



# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm Wednesday: Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

**3rd March 2019 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 144 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C**

The Day of Prayer for the Unemployed was organised by Church Action on Poverty. They have recently renamed their day as Poverty Action Sunday. Caritas-Social Action is the agency in the Catholic Church which acts as an umbrella for many diocesan and local organisations concerned with poverty and other social issues.

We begin the season of Lent this Wednesday. Mass is celebrated at the usual time of 10.00am and additionally at 7.30pm, both will feature the Imposition of Ashes. Although the day is not a day of obligation it is a significant celebration in the liturgical calendar and the most fitting way to embark on the penitential season.

Other celebrations this week: on Thursday Saints Perpetua & Felicity and on Friday Ss John of the Cross, and Senan who is one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland. He was born in County Clare, and having travelled and studied in Europe he returned to Ireland, where he established a church and monastery at Inniscarra, in Cork. He then moved back to his native district and eventually founded a monastery (with an exceptionally austere rule) at Scatterry, an island off Kilrush, where he died.

*A very warm welcome to Fr. Jackson, who arrived safely on Wednesday evening. We will be hearing a little more about him in the Homily and a lot more in the coming months I'm sure.*

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 2 March: Saturday

10:00 Sean Coogan RIP

18:00 Danny O'Hagan RIP

### 3 March: EIGHTH SUNDAY

08:30 Birthday Wishes for

Anton Vethanayagam

10:00 UCM: Intentions of Fr Jackson

12:00 Victor & Ida De Souza RIP

### 4 March: Monday

10:00 Martina Oseni RIP

### 5 March: Tuesday

10:00 Betty McHugh RIP

### 6 March: Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 Sean & Geraldine Hegarty RIP

19:30 Mary Walsh RIP

### 7 March: Thursday

10:00 Wellbeing of Rajiv Rawoah

### 8 March: Friday

10:00 Ivan Triggs RIP

### 9 March: Saturday

10:00 Ashley Jacob RIP

18:00 Sarah Tommaney RIP

### 10 March: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners \*

10:00 Croydon Catenian Circle:

Tony Moynihan RIP \* +

12:00 James Molamphy RIP

14:00 Igbo Community Mass

+ *With Baptism*

\* *With Children's Liturgy*

## OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Ann Marie Christian - 020 8662 0319 or [amc@annmariechristian.com](mailto:amc@annmariechristian.com)

## MEETINGS

**Diversity Support Group:** Sunday 3rd (TODAY) at 1.15pm (PRC)

**Ascent Group:** Tuesday 5th at 10.30am (Small Hall)

**SVP:** Tuesday 5th at 8pm (PRC)

**RCIA:** Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 26th at 7.30pm (Mass then PRC)

**Refugee Support Group:** Thursday 7th at 7.30pm (Small Hall)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

**CHURCH CLEANING: Team A**

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash £ 636.00

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 610.27

S/Os £ 975.00

**Total** £ 2221.27

## COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for **Poor Parishes**. (Gift Aid-able) On 17th March, there will be a second collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day**. Please pick up an envelope from the porch for your donation. Thank you.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Marc Simpson

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Philomena Clark, John Izzie, James Dalrymple-Alford, Patrick Coffey, William Hills, Winifred Chandler, Juan Garcia, Kathleen Lacy, Theresa Young, Bill Kendall, Marion Bolechala, Baby Lillian Harris, Mary Warner, Ida De Souza, Mary Anne Byrne, Carlton Quieros, Joseph Pinder, Mena Hicks, Ashley Shafton, John Lennon, Kathleen White, Josephine La Rue, Horace Barrett, Anne Kelleher, William Larkin, Thomas Godwin, Peter Dunne, Isobel Galley, Mabel Levett, Barbara Joyce, Sister Mary Constance, Melville Pinto, Aaron Grimsley

### SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

3rd March: Theresa Rodgers & Wild Flowers

10th March: Sean Wilson

17th March: Kenny Paul

24th March: The Duets

31st March: Gerry Kelly

7th April: Eugene Doonan

The Social Club programme for St Patrick's weekend will be as follows:

The evening with *Mick Flavin & His Band* on Friday, 15th March is now a complete sell out; *admission will be strictly by Ticket Only*. All proceeds from this event will be given to *Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children*. You can also support this event by donating items for the Raffle & Auction.

*Kenny Paul* on Sunday, 17th March - St Patrick's Day. The evening will commence at 7.30pm and there will also be a recital by the *Castlerea Brass & Reed Band*. Admission will be Members: £4 and Guests: £5.

### RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Inocencia Fernandes** of Westway. Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on **Friday 29th March at 10am**.

**Joe Fryday's** funeral will take place at St Anthony's, Anerley on **Tuesday 26th March**, with committal at Elmer's End. There will then be a reception in the large hall at Our Lady's. All are welcome. Please remember them both in your prayers at this time.

### MISSING!!

The **5th Addiscombe Rainbows** have lost their flag - it's been missing since the December parade Mass. Could all unit leaders please check that it's not been put away with their own flag or into a cupboard somewhere for safekeeping. If found please contact **Tracie** on **07802 702533**. Thank you.

### SUPPORT TO KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL: CRITICAL CARE CENTRE APPEAL

The Hospital are currently extending their Critical Care Centre to 120 beds, which is funded totally by Government.

In addition, the hospital wants to provide additional resources to support the recovery of critically ill patients; these will include a range of new technologies including *a tablet connected to the internet for every patient* and the development of a *roof garden*. Patients will be able to use *Skype* and *Facetime* to send messages to friends, say good morning and goodnight to their children, and be part of the important things that make up everyday life, like birthdays. Going outside can completely change how critically ill patients feel, by giving them something different and positive to focus on. Staff say that patients have an increased drive to get better once they have had a chance to see normal life going around them, outside of a hospital.

These additional resources will cost approx. £2.6 Million, which has to be raised by donations & sponsorship.

To support the fundraising programme, a *Gala Dinner & Dance* will take place at the Bromley Court Hotel on Friday, 5th April. Tickets are now available at £50.00 each or a table of 10 for £475.00. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction. For further information, please call the event coordinator, **Pat Winston** on **07734 250375**.

### GRIEF AND LOSS RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND

22 - 24th March

Dealing with the death of a husband or wife is a difficult, painful and lengthy process. This residential weekend at **Aylesford Priory** in Kent is designed to help people who have been bereaved to come to terms with their loss.

More details contact **Elizabeth Partridge** on **01303 670880** or email **mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk**

### LENTEN MASSES IN CUH

Bishop Paul Hendricks will celebrate Mass in the Hospital Chapel on **Ash Wednesday (6th March)** at 12 noon. There will be Mass every **Monday** during Lent, at 12 noon, in the Hospital Chapel.

### DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP MEETING TODAY Sunday 3rd March 1.15pm - PRC Room

You are all warmly invited to our first meeting of the year, immediately after the 12pm Mass. Items to be discussed include - the bunting project, our celebration on 2nd June, date for our next pilgrimage and more. Looking forward to seeing you there, thanks. Warmest wishes Sylvia.

### 28th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP FAMILY BINGO EVENING

**Saturday 30th March 2019** - in the Large Hall  
7pm for 7.30pm start.

Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5's free)

Reserve your place by calling **Andrea** on **07952 664224**.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:** Require 2 x **Receptionist/Clerical Officers**, each to work 15 hours per week from 7am to 10am or 3pm to 6pm, term time plus 5 days. Also **Exam Invigilators** required from May 2019, hours to be agreed. Please see the school website **st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk/** email **t.bruce@stmaryscroydon.co.uk** or call **Tracie Bruce** on **8686 3837**. Notices are also on the schools board in the porch.

### NEW ALTAR SERVER INTAKE 2019

If your child is interested in becoming an Altar server at Our Lady's please pick up an information letter (on orange paper) from the porch. This has all the details you need about meetings and training session dates. Many thanks.

### GIFT AID MEMBERS

The new sets of envelopes will be distributed in early May. Prior to that I have to check the list of members and delete names and details for anyone no longer using their envelopes.

There are always deletions for people who have moved away, but sometimes a set has been lost or mislaid and cannot be used.

If this applies to you and you do want to remain a member of the Gift Aid scheme you need to contact me via the parish office and I can issue a new set.

The tax rebate the parish receives on your donations for the offertory, second collections and mass stipends is a very valuable source of income and your willing participation in the scheme is much appreciated.

There are always forms available at the back of the Church for new members as well as forms for those who contribute by Banker's Order, who may be able to implement an annual increase in their offering. **Jenny Mitchener**

**Items for collection:** *N Akinyemi, V Lippet, 5th Rainbows*

**Baptism certificates:** *R Dos Remedios, A Jones, B Mead, W Orme, Neves, J Read*

**Rotas:** *Readers (March/April) Servers (March)*