

# Our Lady of the Annunciation

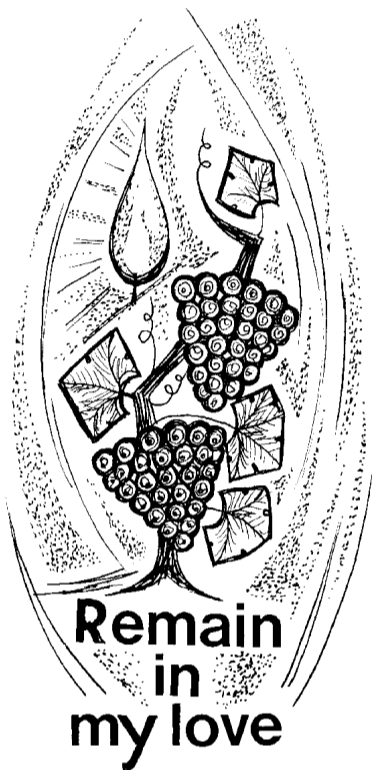
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

29th April 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter (page 264 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

In our Gospel Reading today, our Lord says, "I am the vine, you are the branches." Let us focus on what Jesus means when he says this to us. He tells us that if some of the branches do not produce fruit, his Father, who is the vine grower, will cut them off and cast them into the flames. Furthermore, those that do produce fruit are pruned so that they can produce even more. This should not seem strange to us since the Lord himself tells us that whoever remains in him will be rewarded. So if we choose to remain with him he will see to it that we produce abundant fruit. In fact, if we are united to him we just about have to produce more fruit. The Christian who does not produce more fruit will be cut off and thrown into the fire. But Jesus also reminds us that even though we are his faithful followers, there will be times when we will be tested, when we will encounter problems and difficulties. It is at these times, in the testing, that we are pruned, that we are purified.



## Mass Intentions This Week

- 28 April: Saturday**  
 10:00 Eucharistic Service  
 18:00 Paddy & Nora Walsh RIP
- 29 April:**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 08:30 All Parishioners ~  
 10:00 Daniel Locke RIP ~  
 12:00 Intentions of Mary Partridge +
- 30 April: Monday**  
 10:00 Anne Farrell RIP
- 1 May: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Frank & Elizabeth Dermody RIP
- 2 May: Wednesday**  
 10:00 Thanksgiving for  
 Members of the Joseph Family
- 3 May: Thursday**  
**SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES**  
 10:00 Welfare of Brian & Adam Franklin
- 4 May: Friday**  
**THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**  
 10:00 Eileen Scanlon RIP
- 5 May: Saturday**  
 10:00 Eucharistic Service  
 18:00 Kate & Jim Keating RIP
- 6 May:**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 08:30 Mary McNally Anniversary RIP  
 10:00 UCM:  
 All First Holy Communion Children  
 12:00 All Parishioners

+ *With Baptism*  
 ~ *With Children's Liturgy*

### CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM A

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 741.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 606.93
S/Os	£ 975.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 2322.93</b>

### COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Ecclesiastical Education* amounted to £874.01. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for *St George's Cathedral* (Gift Aid-able).

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, José Fernandez, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Julia Herneman

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Edward Whelton, Marie Carter, Cora Geraghty, Olga Beaucasin, Sarah Rose Claudius, Mary Avery, Trevor Rodrigues, Douglas Weidemann, Jean Crayford, Col. J.H.Craig, Cedric De Saa, Seamus Lacey, Tricia Urwin, Win Moloney, Thomas O'Flanagan, Margaret Tuck, Johanna Meek, Bridie Coombes, Denis Kelly, Rosario de Gomez, Ronald Thomson, Bruno Laskowski, Johanna Concannon

### SOCIAL CLUB

#### Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 29th April: Walter Kennedy  
Sunday, 6th May: **Bank Holiday special** with Finbar & Paul  
Sunday, 13th May: **First appearance of** The Duets  
Sunday, 20th May: Sean Wilson & Tony Mac  
Sunday, 27th May: **Bank Holiday special** - Mary Rose & Her Band  
Sunday, 3rd June: **1st appearance** - Theresa Rodgers & Wildflowers

Next Saturday, 5th May, we welcome underage Gaelic Football teams (Girls & Boys) from Co. Armagh, Cavan, Meath and Westmeath. The teams will attend the 6.00pm Mass with their families and friends. After Mass, there will be a Social Event in the Church Hall.

On Sunday, 13th May, the Social Club will be making presentations to three charities that they have raised funds for in recent months; The Royal Marsden Hospital, St Christopher's Hospice and The Brain Tumour Charity. The presentation will be at 9.30pm.

The Social Club invites applications for the second **Strictly Come Dancing Competition** on Friday, 18th May. This year, there will be three competitions with a meal served at 9.00pm. If you would like to take part, please register an interest by Sunday, 13th May. Admission will be by ticket at £10.00 each and all proceeds from the event will be given to the **Anerley ACROSS charity**. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction. Full details of the event are available on the Posters at the back of the Church & in the Church Hall.

**Coming soon** .....

**Freddie Mercury Tribute Evening**  
**Declan Nerney**

### PARISH FILM NIGHT

#### Small Hall on Friday 4th May at 7.30pm

An entertaining variety show presented on Super 8 and 16mm film, in support of Woodside Bereavement Service. Tickets (**£6 adults, £3 children**) will be on sale after every Mass this weekend and can be bought from the Parish office. You can also reserve seats by contacting:

Adrian Winchester on **8656 0168** or **adrianw\_8-16@tiscali.co.uk**

### UCM MEETING - Wednesday 2nd May at 8pm

Our meeting this month is actually a self defence class! We have a professional coming in to teach us some self defence moves. **This is open to all the ladies in the parish** (no under 14s) and the cost is as usual - £1 for members and £2 for non-members.

Any queries please call **07881 977758**

**REPOSITORY:** Lovely **1st Holy Communion CARDS** and **GIFTS** now on sale in the shop. Come early for the best selection!

### NATIVE LANGUAGE READERS

The annual Cultural Diversity Celebration Mass will be held on **Sunday 3rd June, at 12 o'clock**. We are looking for children / adults who are able to read in their native language to participate in readings and bidding prayers. Please sign up on the list at the church entrance or email **m.m.joseph@hotmail.com** if you are interested.

### SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If you are celebrating one this year – your 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> plus – Archbishop Peter would like to invite you to a Mass in celebration of marriage at St George's Cathedral. It's on **Saturday June 16 at 3pm**. Enter your details on the form at the back of the church by 6th May. You will then receive a personal invitation from the Archbishop. You can also bring your immediate family. More details from Office for Marriage on **020 8651 2477** or email **marriage2014@virginmedia.com**

### MEETINGS

**SVP:** Tuesday 1st at 8pm (PRC)

**Confirmation Parent's Meeting:** Tuesday 1st at 8pm (Large Hall)

**UCM:** Wednesday 2nd at 8pm (Large Hall)

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2018

Bishop Paul will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation here on **Saturday 1st December at 11am**. Young people in year 8 or above who wish to join the programme this year, should download an application form from the parish website, complete and return it to the presbytery no later than **THIS EVENING, Sunday 29th April**. The first parent's meeting will be held on **1st May** in the **large hall**. **UNFORTUNATELY LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**. If you cannot download the form then you may obtain a copy from the priests after Mass. Please note that if you wish to be confirmed, you should be attending Sunday Mass regularly.

### RCIA 2018 - 2019

The first meeting of the RCIA for 2018-19 will be in the **PRC** on Wednesday **9th May**. If you are an adult wanting to explore the Catholic Faith, or who have been through some aspect of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church or another denomination, and are looking to explore the faith further then do come along, and meet with those who have already been through the experience. It would be lovely to see you!

**MAY DEVOTION:** During the month of May the **Rosary** will be recited at **7pm** each evening from **Monday to Thursday**. The Rosary is also said every **Monday - Friday** at **9.30am** before weekday Masses. All are very welcome to attend.

### 1ST ADDISCOMBE GUIDES GOT TALENT! (MAYBE!) Wednesday 2nd May 6.30-8pm in the Large Hall

**Tickets £1 on the door - Refreshments and raffle in addition!**

### A CALL TO PRAYER & ACTION

Following the spate of violence and killings across the UK's Capital, Church Leaders are calling on all Christians to dedicate the coming weeks to a period of concerted **Prayer for Peace**. The next Prayer Walk is on **Sunday 29th April** in Croydon - starts at the Whitgift Centre (in front of Marks & Spencers) and ends close to East Croydon Station. Attendees to arrive by 3.30pm - **Prayer Walk commences at 4pm prompt and ends at 5pm**.

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP CELEBRATION MASS Sunday 3rd June

Dear Parishioners - we need your support!

There are lists at the back of the church for you to sign up to:

- donate foods for the international cuisine for the reception
- share items for arts and crafts session during the celebration
- lead international games during session in the hall
- do prayers and readings in different languages

Please call to confirm your intentions, all contact mobile numbers and email addresses are stated. We very much look forward to your fullest cooperation and contribution, many thanks. **Sylvia**

### MARCH FOR LIFE - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Family friendly, life-fest starts at **9.30am** at **De Vere Connaught Rooms, 61-65, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA**. Children Zone, music, workshops, Confessions, stalls, and much more. 1pm march to Parliament Square for speakers, including Clare McCullough of the GoodCounselNetwork.com. The day ends at 4.15pm. Also, volunteers are needed to man activities on the day, so if you can help in anyway or just want to come along...

See **www.marchforlife.co.uk** for more details

**Items for collection:** A. Ajaegbu, H. Asante, W. Biswas, P. Cavanna, T. Chinyere-Ezeh, S. De Araujo, M. D'Sa, P. Hines, F. Law, S. Marinello, V. Ntiamoah, I. Osei, D. West

**Baptism certificates:** A Healy

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (May) Readers (May / June) Servers (May)