



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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29th September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 138 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

And again we welcome a beautiful month of rosary! Pope Francis encourages us to undertake this journey. He says:

“In the prayer of the Rosary we turn to the Virgin Mary so that she may bring us ever closer to her son Jesus, so as to know him and to love him more and more. And as we repeat “Hail Mary”, we meditate on the mysteries, the joyous, luminous, painful and glorious phases of Christ’s life, but also of our lives because we journey with the Lord. This simple prayer, in fact, helps us to contemplate all that God in his love has done for us and for our salvation, and allows us to understand that our life is united to that of Christ. In prayer, we bring everything to God, our struggles, our wounds, our fears, but also our joys, our gifts, our loved ones ... all to God. By praying, we allow God to enter our time, to welcome and transfigure all that we experience”.

Let’s accept this invitation to the rosary prayer and with Our Lady, let us ask for the needs of the whole world.

I would like to express our gratitude to the members of our rosary teams, who every day, pray the whole rosary for our parish. Thank you all for your faithful ministry of prayer.

With the beginning of October each group will move to a new set of mysteries:

- Team of the Immaculate Conception of Mary** - 6pm Mass - Luminous Mysteries.
- Team of the Birth of Mary** - 8.30 am Mass - Sorrowful Mysteries.
- Team of the Name of Mary** - 10am Mass - Glorious Mysteries.
- Team of the Assumption of Our Lady** - 11.30am Mass - Joyful Mysteries.

Next change will take place from 1st of February.

Our intentions:

- Sanctification of the parish area and all living in its boundaries.
- Sanctification of the parishioners and their families.
- Sanctification of the priests of the parish.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

fr Tomasz

Mass Intentions This Week

- 28 September: Saturday**
 10:00 Michael, Harold & Harry Sweeney RIP
Followed by Adoration with Prayers for Healing
 18:00 All Parishioners
- 29 September: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 Intentions of Baby Turner
 10:00 Josephine Mendonca RIP
 11:30 David Neaves RIP 1st Anniversary
- 30 September: Monday SAINT JEROME**
 10:00 James (Jim) Leigh RIP 11th Ann.
- 1 October: Tuesday SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS**
 10:00 Joan McHugh RIP
- 2 October: Wednesday THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**
 10:00 John Larkin RIP Anniversary
- 3 October: Thursday**
 10:00 John Devereux RIP 2nd Anniversary
 19:30 Esther Lynch RIP
- 4 October: Friday SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**
 10:00 Wellbeing of Sr Rose Wright
- 5 October: Saturday**
 10:00 Bernie Doyle RIP
 18:00 Sandra Patricia Valqui RIP
- 6 October: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY**
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 UCM: Brian Kearney RIP & All Members’ Loved Ones
 11:30 Kieran Morgan RIP

MEETINGS

- SVP:** Tuesday 1st at 8pm (PRC)
- UCM:** Wednesday 2nd at 8.15pm (Large Hall)
- RCIA:** Wednesday 2nd at 8pm (PRC) *What Are The Sacraments?*
- Men of St Joseph:** Thursday 3rd at 8.15pm (PRC)
- PPC:** Thursday 3rd at 8pm (Sacristy - enter via the green gate at rear of church)
- Young Adults’ Fellowship:** Friday 4th at 7pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	559.19
Loose cash	£	764.60
S/Os (Approx)	£	1340.00
Total	£	2663.79

*** DEFIBRILLATORS ***

There is a defibrillator located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church, and another on the wall outside the large hall entrance.

COLLECTIONS

This weekend we have our **Autumn Fayre** - please come armed with cash as the stalls will not have card readers. Many thanks!

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Pope John Paul I, Blodwyn Mayfield, Eileen Rudduck, James Brennan, Robert Priest, Joyce Hassan, David Curry, Leslie Harley, Nicholas Corio, Archbishop Peter Amigo, Mary Stammers, Pierina Oriana, John Fleury, Hilda Goodfellow, Andrew Knapp, Margaret Elmes, Veronica Wynne, Nora Murray, Patricia Jones, Richard Hubberstey, Joyce Gomeze, Bridget Pauline Quinn, Brian Houlihan, Kathleen Ryan, Joan Baker, Joseph Kerr, Enrichetta Clarke, Bernice Lorenzo, John Devereux, Walter D’Rose, Raffaele Farina, Eustace Andrews, Jeanette McCarthy, John Wren, Marcella Griffin, Hazel Rodrigues

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

29th September: Shane & Mervyn Owens

6th October: Finbar & Paul

13th October: Glen Flynn

20th October: The Duets

27th October: Theresa Rodgers

3rd November: Frank Nelson

10th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

17th November: Cross Keys

- The autumn season of *Tribute Evenings* has now commenced with *A Motown Tribute Evening featuring the Dreamettes* - singing your favourite Motown hits including Diana Ross and The Supremes, Martha and The Vandellas, Tina Turner, Mary Wells and Aretha Franklin on Friday, 11th October. All proceeds from this event will support the Brain Tumour Charity & Beccehamian Rugby FC Big Build.

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

- *Ceili Night* will take place in the Church Hall on Friday, 18th October commencing at 7:30pm. The *Parish Ceili Band* will provide the Entertainment. To reserve tickets, call **Della Reilly on 07403 227935**.

AUTUMN FAYRE: Today from 12pm (midday)

The Fayre will open at midday today and as it is a Sunday, we will have an extensive selection of catering so you will not need to worry about the Sunday Dinner! There will be many attractions for all members of our community, including games for the children and a Fun Dog Show!!

*** OUR LADY'S CENTENARY CALENDAR ***

Will be on sale for £10 each at the Autumn Fayre

RECENT DEATH: We are sad to announce the recent death of **Brian Kearney** on 26th September. Details of his funeral will be published shortly. Please keep Brian, his wife Maureen and the whole family in your prayers at this sad time. May he **Rest In Peace**.

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE RETREAT: At St Georges Church, Middlesex, HA0 2QE on Saturday 26th October from 1pm to 4:30pm. Call Millie on **07957 594646** for more information.

APPLICATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES NO APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AFTER 10th OCT

Forms can now be downloaded from the Parish website. **Please complete the form fully and return it to the parish office.**

Only then can an appointment be arranged with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available until Thursday 10th October.

Primary school interviews will take place later in the year

DAY FOR READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Around the new translation of the Lectionary, soon to be brought into use. **Sat 19th October, 11am – 4pm Sacred Heart Parish Wimbledon.** Their parish Mass is a 10am for those who want it. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee provided.

Register directly via wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk

WITH THANKS: Sue & Kenton Reeve, Christine & Joseph Considine & family and Jane & David Hughes & family, would like to thank Fr Keith for the recent Requiem Mass for **Dennis Carpenter**. Thanks also to anyone who sent cards or messages or attended the funeral, which truly was a celebration of a life well lived.

For Collection:

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (Oct) Readers (September/October)

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Mandatory Training is booked for Saturday 5th October 2024 for those who have not completed the video online or attended the session run in April. Safeguarding representatives from the diocese will also be attending. The morning will start with tea/coffee ID Verification for anyone who needs it at 9.30am, training video 10-11am finishing with more verifications if needed. No need to save a space just come along! **Remember your ID if you have had an e-mail from the safeguarding office to say you are ready for verification. For questions or further information please contact Joanna addiscombedbs@rcaos.org.uk**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/2025

If your child is in a Catholic School and was 7 years old on 31st August 2024 and you wish him/her to be prepared for Reconciliation and First Communion please download an application from the parish website.

Return forms to the Parish office no later than **Sunday 27th October**. The first parents' meeting will be on Tuesday 19th November.

Incomplete/late applications will not be accepted.

A DAY WITH MARY: Is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12th October (9.45am to 5pm). Further information is available at :

<https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

EXCITING FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Friday 25th October at 6pm at St Thomas Becket School

Enjoy a stunning show by Frontier Fireworks, renowned for their impressive displays at Beckenham Palace. The event also features a bar, BBQ, DJ, & snacks! It's set to be a night of fun and community spirit! Don't miss out - secure your tickets now to ensure you don't miss this remarkable event. To purchase tickets go to:

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

OUR LADY'S TODDLER GROUP: Has now reopened after the summer break! Come along on a Thursday morning (term time only) 9.30 - 11.30am in the large hall.

Mums/dads/nannies/grandads/aunts/uncles/childminders... All are welcome! So tell your friends & join the fun! (Birth - nursery age)

OUR PARISH ASCENT GROUP: Is open to everyone. It has been meeting for more than 20 years and we meet on Tuesday mornings twice a month after 10am Mass.

The Ascent Group provides essentially a time and space for those of us in or those approaching the autumn of life, to meet together to share and strengthen our Catholic Faith.

Our focus is on reading and listening to current Gospel Readings and having guest speakers who provide spiritual understanding and inspire our faith to grow.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Have a 'cuppa' in the Small Hall after morning Mass.

ADVENT: Please see page 3 of this newsletter online where there is a note about establishing house groups for Advent, where we will follow a professionally-prepared course of bible study.

RECYCLING IN THE CHURCH PORCH: We can only accept the following items: printer cartridges, plastic milk bottle tops (and no others) and used stamps. Blister packs used for medicines are no longer recycled by us. Please take your blister packs to Superdrug pharmacies in Beckenham or the Whitgift Centre.

See the parish website for information on why we recycle.

GRIEF IN LOSS:HOPE IN CHRIST

Is a weekend for those who have been bereaved from 4th - 6th October. The residential cost is £260 for a single, £230 each for a shared room. Held at Aylesford Priory, places are limited & subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you.

Ring **01622 717 272** or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

HOUSE GROUPS FOR ADVENT

“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belong to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work”
(2 Timothy, 3:16,17)

From Psalm 119 ... *“O teach me true understanding and knowledge”* (v. 66); *“Give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments”* (v. 73).

Sermons are good – they can be very good – but are they enough?

Did our understanding of our faith come to a halt after Confirmation? If “Yes!!”, does this bother you? Would you welcome a convivial way of deepening and broadening your knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a Christian today?

In times past locally, there have been house groups and Bible study groups (generally of between 6 and 10 members), aimed at enabling us all to learn more, in a guided way, perhaps focused on a short season such as Advent or Lent. Following a short booklet covering (say) four weeks of Advent, groups examine and discuss what relevance to today there might be in (say) the Parable of the Prodigal Son, or The Council of Trent, or the various stories of deaths in the Bible (Goliath, Lazarus, Judas Iscariot and of course Jesus himself), or why and how the Old Testament is a formative element in the Christian faith.

Yes, it may sound daunting – but it isn't. For each week, the booklet might have a suggested Bible reading, a few paragraphs of commentary and several questions. It is these questions which the group leader would focus on with the members, drawing out insights and experiences which help others to see more clearly the important issues of the day in the light of their (we hope now expanded) Christian faith. To have groups at all, we clearly need hosts who can seat up to ten people more or less comfortably, and leaders who are prepared to ensure that a balanced conversation is held, with the discussion including everyone and not dominated by one or two people.

If you believe you could do either (or both) of these, please let Andy Bebington know via **020 8777 4849** or, preferably, **andy.bebington@gmail.com**, giving your name and contact details and an indication of which afternoons or evenings you'd generally expect to be available.

If you think you might like to join a group just as a member, (subject to date, and time of day), please also let him know your “availability” so that the numbers of groups can be arranged.

