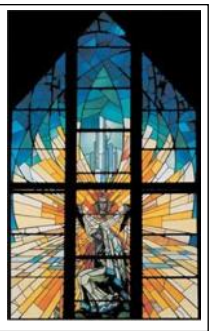


Our Lady of the Annunciation



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

29th November First Sunday of Advent (page 82 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

ECUMENICAL
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
6.30pm ST. MILDRED'S CHURCH
BINGHAM ROAD

Join Fr. Neil, Fr Keith, Fr Cajetan and the congregation's of St Mildred's and Our Lady's as we celebrate on the first Sunday of the Advent Season. Following the liturgy refreshments are served.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



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A few weeks ago a young gentleman approached Fr. Keith to speak about the sound system.

If that was you, could you introduce yourself again, as there are one or two issues to sort out and father could do with some training on the mixer and how it works. *Thank you*.

Mass Intentions This Week

28 November: Saturday
10:00 Wellbeing of Jude Joseph
18:00 All Parishioners

29 November:
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
08:30 Annetta Browne RIP
10:00 Maureen Walsh RIP 5th Anniversary
11:30 Porick Fowley RIP

30 November: Monday SAINT ANDREW
10:00 Holy Souls

1 December: Tuesday
10:00 Shirley Gaunt RIP 6th Anniversary

2 December: Wednesday
10:00 Mary & John Sweeney RIP

3 December: Thursday FUNERAL MASS
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
10:00 Josephine Pecorella RIP
19:30 Tony Lally RIP

4 December: Friday FUNERAL MASS
10:00 Tara Faherty RIP

5 December: Saturday
10:00 Philip & Kathleen Hennessy RIP
18:00 Deceased Members of the Heskin & Sweeney Families RIP

6 December:
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
08:30 Michael Bowen RIP
10:00 UCM: Wellbeing of Pat Fernandez
11:30 Birthday Wishes and Intentions for Kanayo Okeke

14:00 Everyone's Nativity

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 1st at 8pm (PRC)
UCM: Wednesday 2nd at 8pm (Large Hall)
PPC: Thursday 3rd at 8pm (PPC)

Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 684.20
Loose cash	£ 519.63
S/Os (*Approx*)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2543.83

***** 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

Last week's collection for ***Catholic Youth Services*** amounted to £590.70. This week there will be an ACC second collection for ***Mary's Meals***. Next weekend, will be holding our annual ***Toy Collection***. See note overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Lauren Horwood, Christina Cahill, Ann Page, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart, Joseph Anand, Dave Freegard, Mervat Nasri, Holly Bland, Alyssa Jemade, Mary-Jane Watson, Pat Fernandez & all others*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week**:** *Jack Mills, Patrick Cummins, Peter Early, Elizabeth Kennedy, Marie Bond, Shiri Maharaj, Daniel Aherne, Mary McPhillips, Florence Moynihan, Keith Carder, Josefa Martin Muniz, Mary Fernandez, Arthur Halliday, Gertrude Chandler, John William Davis, Eric Hope Smith, Betty Cox, Merley McIntosh, William Conroy, Tom Clarke, Terri (Annie) Knight, Wladyslaw (John) Langowski, Shirley Gaunt, Helen Linehan, Patrick Casey, Margaret Lord, Teresa Cleary, Mary Brown, Joseph Morais, Mary Patterson, Joseph Leaman, Beatrice Michael, Molly Wynne, Darrell Williamson, Maria Hernandez*

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

29th November: TR Dallas
6th December: Theresa Rodgers
13th December: Glen Flynn
20th December: ***Christmas Celebration*** - Frank Nelson
27th December: ***New Year Celebration*** - Pat Jordan
3rd January: Two in Chord
10th January: Anton
17th January: Shane & Mervyn Owens

Coming soon.....

- ***Quiz Night***: all proceeds to support Music Therapy for Patients recovering serious Brain & Head Injuries at the Critical Care Centre at King's College Hospital, London - Friday, 22nd January.
- ***Motown Tribute Evening with Soul Kinda Wonderful*** - Friday, 12th February.

St Mildred's Church: Bingham Road

The ***Christmas Market at St Mildred's*** takes place on Saturday, 5th December from 12:30pm - 4:30pm. Please join the Community for their biggest Market yet! Showcasing more than 45 businesses.

St Mildred's will be holding their ***Annual Christmas Day Lunch***; this is open to anyone who finds themselves alone on Christmas Day & would welcome some company. Everyone is welcome to come along & enjoy a Christmas lunch. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the St Mildred's Parish Office (020 8655 1434) to reserve a place.

We are delighted to promote the Christmas Lunch at St Mildred's; the Social Club will be making a donation to support the lunch.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT

The funeral of ***Michael Bowen*** will take place here at **Our Lady's on Friday 18th December at 10am**. *All parishioners are welcome to attend.*

CALLING ALL MARYS, JOSEPHS, ANGELS, SHEPHERDS & KINGS!!

You are welcome to Everyone's Nativity!

Come dressed as your favourite Nativity character (which could be the donkey) to celebrate this very special time. Nativity acted in church, followed by Arts & Crafts and refreshments in the large hall.

From 2pm on Sunday 6th December

REPOSITORY

Christmas is coming! There are plenty of Christmas cards now available in the repository. There are a number which support Cafod and the Leprosy Mission charities, as well as those which support our parish. A few diaries with the order of the Mass for 2027 remain. I have sold out of the Church Calendars however, I am hoping to be able to order some more before Christmas.

FOODBANK SUNDAY - 13th DECEMBER

Please note that for **December only**, Foodbank Sunday will be the **2ND Sunday of the month** - 13th December. The Shrublands food bank particularly requires the following:

coffee, cream crackers, fruit juice, jam, honey,
milk, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, soap & toilet paper

TOY COLLECTION 5th / 6th DECEMBER

Please start Advent with your offerings of new toys (wrapped & labelled with gender and age) for the many refugee children supported by The Croydon Refugee Project, including hundreds of children living in hotels. *Many thanks*!

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES!

Certificates are usually ready for collection from the parish office a few weeks after the Baptism. Just pop in during opening hours or ring the office to arrange collection from the church.

Diocesan Safeguarding Office: **safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk**

Rotas: *Eucharistic Ministers (November)* *Readers: (Nov/Dec)*

+++ SAVE THE DATE - ADVENT VIGIL +++

with RECONCILIATION and ADORATION

Friday 11th December 6 - 8pm at Our Lady's

Parents who want to have a chance to pray as a family while also having some quiet prayer time for themselves, will be offered childcare on the spot & dedicated fast-track confession.

All are very welcome.

Help is needed to organise the event, so if you'd like to get involved, please contact **Anne-Catherine - auxharicots@gmail.com**. Thanks.

DAILY REFLECTION FOR ADVENT: As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up visit their website **www.southwarkdsc.org.uk** and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Join us for our annual Christmas Bash on **Sunday 6th December** in **Our Lady's small hall from 1 - 4pm**.

Come in your festive season attire, bring a dish to share, drink, a unisex £5 gift for Secret Santa, a gift for your child too plus playlist of carols and fitting music.

'Tis the season to be jolly' so join in,
see you there with family and friends'

WBS - VACANCIES FOR TRUSTEES

We are looking for committed Christians with an interest in this area to join our Board of Trustees who guide and support the Service. We need two or three people of all ages and backgrounds as we work with schools, adults and the elderly.

If you are skilled or experienced in the areas of marketing, fundraising or wellbeing or want to take your first step at Board level, please email Linda Nicholas, Chair, **linda21@live.co.uk** with a short testimonial setting out why you are interested and what skills you will bring. You will then be contacted for an informal chat prior to meeting the Board.

Vice Chair: We particularly need people who at some point would be interested in stepping up to become the Vice Chair.

Secretary: We are specifically looking for some with experience of arranging and minuting meetings, attending not less than three general meetings a year and Annual General Meetings.

Please visit our website **www.thelisteningear.org.uk** or follow us on Facebook for more information and insights before applying. First time trustees are also welcome.

Deadline: **18th December 2026**

Linda Nicholas, Chair, Board of Trustees
Woodside Bereavement Service
Waterside Centre, 26 Avenue Road London SE25 4DX

COLOMA CAROL SERVICE

Coloma Convent Girls' School warmly invite you to our Carol Service taking place at school on **Wednesday 9th December** at **4pm**. Join us for a service of readings, carols and prayers as we journey through Advent and prepare to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas. To help with planning, please let us know if you will be attending by emailing **liturgy@coloma.co.uk** by 4th December.

ST JOSEPH'S PEREGRINATION 2/5/26 - 13/3/27

If you would like to participate in our Peregrination, please sign up on the list in the porch. Kindly leave your name and phone number.

PARISH ASCENT GROUP

Our Lady's Ascent Group has been meeting regularly for more than 23 years. It now meets on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays each month in the Small Hall after 10am Mass. We start with tea/coffee etc at about 10.45 and each month we try to invite a Speaker to help us share and inspire us in our Catholic Faith.

On Tuesday December 8th there will be a special meeting and lunch to celebrate the end of another busy year. All our members, current and from previous years, will be most welcome, as will everyone curious or interested in joining us in 2027.