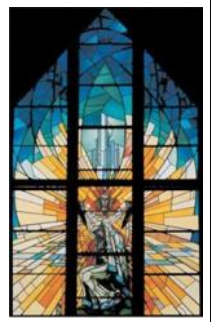




# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 29th August 2021 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

What's wrong with washing your hands before you eat? What's wrong with washing cups and jugs and kettles and beds? Nothing, of course. Cleanliness is next to godliness.

Jesus did not criticize the Scribes and Pharisees for doing these things. What provoked his reaction was their reference to hand washing as "the tradition of the elders" and the reference to "unclean hands."

As you know, "unclean" in the Bible is not the same as "dirty." It has to do with one's suitability to participate in community and worship. Since a blessing was pronounced on all foods before eating, it made sense that you would not want to be "unclean" in any way.

Jesus knew the Law. As an observant Jew, he surely observed the Law's prescriptions about what to do and its restrictions about what not to do. So far, he and the Scribes and Pharisees could be in perfect agreement.

To keep the Law because "this is the way we do things" is not necessarily bad. But isn't it much better to do it because "this is the way we honour God"? With this attitude, it is easier to be what St. James calls, "doers of the word, and not hearers only."

We have been contacted by a company offering car park management services. Equipment and services are supplied to us free of charge. It is something that Fr. Keith has been considering looking into as he is experiencing increased hostility when he approaches those who use the car park at all hours without good cause, that is, who are not conducting business in church or the halls. In essence it will be a system where legitimate users record their number plate on entering the buildings, and a number plate recognition camera issues tickets to the registered keeper of vehicles not entered on the system after 10 mins.

Please let Fr. Keith or Fr. Jackson know your thoughts.

*If you are going away for a break have a great time, and do pass on our best wishes to the communities you visit on Sunday Morning's.*

## Mass Intentions This Week

**28 August: Saturday SAINT AUGUSTINE**  
 10:00 Vincent Ndekwe RIP

18:00 All Parishioners

**29 August: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY**  
 08:30 Hannah Beston RIP  
 10:00 Caroline Koch RIP +  
 11:30 Owen Eugene McKeon RIP 1st Ann.

**30 August: Monday SAINTS MARGARET CLITHEROW, MARGARET WARD & ANNE LINE**

10:00 Wellbeing of Anne Abbott

**31 August: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Chris Lynch RIP

**1 September: Wednesday**  
 10:00 Lai Ching Chang RIP

**2 September: Thursday**  
 10:00 Porick Fowley RIP  
 19:30 Margaret Daly RIP

**3 September: Friday**  
**SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT**  
 10:00 Sidney Fletcher RIP

**4 September: Saturday**  
 10:00 Nadia Ghawi RIP  
 18:00 All Parishioners

**5 September: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY**  
 08:30 Intentions of Mary, Ann & Eileen Walsh  
 And Families  
 10:00 Ivy O'Connor RIP  
 11:30 Mary & Michael Thornton RIP

+ With Baptism



**PLEASE NOTE:**  
 The 10am Mass **WILL NOT BE LIVE STREAMED** whilst Fr Keith is away.  
 Apologies for any inconvenience.

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 2nd SEPTEMBER - **TEAM C**

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 375.25
Loose cash	£ 494.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1924.25</b>

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

We have recently installed **2nd collection boxes** on the walls of the Church. All the details for the collections will be posted here in the newsletter, as it was prior to the pandemic. Please then use these boxes for your donations. **Many thanks.**

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Brian Kearney, Duncan Pears

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** George Pears, Matt Dolan, Catherine Farnon, Bridget Cummins, Jane Lumala, Mary Ann Kemmett, Betty Rees, Sarah Holloway, Lai Ching Chang, Christopher Hayes, Ruby Shepperd, Annie Brown, Hannah Concannon, Ben Hepden, Christine Leaman, John Feeney, Edward Rowland, Anthony McDowell

### 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!

### **Annual ACROSS Charity Golf Classic**

*Anerley ACROSS is a Charity which takes disabled children on annual pilgrimage to Lourdes*

*De Vere Selsdon Estate -  
Friday, 17th September 2021  
(please note change of date)*

10.00am: Arrival with Bacon Rolls and Tea/ Coffee

11.00am: 18 Holes of Golf

The Golf Day is available at **£50.00 per person**

You can also support the event by  
Sponsoring a Hole at £50.00  
Donating items for the Auction/ Raffle

*For more information, please contact  
Ben Cahill on 07958 903410 or  
[bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bernardcahill2004@yahoo.co.uk)*

**Save the date - Sunday, 5th September:** There will be a meeting at 6pm to discuss proposals for the reopening of the **Social Club: The Ballroom of Romance**. Further details of the structure of the meeting will be available at the start of September.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Following on from the Parish Meeting of 21 July 2021, it is hoped to set up a Working Party consisting of a small(ish) group of parishioners to consider further the proposal to establish a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The Working Party would aim (among other things) to determine the purpose of the PPC, its aims and objectives, its constitution and membership, and its accountability.

Some parishioners have already indicated their readiness to be involved, but this is an open invitation to any member of the parish to join in.

Interested? **Contact Arthur Hughes** via the parish office; or directly by phone **020 8654 3943** or email: [arthur.hughes116@gmail.com](mailto:arthur.hughes116@gmail.com)

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **Nadia Ghawi** will take place on **Wednesday 8th September at 12.10pm at St Mary's Church**, West Croydon. Her body will be received into the church on Tuesday 7th September at 3pm. **May she Rest In Peace.**

### SVP

One of the things which we do is call and visit people in our parish, particularly, those who are on their own. If you are one of these people or, you might know somebody in our parish who might like us to befriend them, please get in touch with us, via the parish office, or see the SVP contact details in the parish website:

<http://www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com/st-vincent-de-paul-svp>

### ARE YOU IN YEAR 10 OR ABOVE FROM SEPTEMBER?

Are you interested in doing your Silver Duke of Edinburgh award or working towards a young leader qualification? Girlguiding Croydon can help make that happen. Our local Brownies unit is looking for a new Young Leader. Volunteering with us can make impressive additions to any CV or UCAS application. You'll develop skills in leadership, communication and team working. You will need to show commitment to Wednesday evenings for at least one term. We are a friendly group and do a huge range of activities from art and craft and sport, to adventurous activities, camps, and games.

For more details please contact:

Clare Buxton **0777 978 2275** or [clare@teambuxton.co.uk](mailto:clare@teambuxton.co.uk)

### OUR LADY'S TODDLER GROUP

We are pleased to announce that we shall be re-opening our doors on **Thursday 9th September at 9.30am in the large hall!** We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

This Toddler Group was set up many years ago by The Young Wives Committee and is affiliated with the church. Over the years we have been fortunate enough to have had some brilliant volunteers who have helped make this group very successful and a pleasure to run.

**We are now looking for someone to help us to continue to run this lovely group each Thursday (term time only) 9am - 12pm.**

For more information please contact  
**Andrea on 07952 664224**

### UCM ADDISCOMBE LADIES

Would like to invite any ladies in the parish to our *Prosecco, Pudding and Bingo Night* on **Wednesday 1st September from 8pm in the large hall**. We will be fundraising for Macmillan charity.

Cost is **£20**. Please contact Chris on **07535 978010** or email [ucmaddiscombe@gmail.com](mailto:ucmaddiscombe@gmail.com) for further details and to reserve your place ASAP as numbers will be limited.

**OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP:** Will restart our fortnightly meetings on **Tuesday 14th September**. We meet in the **large hall after the 10am Mass**, and everyone is welcome to join us. The meetings are Scripture and Prayer based.

### NEEDED ESSENTIALLY:

#### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PARISH

This post (vacant for a year) is key to the good standing of the parish and the protection of all its members. The safeguarding of all children and young people as well as vulnerable elderly people, is required both by the Church and Government.

The post holder will be responsible to Fr. Keith for all aspects of Safeguarding, especially ensuring that Disclosure & Barring (DBS) checks for involved parishioners are completed; that essential personal records are kept; and that suitable training is organised.

A commitment of time and energy, balanced by satisfaction, will be required of the post holder.

*No specific qualifications are required but relevant experience is desirable.*

#### FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We would very much like to resume Adoration on a Friday in September. However, in order to sustain the timeframe of 10.30am to 8pm, we need 18 people on our list ideally, as the Blessed Sacrament should not be left unattended. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, many of our regulars can no longer attend.

*Are you able to commit one hour of your day to the Lord?*

Please think about spending this time with God & contact Fr Keith or the parish office if you would like to put your name on our list.

#### GIFT AID NEW YEAR!

THERE REMAIN 60+ ENVELOPE BOXES AWAITING COLLECTION FROM THE CHURCH PORCH!

***If still required please collect by 29th August at the latest*** as I have to place the Parish envelope order for next year in September.

There are also 40+ small sets of 2nd collection envelopes unclaimed. I suspect that some parishioners who donate by Standing Order may have forgotten that they requested these.

***PLEASE CHECK and see if there is a set waiting for you before the 2nd collections recommence.***

*Many thanks, Jenny Mitchener*

## ANOTHER CHALLENGE

Pope Francis wants us to be active in changing how we live – and this can involve simply a few – or a lot of – small things. Don't ever think small things can't matter – try sharing your bedroom with a mosquito to disprove that!

A change could involve asking a question about whether there's a connection between raging fires in Greece and my thermostat being set at 20°C or above? Or floods in Haiti and those ¾-mile drives to the shops (a bike ride? A walk?).

You could ask if there's a connection between people working long hours in a rickety fire-risk of a building in (say) Bangladesh and the chance to buy three t-shirts for £5 ...

Is there a link between the fuel used to transport apples from New Zealand and your insistence on buying a particular type of apple instead of choosing between a limited range from Worcestershire or Kent, or doing without a favourite vegetable because it's not in season in Britain and has to be brought in from Chile or The Philippines?

Might there be a connection between the centuries or millennia it'll take to break down that plastic in a landfill site and the possibility of (or the need for) recycling it now into something useful like a drinks cup, a pencil or a picnic bench? I have been surprised and gratified at the very positive response to the option of recycling pill blister packs – the reaction has been far, far higher than I had expected; brilliant! So why do some people think it's OK to leave plastic bottles on the grass verge, or the hedgerow, or the gutter?

Is there, finally, a connection between drought in East Africa, our continued need to burn fossil fuels to generate electricity and those acres of roof-tops with no solar panels on them? Is there a contrast between the successive cuts in the financial support for installing solar panels on houses, factories (and churches!) and the need for continuing expansion of the searches for gas and oil reserves to give us "energy security"?

All small things – but a lot of small things add up to a lot. After all, I couldn't run the London Marathon – but if I did, I'd need the first stride and the thousand-and-first stride; both small, but both essential contributions to the whole thing. So never think your small contribution doesn't count – it does, and the more you can urge other people to get on board and do the same, the better the world will be for our grandchildren's grandchildren.

If you want to know what someone far smarter than me thinks about this, ask The Pope – he did write *Laudato Si* for a reason ...

## RECYCLING - PLEASE NOTE

We continue to recycle milk-bottle tops and blister packs, but I'm sorry to say that people are leaving other things we can't handle. We can't handle plastic "wallets" that some blister packs come in, for example; we can only handle the blister packs themselves. The "wallet" should be put in your household recycling.

As for bottle tops, oh, please!!!! If it says "Coca Cola" on the top, it didn't come from a milk bottle!! If it clearly is part of a bottle of hand-pumped liquid soap or hand cream, it's not from a milk bottle!! We can only recycle milk-bottle tops, and anything else should be disposed of via your Council recycling bin.

Please don't get me wrong, we're very happy - very happy indeed - to continue recycling the blister packs and the milk-bottle tops - so please don't leave anything else in the church porch for me to take home, identify and throw in my recycling bin. Throw it in your own!

Many thanks - *Andy Bebington*

## OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICE:

Contact email - [addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

## VACANCY

### SITE MAINTENANCE AND CARETAKER

We are looking for an experienced person to join our site maintenance and caretaking team. Based on the Cathedral site in London SE1, which includes residential and office accommodation, as well as public access spaces and a car park.

The primary function of this role is to provide handyman/maintenance services across the whole estate and act as a caretaker for the site.

The full advert is on the Diocesan website [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) or email [hr@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hr@rcaos.org.uk) for more details.

Closing date **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**.

## GRIEF AND LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST

Have you been bereaved? This weekend being held at *Aylesford Priory* is for you, or for anyone who has lost a loved one through death; an opportunity to mourn but also to share with and be supported by others. The date: **8 - 10th October**. For more info phone **01622 717272** or email [enquiry@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@thefriars.org.uk)

## CAFOD

### Responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

## CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2020

Confirmation certificates for 2020 can now be collected from the Parish Office. Please ring before collecting. *Many thanks*.

**LIVING LAUDATO SI' RETREAT:** Online from Boarbank Hall. Includes talks from Cardinal Vincent Nicholas and Bishop Paul Swarbrick. **3rd - 6th September**. Voluntary donation. No fee for weekend. To apply email Sr Margaret Atkins on [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk)

## \*WE NEED YOUR VOTES IN STORE!!\*

Tesco's Bags of Help have selected the St Thomas Becket Parents Association (STBSA) to go up for a public vote in stores against two other organisations, from 12th July until 30th September 2021.

The winners of this vote will receive a cash prize to go towards a project that will benefit the community. The project the STBSA have selected is 'IT equipment for children for home learning'.

To vote for us, when you make a purchase within a store, of any value, *you should ask the cashier for a Bags of Help token*: it's one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. Thank you so much for your support!

## SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS FROM SEPTEMBER

We are pleased to say that the our Sunday Coffee Mornings after 10am Mass will resume in September! Many thanks to all those who have supported them in the past. A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one.