



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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

30th July 2017 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 108 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR A

The pearl of great price

It was only when I visited the Pearl factory in the Isle of Wight that I began to appreciate pearls! They can be very precious and very 'pricey'. Well in today's readings the pearl is compared to the kingdom of God and those who find this pearl are truly blessed. The whole concept of the kingdom of God consists of being in a deep, loving relationship with God - and I find it interesting that often it's those who are poor in the eyes of the world who have this intimate relationship - who possess this pearl of great price.

These are the people for whom material things are no longer the be-all and end-all of our lives. Having a great sense of God's love for them is what brings them peace and joy and helps them to see the beauty of life. I remember an elderly widow saying "I'm alone but I don't feel lonely because I have God to talk to."

Only God can satisfy the longings of our heart. St. Paul tells us that God can make all things work for our good - not just the good things, but even the bad, the sad, and the painful things too.

During this holiday period, when relaxing and enjoying a break, even if you are at home, take a few moments to reflect on your relationship with God and the gift (pearl) that you possess in being loved by him.

Fr. Joe

Mass Intentions This Week

29 July: Saturday

10:00 Eric Sayers RIP

18:00 Mr & Mrs Joseph Rasanayagam RIP

30 July: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Baby Donncha O'Donovan RIP

10:00 All Parishioners

12:00 Aaron Grimsley RIP

31 July: Monday

10:00 Olivia Fernandes (Sick)

1 August: Tuesday

10:00 Ellen & Bartholomew Murphy RIP

2 August: Wednesday

10:00 Tommy Daly RIP

16:00 Reception of Body of Kathleen Ryan

3 August: Thursday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Kathleen Ryan RIP

4 August: Friday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Andrea Oriani RIP

5 August: Saturday

10:00 Basil Henderson 30th Anniversary RIP

18:00 Anna Joseph RIP

6 August: SUNDAY

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Andrew Kohn RIP

12:00 Cassie & Christy Jordan RIP

WEEKLY DRAW

£5 - Holly Smith
c/o Mrs Senn

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash £ 564.75

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 642.59

S/Os £ 975.00

Total £2182.34

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM B - Mrs Hazel

COLLECTIONS

Last week's ACA collection for *Little Sisters of the Poor* amounted to £1516. Many thanks. This week there will be a *Red Box Missio Promotion* by Fr Frank Downs - please see the note overleaf. Next week there will be an ACA collection to assist *Street Children in Kenya*. Please note, that next week's will be the last second collection until 10th

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, D Nott, Laila Tambini, Steve Richer, José Fernandez

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Jimmy Flaxman, John Templeton, Eileen Fleury, Michael Kemmett, Lena Croxford, Thomas O'Dwyer, John Potter, Gerald Quinn, Hélène Slonina, Jeremiah Galivan, Agnes Crotty, Sr Mary Paula, Mary Slevin, John MacLaughlin, Mary Peazold, Pope Paul VI, Daniel Tracy, Jacqueline Trotman, Andrea Hitchens

SOCIAL CLUB
Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 30th July: Telstar
 Sunday, 6th August: Mustang Showband
 Sunday, 13th August: Kevin Keys
 Sunday, 20th August: Walter Kennedy
 Sunday, 27th August: **Bank Holiday Special** - Eugene Doonan

Coming in the autumn

- Sean Wilson & Tony Mac: Sunday, 17th September
- **Abba Tribute Band**: Friday, 13th October
- Declan Nerney: Friday, 17th November
- Ally Harron & Marion Curry: Sunday, 26th November

The first **Fundraising Jamboree** of the Autumn Season takes place on Friday, 8th September with entertainment by **Jive-a-Line**. Tickets at £5.00 each are now available in the Church Hall. You can support the event by donating items for the Raffle and / or the Auction. All proceeds from the event will be given to St Christopher's Hospice.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

RECENT DEATHS: We are sad to announce recent the deaths of Kathleen Ryan (Mother of Paul Ryan) and Darin Desouza. Kathleen's funeral will be held here on Thursday 3rd August at 10am. Please keep their families in your prayers at this sad time.

THE AUTUMN FAYRE - SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

During the last week, we held a very successful planning meeting for the Autumn Fayre.
 This year the theme of the Fayre will be **Party Time** and all of the proceeds will go towards the **Community Support Scheme to help refugees from Syria**.
 To assist with the planning for the Fayre we need help in the following ways:

- A local company / business to Match Fund the Grand Draw
- An Estate Agent to promote the Autumn Fayre with display boards in the local area
- Items such as Golf Days/ Restaurant Vouchers for the Auction

We will launch the collection of items for the Fayre & the sale of Raffle Tickets on the weekend of 2nd/ 3rd September.
 The **next meeting** of the planning committee will be on **Wednesday 6th September at 8.15pm**.
 If you would like to help in any way, please email **Pat Winston** at patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk

SUMMER CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (see in porch also)

30th July - Team B (Hazel)	6th August - Team C
13th August - Team D (Aitchison)	20th August - Team A (Grant)
27th August - Team B (Hazel)	3rd September - Team C

AWSLG FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW
Sunday 20th August at 2.30pm

Save the Date! This annual show organised by the allotment association in Glenthorne Avenue will display an array of vegetables, fruit and preserves. Tea and coffee will be served along with a wide selection of homemade cakes. At the end of the afternoon most of the items on display will be auctioned. Tours of the flourishing wild life meadow will be ongoing all afternoon.

APF - MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU & APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Fr Frank Downs who will take the opportunity to thank the parish for their support of prayers and donations to the 1069 World Missions. Please note that there will be NO cash collection, the thank you and appeal is to inform you of the work carried out by APF - Mill Hill and to ask for continuing prayers and financial support, which can be given through their 'Red Boxes'.

Items for collection: A Gillen, L J Toma, Mrs G A Gray, Sr Celia x 2, M Sequeira, Holly Smith c/o Mrs Senn
Bapt Certs: Stevens, Gimenez Von Rusten, Wright, Sabatchi, Paredes
Rotas: Repository (July / September) Readers (July / August) Eucharistic Ministers (August)

MEETINGS

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

FHC 2017/2018 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The date of the first parents' meeting for First Holy Communion has been changed, and will now be on **TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER** at **8pm** in the **large hall** and not in September as advertised last week.

CHRISTY JORDAN - A THANK YOU

Myself and my wife Sheila, and our daughters Niamh and Orla, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our family, friends and fellow parishioners, who offered their condolences and support recently in our hours of darkness during the passing of our beloved and special son, Christy. To all who sent flowers, cards, thoughts and prayers in the weeks after his passing. To all who contributed to the collection for The Brain Tumour Charity in the hope that in the future this brutal condition can be diagnosed earlier and treated accordingly. To all who attended the Funeral Mass, Burial and Months Mind Mass. The Jordan family will forever be in your debt and a Mass will be offered for the intentions of the Parish.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS
Saturday 23rd September - St George's Cathedral

Please make a note of this important date in your diaries! More details to follow in September along with booking information.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULT
WEEKEND AT DOUAI ABBEY 20th - 22nd October 2017

Are you 18 - 40? Do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire. See the poster in the porch for more information.

Prices start at £18.50 Book soon as places are limited!
 To book go to:- v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017
 For more details go to:- youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017 FUNDRAISING

The confirmation class of 2017 are organising a collection of donations for the charity Mary's Meals - www.marysmeals.org.uk

Across South Sudan, a brutal war is raging. Families are being forced to flee their homes, schools are being destroyed, and famine has been declared in parts of the country. In Turkana, northern Kenya – an arid desert land where rivers run dry and crops and livestock struggle to survive – life is a constant fight for survival.

East Africa's children are in crisis. Drought and conflict have created a humanitarian emergency spanning several countries, including South Sudan and Kenya. Many children don't have basic learning tools such as pencils and notepads. We would encourage you to donate the following items...

- Back-packs (Even old school back packs with logos are fine)**
- Notebooks/pens/pencils/crayons**
- Erasers, rulers, sharpeners, pencil cases**
- Towels/small balls/spoons**
- Flip-flops or sandals**
- Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste**
- Shorts/skirt, t-shirt/dress (Clothing aged 4-12 years is suitable)**
- Second-hand items are fine if they are in good condition**

Please don't include any liquids (including liquid soap) and don't be tempted to add any other gifts such as toys or sweets, as these can cause problems with Customs during delivery.

There will be a box in the porch of the church clearly labelled for donations any of which will be gratefully received.

For further information please contact:
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