



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

28th January 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 132 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalized because of their race and ethnicity. We think in particular of those who feel they do not belong within our society or our communities because of this discrimination.

As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. There are many stories of alienation throughout the Bible, with clear calls to "Love the stranger". That the Church is a place where all belong is clearly seen in the recent Feast of Epiphany, when Christ is revealed not only to the Israelites, but to all of God's people.

All the money raised will go towards supporting the Church's work on racial justice issues. The theme this year is "Belonging", emphasizing that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers, and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes.

PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

O God, Who created all people in Your Holy Image,
 Who loves the stranger, Who cares for the downtrodden,
 Walk with those who face discrimination, protect them from harm,
 Help them see Christ in our community.
 Guide those who fan the fires of discrimination,
 To open their eyes to the beauty of all your creation
 And respect the human dignity of all people.
 Open our hearts to those who face hatred and injustice
 Because of their race, their background, their ethnicity
 That we might better help them belong.
 Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

(CCEW Website)

Mass Intentions This Week

- 27 January: Saturday**
 10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Dick Walsh RIP
- 28 January: FOURTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners *
 10:00 Mabel Moniz RIP *
 12:00 Tony Sollé +
- 29 January: Monday**
 10:00 Intentions of Briege & Harold Sweeney
- 30 January: Tuesday**
 10:00 Ellen Flanagan RIP
 16:30 Reception of the body of
 Anthony McCloskey
- 31 January: Wednesday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Anthony McCloskey RIP
- 1 February: Thursday FUNERAL MASS**
 10:00 Mark Murphy RIP
- 2 February: Friday**
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 10:00 Eileen & Paul Jennings RIP
- 3 February: Saturday**
 10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Helen Cornabe RIP
- 4 February: FIFTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Mary & Richard Avery RIP
 10:00 UCM: Thelma Cowen RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners

+ With Baptism
 * With Children's Liturgy

CHURCH CLEANING	LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY	
TEAM D - Mrs Aitchison	Loose cash	£ 666.96
	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 609.41
	S/Os	£ 975.00
	Total	£2251.37

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Pax Cristi* amounted to £571.59. Many thanks. This week there is a second collection for *Racial Justice Sunday* (Gift Aid-able).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Ted Curry, Margarete Collins, Lauren Horwood, Phyllis Donnelly, Steve Richer, José Fernandez, Dominic Audibert-Moloney*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *Neil Dennett, Catherine Rocca, Arturo Braiotta, John Williams, Isabella Gallett, Raymond Burkin, Colin Grant, Peter You Than Lim, Sarah O'Hara, Mary Druce, Michael Kenny, Carmel O'Flanagan, Sister Rita, Edward Gallacher, Lily Risso, Roy Cuming, Ron Edwards, Ralph Hoyle, Maura Waller, John Joyce, Geraldine Hanlon, Hilda Botell, Maggie Fitzgerald, Ewald (Frank) Szaszynek, Constance Hansen, Diane Hill, William McCarthy, May Carroll, Fr. John McKenna, Elizabeth Coomber, Zygmunt Torka, John Santry, Marie-Carmen Thatcher, Baby Tamsin Taylor, Elizabeth O'Hara, Elizabeth Hardy, Timothy Quinn, Gordon Eastaugh*

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 28th January: Walter Kennedy

Sunday, 4th February: Pat Hayes

Sunday, 11th February: First appearance of *Mary Rose & Her Band*

Sunday, 18th February: Tom Healy

Sunday, 25th February: Eugene Doonan

There will be a *St Brigid's Cross workshop* in the Hall on Friday, 16th February from 8.00pm. St. Brigid is attributed with creating the distinctive form of the cross which bears her name. All materials will be provided and we will have an evening of fun & creativity.

Tickets for the *Ceili & Social Dancing* on Friday, 23rd February are now available in the Church Hall. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Children's Ward at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent death of Mary Joyce (Senior), aged 95 years, on Monday 22nd January. Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on Friday 9th February at 10am. Please keep Mary, and all the families of those whose funerals take place this week, in your prayers at this difficult time.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Following our recent meeting, details of what was discussed and decided is available for you to read and take away, on sheets on the table in the church porch. Many thanks for your support. *Sylvia*.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 2nd March 2018 at 7.30pm

Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend this service in our Church and share in this worldwide day of prayer, composed this year by the women of Suriname, a country in the north-eastern part of South America. The theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' It is a lovely service incorporating music, readings and reflections with lots of individual parts to play. 16 volunteers are needed, some to do the readings and others to act out parts which could be done by children.

Any one who would like to play an active part is asked to contact **Anne Barcellos** on **0208 656 2687** or by e-mail on **anne.barcellos@btinternet.com** as soon as possible so that she can allocate roles and ensure that everyone is happy with what needs to be done on the day.

ACCOMMODATION TO LET

Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association has a second floor, one bedroom flat to let in Addiscombe, close to the shops, buses and tramlink. Applicants should be 60+, able to live independently and not a homeowner or have savings / equity over £30,000.

Enquiries (including contact details): please email **secretary@acha.org.uk**.

If you do not have access to email, please call the Parish Office on 020 8654 1709 who will pass your information onto the Accommodation Officer.

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT DEMENTIA?

A date for your diaries!

Here at Our Lady's on **Monday 5th March at 7.30pm** in the **Large Hall**, there will be a talk and discussion about spotting the first signs of dementia and what we can do about them. Refreshments and cash bar available. All are welcome.

For more details contact: **John Woodhouse 07908 888586 (Text)**

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 30th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: Any Questions? - Wednesday 31st at 8pm (PRC)

J&P Group: Wednesday 31st at 8pm (Committee Room)

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

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

If you would be interested in joining the team, especially for the 8.30am Masses, please get in touch. Team numbers are getting too small for us to continue to run some sessions. If you would like to find out further information please contact:

Clare Connor on 07982 715 858

£1,000 TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO DUBLIN WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

On August 21-26 the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) will take place in Dublin. Its highlight is a visit by Pope Francis.

During the WMOF, there will be a wide-ranging programme of talks and workshops for adults, events for young people and various activities for children. That's in addition to exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances plus daily Mass.

All are welcome at this important and joyful international gathering.

Why not plan a visit now, perhaps as your annual holiday?

A £1,000 bursary is being offered to enable a family to do so. A condition is that after the event you would share the fruits of your experiences in Dublin with your local parish or school and other people. The **deadline** is **31st January** so time is of the essence.

To find out more, contact Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond now on **8651 2477** or email **marriage2014@virginmedia.com**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practise of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an **Information Meeting in The Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Rd, London SW17 8BS on Saturday 3rd February at 11am - 12.15pm**. Refreshments are served.

LONDON EVENINGS OF FAITH - WINTER/ SPRING 2018

All are welcome to a series of talks on the theme 'The spirit of Vatican II' at **7pm** on alternate **Tuesdays** from **30th January**. Talks are held in The Challoner Room, Basement, 24 Golden Square, London, W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly). Refreshments served. Full details are available at: **www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith**

UNITY CLUB

The Unity Club are desperately looking for help to put the tables and chairs away after their meetings on a Friday. Help would be appreciated between 3.30 and 4pm.

If you can assist, please come along to the Large Hall or ring **Mary** or **Pat Kingman** on **8406 5377**.

Items for collection: *A Callow, A Leahy, John & Megan McKee, Ben Dixie, Veronica Kearsley, Bodil Cronin, M Sequeira, A Winchester, J Carpenter*

Bapt Certs: *Tusiime Kabalega, Loubao, Ssebanakitta, Lyons, Mensah, Brun, Graham*

Rotas: *Readers (January/February) Servers (January) Repository (February-April) Eucharistic Ministers (February)*