



Our Lady of the Annunciation



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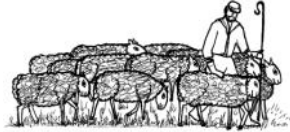
30th April 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter (page 262 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.'" Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd, who knows each one of His sheep, who gives His life for them and snatches them from the jaws of the marauding wolf. He is the true shepherd who fulfils Ezekiel's prophecy foretelling for Israel a shepherd from the end of time who was to deliver his people.

Christ's sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His word in the teaching that she gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through her He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls. Appointed to lead the flock, Peter gave his life for those entrusted to his care, and ever since then the priestly ministry has assured the continuous presence in the Church of Him who remains the true Shepherd of our souls.

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, marks the 59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1964. Parishes are especially encouraged to include prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the general intercessions, and the homily may focus on vocations. Pope Francis' messages for each year should be read and taken to heart. Copy the link below into your web browser.
 (Catholic culture website.)

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20230430-messaggio-60-gm-vocazioni.html>



*** PARISH AGM ***

Wednesday 10th May at 8pm in the large hall
 All parishioners are invited.
 Please see the notice overleaf.

HOUSE BLESSING

If you would like a priest to come and bless your home, please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

MEETINGS

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 10.30am - 12pm
 In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING
 4th MAY - TEAM B

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 437.10
Loose cash	£ 757.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1140.00
Total	£ 2334.10

Mass Intentions This Week

29 April: Saturday
SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
 10:00 Margot Evans RIP
 18:00 John Walsh RIP

30 April: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 Joe McGrath RIP
 11:30 Pearl Stevens RIP +

1 May: Monday
 10:00 Linda Chawner RIP

2 May: Tuesday SAINT ATHANASIUS
 10:00 Norma Bird RIP Anniversary

3 May: Wednesday
SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES
 10:00 Mandy North RIP

4 May: Thursday
THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
 10:00 Thanksgiving for
 Allana Carvalho 5th Birthday

19:30 Thanksgiving for the Valapinee Family

5 May: Friday
 10:00 Mrs Merita DeSaa RIP

6 May: Saturday
 10:00 Betty McNally RIP
 18:00 Brian, Ann & Mark Emson RIP

7 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 08:30 All Parishioners
 10:00 UCM: All 1st Holy Communion Children
 11:30 Michael & Seamus Flynn RIP

+ With Baptism

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's second collection for *The Maintenance of St George's Cathedral* amounted to £558.56. Many thanks.
 This week there will be second collection for *The Priests' Training Fund* (see note overleaf).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Jose Fernandez, Kevin Moynihan, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary

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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

30th April: Theresa Rodgers

7th May: Kenny Paul

14th May: Mustang Showband

21st May: Shane & Mervyn Owens

28th May: Frank Nelson (change to previously advertised)

4th June: Glen Flynn

11th June: Finbar & Paul

18th June: Cross Keys

- **Gaelic Football Taster Sessions** for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs take place on Wednesday evenings at Trinity School from 5.45pm and concluding at 7.00pm. The sessions will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- The **Bay City Rollers Tribute Evening** on Friday, 19th May. All proceeds from this event will support local Charities including **Children with Cancer at CUH** and the **Critical Care Centre at KCH**. Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by sending a Text Message to **Pat Winston at 07734 250375**.

UCM COFFEE MORNING: After 10am Mass today. UCM members are taking part in Race for Life on 2nd July. All donations received from the sale of coffee and cake will go towards this charity.

KING CHARLES III CORONATION GARDEN PARTY SUNDAY 7th MAY

Come along and celebrate King Charles's Coronation on Sunday, 7th May from 1 - 5pm in Our Lady's Church Hall. We will be holding an Afternoon Tea Buffet which will include a selection of various savoury pastries, sandwiches, rolls, cakes & scones. Teas & Coffee will be available and there will be a glass of Fizz to toast the happy occasion. *Dress code: Red, White and Blue, tiaras & crowns.* There will be live music, so dancing shoes are a must!

Admission will be by ticket:

Adults: £15.00 Students & Children: £10.00

To apply for tickets, download a form from the Parish Website or collect an application form from the back of the Church.

Completed application forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Thursday, 4th May

*** PARISH AGM ***

Wednesday 10th May at 8pm in the large hall

All parishioners are invited to this annual social community event. It is your opportunity to discover all the voluntary and charitable works that have been carried out and are planned in our parish as well as finding out about our financial situation and plans. Many of the voluntary groups and organisations active in our parish will have representatives present to chat with you informally about their valuable work. This is your chance to be better informed and maybe become more involved with your parish community. Please see page three of the online newsletter or the church notice boards for a copy of the agenda for the meeting. *See you there!!*

WELDERLIES DAY TRIP TO EASTBOURNE

Our elderly friends are invited on a day trip to Eastbourne on **Wednesday 21st June**. Enjoy smooth coach ride, seafront, fish & chips and learn about the Downs (chalk grassland) and history plus archaeology of Beachy Head Story, courtesy of Eastbourne Council Heritage Team and Railway Land Wildlife Trust. **Price is just £20.**

Contact Sylvia on 07375824615 to book and for further details.
An enjoyable and informative time awaits us all.

REPOSITORY SHOP: 1st Holy Communion cards and gifts are now on sale in the shop!

Items for collection: N Akinyemi

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Readers (May/June) Eucharistic Ministers (April)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Next weekend at the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, two of our congregation will be received into the Church, having completed the RCIA course.

The new course, that will run until next Easter, will begin on **Wednesday 7th June at 8pm** in the **PRC room**. On this evening anyone interested in becoming a catholic, adults who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation or anyone wishing to find out more about the faith are invited to come along and find out what RCIA is all about. **No obligation - "Come and see"**.

But in the meantime, if you are thinking of coming along, do introduce yourself to Fr Keith after Mass and have a chat!

1st ADDISCOMBE GUIDES ARE 70!

1st Addiscombe Guides invite all parishioners who once attended the unit, to celebrate its 70th Anniversary on

Sunday 28th May at the 11.30am Mass

Join us afterwards in the large hall. Please bring something for a shared lunch. We are also looking for photos of the unit - especially before 2005. Email 1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com

* REFRESHER COURSES FOR READERS & EMS *

All church **Readers** are asked to attend a refresher course on **Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Church** with Fr Keith & Fr Jackson.

All **EMs'** are asked to attend a refresher course on **Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Church** with Fr Keith & Fr Jackson. Thanks.

GIFT AID APPEAL: Many thanks for your response to the Gift Aid appeal last week. I am very grateful to those who completed forms on the day, and I look forward to receiving the forms back from those who took them away with them! *Jenny Mitchener*

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AT ST MILDRED'S: Are holding an open afternoon next **Tuesday May 2nd from 2 - 4pm** and invite you to come and see the flowers, have a chat and enjoy a cup of tea & delicious cakes. Entrance via Sefton Rd. **All welcome!**

EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED: For the presbytery house, to start as soon as possible. Duties include all usual household cleaning (kitchen/bathroom/dusting/hovering) no laundry or ironing necessary. The job requires 4 hours work, to be done either on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

Please speak to Fr Keith for more information if interested.

OUR LADY'S ASCENT GROUP (Members of Life Ascending)

Is meeting every second Tuesday in the Large Hall after 10am Mass. Life Ascending is a Catholic Organisation for people in middle and later life. It celebrates our faith and the sharing of common experiences of life. It encourages friendship between retired people, stimulates thoughts and discussion. It helps us to reflect on the purpose of our own lives as we grow older. Please do join us.

2nd May: Talk by Sr. Annette on "Human Being"

16th May: Gospel Reading for the day

NEW RECYCLING BOX FOR PRINTER CARTRIDGES

A home printer cartridge recycling box is now available with the other recycling boxes in the porch under the table. For more info on parish recycling please see the **Recycling Tab** on our webpage.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION 30th APRIL

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We rely on your generous support & prayers. Please support our priests of the future. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.raos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.

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Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 8.00 pm in the Large Hall

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer:
2. Summary of the past year in our parish by Fr. Keith
3. Parish Financial Statement for year ending 31st December 2022
4. Discover Your Parish Community:
Fr Keith will give a brief overview of plans and initiatives before we break-out to the discovery/discussion section of the meeting:
This will be an informal opportunity to find out about the diversity of groups and committees that operate in your parish. Find out about past and planned events and projects, and maybe become more involved in your parish community.
Many of the groups and organisations within our Parish will have representatives available to provide information and contact details. Members of your PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) will also be present to answer any questions and listen to any suggestions you might have.

If you have any questions in advance of the meeting - please submit them through the Parish Office. Many thanks,