



# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday 9.30am and 5.00pm.

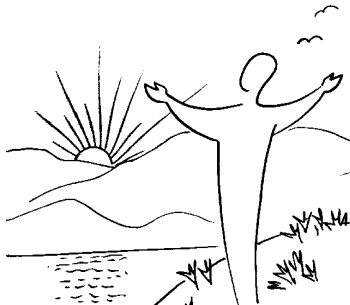
**3 MAY 2015 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (see page 264 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B**

## BEARING FRUIT

Last week we were given, in the gospel, the image of the Good Shepherd which expresses for us the fact that God loves us, God cares for us and God protects us. Today the same message is put differently in the image of the vine and the branches.

We know that a well-kept and appealing landscape takes many hours of work. Left without care, the shrubs become unkempt, the grass looks like hay, the flowers become leggy. Cutting back, cutting down, cutting away is what brings out the beauty of a landscape. This kind of work is more than a matter of simple tidiness, It shows that the people who live on the property care. Jesus tells us how God cares for us when he speaks of his Father's pruning us, branches, who are attached to the vine, Jesus. Just as God planted and tended the true vine Jesus, so does God tend us, prune us, so that we, too, might "bear much fruit." God prunes from us whatever does not give life. The purpose of the pruning is the bearing of much fruit. Vines do not choose to be pruned in order to produce fruit. We, however, must make a choice to be pruned and produce fruit.

Taking Jesus' words to heart is what prunes us. We hear his word proclaimed in the Scriptures of course, but his word also comes to us in other ways e.g. when someone lovingly corrects us, in a gentle prod to make a good choice for our life, in a cry for help from someone in need. Responding to God's word, however it comes to us, nurtures our relationship with him and enables us to produce visible fruit in our lives.



*Fr. Joe*

### WEEKLY DRAW

**£5, Rhys Sayeed**

### CHURCH CLEANING

**Team A: Mrs Grant**

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£474.20
Gift Aid Envelopes	£642.56
S/Os	£880.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1996.76</b>

## Mass Intentions This Week

### Saturday 2 May

10.00 Maria Lobo RIP  
 18.00 Corina Cahill RIP

### 3 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Kieran Gorman RIP  
 10.00 UCM: First Holy Communion Children  
 12.00 All Parishioners +

### 4 May: Monday

10.00 Jerome Simons RIP

### 5 May: Tuesday

10.00 Ita Calaghan RIP

### 6 May: Wednesday

10.00 Patrick & Ellen McLoughlin RIP

### 7 May: Thursday

10.00 Fr F Donovan

### 8 May: Friday

10.00 Deceased members of the Sequeira Family

### Saturday 9 May

10.30 John & Frankie Finnegan RIP  
 15.00 Communion Mass  
 18.00 Joan Duffin RIP

### 10 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 All Parishioners  
 10.00 Bernadette Moynihan RIP  
 12.00 Fionuala Cahill & Jill Kenndey RIP

+ With Baptism

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's Diocesan collection for **Ecclesiastical Education**, amounted to £846.98. Many thanks. This week we will have a second collection for the **Nepal Earthquake Appeal**. Please pray for those affected and donate as generously as you can. On Sunday 17th May there will be a Diocesan collection for **Communications**, please remember to use your envelopes.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lily Harley, Sheila Minus, Catherine Whelan, Clayton McMahon, Eddie Gallacher, Baby Benjamin Rowe, Lauren Horwood, Cori Blane-Philips.

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Tricia Urwin, Win Moloney, Thomas O'Flanagan, Margaret Tuck, Johanna Meek, Bridie Coombes, Denis Kelly, Rosario de Gomez, Ronald Thomson. Bruno Laskowski, Johanna Concannon, Lily Hopcraft, Peter Hulme, John Finigan, Norah Fowler, Rosa Piper, Claude Nasse, Gerald Zampa, Eamonn McPhillips, Owen O'Neill, Beatrix Ann Martin.

## SOCIAL CLUB

3rd May: **Bank Holiday special with Eugene Doonan**

10th May: **Mary Darcy**

17th May: **Daniel McHugh**

24th May: **Bank Holiday special with Tom Healy**

*Ceili Dancing* for beginners continue on Fridays, 15th & 22nd May in the Hall *with the earlier start of 8.00pm*.

On Sunday evening at 9.45pm, the Social Club will present to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton a cheque to the value of £2,000.00 to support their work with children diagnosed with cancer.

The next *Fundraising Jamboree* to support the **Anerley Across**, a charity which will be taking a party of disabled children to Lourdes in June, and the Dulwich Harps Youth Tours to Ireland will take place in the Hall on Friday, 8th May. Tickets are available from Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. We also need items for the raffle & the auction which will take place at the event.

### RECENT DEATHS

We are sorry to announce the death of Norma Waddel, her funeral will be held here at our Lady's on Wednesday 13th May at 10am. We offer our sympathy to Donald and the family at this time.

We also offer our sympathy to the Aloysius family on the death of their mother Amalorpava Rasanayagam, whose funeral was held here last Friday, 1st May. Please remember both families in your prayers.

### MAY DEVOTION

During the month of May the Rosary will be recited at 7pm each evening from Monday to Thursday.

### THE MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am in St George's Cathedral. The Archbishop invites all those who have been Baptized or Received into the Church in the past year to attend this Mass, along with their godparents/sponsors, friends and fellow parishioners. Priests are invited to concelebrate (diocesan vestment). Please ensure that new Catholics are aware of this special invitation.

### MEETINGS

**Confirmation Parent's Meeting:** Tuesday 5th at 8pm (Large Hall)

**SVP:** Tuesday 5th at 8.30pm (PRC)

**UCM:** Wednesday 6th at 8.15pm (Small Hall)

### COFFEE MORNING THIS SUNDAY

Large Hall, after all Masses this Sunday in aid of **Maternity Worldwide**.

### BASIC CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

**Saturday 16 May - Wallington Parish**

**Timings: 10:30am – 4pm**

**(Tea & coffee from 10am)**

The training is open to everyone but we would strongly encourage leaders of parish groups and volunteers who are involved with children and adults at risk to attend. There is a booking form on the table at the back of the church-booking is essential.

### UCM MEETING

Wed 6th May 8.15 p.m. Small Hall - Fr Keith will give a talk on his move to the Catholic priesthood. If you would like to find out more about the UCM, who meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month, just come along. Hope to see many members and non-members there.

### ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS Bank Holiday Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>

In honour of St Joseph the Worker, at St George's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter Smith and Cardinal Vincent Nichols con-celebrating. Banner procession at 10.30 and mass at 11am. All are most welcome.

### NEW RCIA PROGRAMME

Our current RCIA programme concludes with a celebration on **Wednesday 13th** at 8pm in the PRC. We rejoice with those who have completed the programme and on this evening, we shall also launch the next RCIA programme. This is a process through which adults who are not Catholics are invited to explore the Catholic faith. It is also open to Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Communion or Confirmation and to those who simply want to deepen their understanding of the faith. We'd be delighted to welcome you. If you know of someone who would be interested, do encourage them better still, accompany them.

### FEAST OF ST GEORGE PRECA

Maltese Priest and Founder of SDC who was canonised in 2007 is to be celebrated this month in London on Sunday 10th May at the Holy Rosary Church, Brixton, SW9 at 4pm. Join us to celebrate the life of this new saint. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall. For more info please see the poster in the porch or call 020 8768 5159.

### WYD (World Youth Day) Calling all 16-30 year olds

WYD is coming to Poland next year! If you are interested, please pick up a form at the back of the church. For more info please contact Clare 02084065377

### SCHOOLS JOBS

John Fisher are advertising for a SENCO, a Teacher of Maths and a Cover Supervisor. St Philomena's are also advertising for a Teacher of Music, a Teacher of Maths, a Teacher of English, a Key stage 3 Coordinator of English and a Receptionist. For further information please see the posters in the porch.

### THE JOHN FISHER FETE

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May from 12pm until 5pm. Nerf Range, Crazy Golf, Bouncy castles, Rides, Games, Food including BBQ, traditional Tea House, Live Music and Licensed Bar. Fun for all the family. All proceeds go to The John Fisher School.

**Items for collection:** E Corduff, B Swaine, M Grant (2), S Turner (2), J Smith, B Cronin, M Gray, H Kilkelly

**Baptism Certificates:** H Hall, N Doi, A White, D Heron, A Lleshi, D Downs, P Kurz, R Barnes, H Cunningham-Fenyves, R Horsfall.

**Rotas:** Altar Servers (May), Eucharistic Ministers (May, updated).