **£5**.

Anyone interested in playing or that wants further information please contact:

Ben Cahill - 07958 903410 or **Michael McNicholas 07958 347888**.

ST THOMAS BECKET NEED YOUR HELP!

A local estate agent has kindly agreed to support the St Thomas Becket Winter Fair in December by advertising the event using eye catching signboards. They will donate £7 per board to the school, which would be put up 4 weeks before the event, and taken down straight after.

We are trying to gauge the interest from our community in supporting this initiative. Homeowners / parents / friends / families of St Thomas Becket - please sign up to allow a promotional signboard outside your property.

To confirm inclusion please email becketboards@gmail.com giving your name & address or text **Sarah** on **07950 381029** ASAP as we need to confirm numbers. Thank you!

LONDON SW CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP: Is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Dominic on 07779447676. Our next social evening is on **3rd August** at **7.30pm** at **The Prince of Wales** pub in Wimbledon.

Items for collection: Brooks, P. Cavanna, H Cole, K. Cox, D. Jakubouska Melo, E. Kiely, D Pop, I. Rodrigues-Castro, D. Smith, M Chute, D. Thomson, Sr Celia, Ghirandini & Sciberras, Smralowki, E Mansfield, C Okeke, S Damaja

Baptism certificates: C Porebska-Evans, A Klein

Rotas: Readers (July / August) Eucharistic Ministers (August) Servers (July)