



## Our Lady of the Annunciation

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

30th April 2017 Third Sunday of Easter (page 258 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

This passage, which appears in Acts 2 after the people in Jerusalem have witnessed the Holy Spirit in the speaking of many languages, is the beginning of Peter's teaching on Pentecost. Peter has explained that scripture, properly understood, foretells that Jesus is the Messiah, whom God has raised from the dead. Repentance is one of the central themes of the Acts of the Apostles. Peter teaches that repentance followed by baptism is the path to the gift of the Holy Spirit. Another essential theme of the Book of Acts is the expansion of the church from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria and eventually throughout the Roman Empire. The passage ends with the beginning of that expansion, as 3,000 persons in Jerusalem are baptized. Repentance on hearing God's word, baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit are linked.

Peter states that we have been born anew through the living and enduring word of God. Some of the meanings of the word of God might be: the spoken word of God that has the power to create, as in Genesis; the word made flesh through the incarnation of God in Jesus; the Bible itself as the word of God.



What does the word of God mean to us? Is the word primarily one of the ideas above, or a combination of more than one, or do we give it little thought beyond what might be read to us at Mass?

*Fr. Keill.*

### Mass Intentions This Week

**29 April: Saturday**

**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**

10:00 Harold & Michael Sweeney RIP

18:00 Eldemira Orosa

**30 April:**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

08:30 Intentions of the Jordan Family \*

10:00 All Parishioners \*

12:00 Tony Connick RIP +

**1 May: Monday**

10:00 Mrs Joyce Irene Caney RIP

**2 May: Tuesday**

10:00 Eric Sayers RIP

**3 May: Wednesday FUNERAL MASS**

**SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES**

10:00 Henryka Starkowski RIP

**4 May: Thursday**

**THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

10:00 Kieran O'Shea

**5 May: Friday**

10:00 Intentions of

Patricia & Anthony Crowley

**6 May: Saturday**

10:00 Mary McNally RIP 1st Anniversary

18:00 Raymond Nieslony RIP

**7 May:**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 UCM: All First Holy Communicants

12:00 Tony Solle'

+ *With Baptism*

\* *With Children's Liturgy*

#### WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Mrs Liz Winfield

#### CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM A - Mrs Grant

#### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash £ 736.89

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 542.35

S/Os £ 975.00

**Total** £2254.24

#### COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for the maintenance of *St George's Cathedral*. Next Sunday, there will be the Diocesan collection for *Ecclesiastical Education*, which helps meet the cost of training students for the priesthood.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Ted Curry, Margarete Collins, Lauren Horwood, Phyllis Donnelly, Christy Jordan, Laila Tambini, Donncha O'Donovan.*

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** *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, Lily Hopcraft.*

### SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 30th April: **Bank Holiday special** with Telstar  
Sunday, 7th May: Finbar & Bernie  
Sunday, 14th May: Walter Kennedy  
Sunday, 21st May: Eugene Doonan  
Sunday, 28th May: **Bank Holiday special** with Tom Healy

Thank you to members of the Social Club and the Parish Community for your support of the **Ceili & Social Dancing** fundraising event. £1,500.00 was raised and these resources will be used by the **Anerley Across** charity to take a party of disabled young people to Lourdes in June.

Next Saturday, 6th May, we welcome underage Gaelic Football teams (Girls & Boys) from Co. Armagh, Cavan 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 with entertainment from **Jive a Line**; our guests will also provide a programme of song & dance. We very much hope that members of our Parish Community will support the event.

**Coming in the autumn** .....

- Sean Wilson & Tony Mac
- Declan Nerney
- Ally Harron & Marion Curry

**RECENT DEATH:** Please remember Joseph Brady (brother of Seamus) who died recently, in your prayers. His funeral will be held here on Tuesday 16th May.

### READERS' DAY - Saturday 27th May 10am

Please let the Presbytery office know if you can attend by **Monday 8th May**.

**REPOSITORY:** Some lovely 1st Holy Communion CARDS and GIFTS are now on sale in the Shop. We recommend you to come early for the best selection.

**RECYCLING FOR CAFOD:** Our printer cartridge recycling has made a total of £49.75 for CAFOD for the last six months. Our parish recycles printer cartridges (small ones only) in recycling box in the porch.

### SOUTHWARK JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION

The 2017 Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission Spring Assembly entitled 'A Journey to Justice through Peace and Non-Violence', will be at **Aylesford Priory Kent**, on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am to 4pm**. Registration from 10am. Speakers Pat Gaffney for Pax Christi and Michael & Patricia Pulman of Christian CND. The event is free. Everyone welcome to come along. Please bring a packed lunch.

### MARGARET ROPER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS TEACHERS REQUIRED FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

We are looking to appoint two outstanding class teachers to start in September 2017. Both experienced and newly qualified teachers are encouraged to apply.

Full details and application forms are available on the school website or via the school office on 8660 0115.

**Closing Date 12 noon, Thursday 18th May 2017**  
Interviews w/c 22nd May 2017.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:** Meets after 10 am Mass at St Edmund's every **Monday from 10.45 - 11.30am** at 11 Village Way, opposite the church. Buses 367 and 194 and Beckenham Junction tram stop are all close by.

### MEETINGS

**SVP:** Tuesday 2nd at 8pm (PRC)  
**First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting:**  
Tuesday 2nd at 8pm (Large Hall)  
**UCM:** Wednesday 3rd at 8.15pm (**MEET IN THE CROWN PUB**)  
**RCIA:** A Group Mass - Wednesday 3rd at 8pm (PRC)

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The SVP will host the coffee morning **today** in the hall **after 10am Mass**. Do join us for coffee, tea and home-made cakes, meet your conference members and find out more about the work we do, including our summer holiday camp programme for disadvantaged children. We look forward to seeing you all.

**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.

### BEREAVEMENT & LOSS GROUP

Sr Catherine Quane RSM facilitates this welcoming and understanding group which is held on the **first Thursday of the month** from 11.30 - 1pm at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Telephone 7495 1673.

### VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN 20 - 30

**Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life**

**Dates: 26th - 28th May 2017**

**Location: Broadstairs, Kent**

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters!

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ

at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS:** Is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next social evening is on Saturday, 6th May from 7.30pm at The Cock & Bull, Sutton SM1 1HF. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242.

### PARISH COUNCIL AGM

The Parish AGM will take place in the Large Hall on **Wednesday 24th May at 8pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to share the many successes over the last year as well as our plans for the next year. **Reports from all Parish groups to reach the office before the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10th May please.** Nomination forms for the parish Council and the other AGM papers, will be available nearer the time.

### MISSING PROJECTOR

Our projector has gone AWOL from the presbytery office. If you have it, or know of it's whereabouts, please inform the office immediately, as it is needed for various meetings. Many thanks.

**9th ADDISCOMBE BROWNIES NEED YOU:** Two volunteers are urgently required to takeover the running of the 9th Addiscombe Brownie group from September 2017, otherwise the unit faces closure! They meet on a Thursday evening from 6 to 7.30pm. For more information please contact:

**Kathy Attwater 07722479668 Lisa Byrne 07808 170906**  
or **Jackie Humphreys 07808 170906**

**Items for collection:** P Gatland, K Skelton, G Zucconi, D Sreenivasan, L Winfield, Sr Celia

**Bapt Certs:** Cadar, Escrader, Orphanou, Edada

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