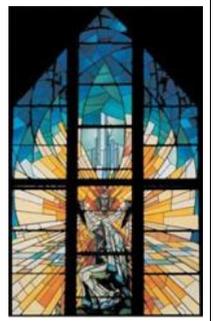




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 By appointment only

30th August 2020 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

In today's Gospel Peter moves quickly on from his moment of inspiration last week to his second greatest moment of weakness and confusion, (second only to his denial at Jesus' trial). He is severely rebuked by Jesus, not only because he has misunderstood Jesus' vocation but also his own as a disciple of Christ, let alone being chief among the Apostles.

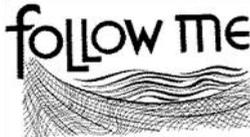
So, speaking more generally to all the disciples, Jesus goes on to lay down the conditions for any who want to follow him: it means taking up one's own cross and losing one's life in order to find it. This is the path that Jesus must follow and the path that all who would seek association with him must also be prepared to embrace.

The fact that the so recently exalted Peter had so much difficulty with it, and even that Jesus had difficulty with it, praying in the Garden that '...this cup might pass me by...' should be for us all a source of comfort. Christian discipleship is not Stoic indifference. Both Peter's remonstrance and Jeremiah's complaint in the O.T. reading will often echo in our hearts in the daily struggle to go with Jesus along the costly prophetic way.

This week the schools reopen, a significant step as we try to restore some sense of normality whilst recognising the need to live our lives as safely as possible. In the same way we need to start to consider restoring parochial life, that is our life as God's holy people in the parish of Addiscombe. The Mass has been restored now for some weeks and is being celebrated observing 2 meters social distancing and the congregation wearing masks (Gov guidance is 1 meter with face coverings). First Holy Communions are being celebrated over 9 Masses during September to ensure they too can be conducted safely. Masses are brief, and a small army of helpers sanitise the church between celebrations. So whilst the obligation to attend Mass is still rescinded, we believe we have taken all possible steps to ensure that, should you wish to practice your faith in the manner we love as Catholic Christians, it is safe for you to do so.

Fr Jackson and Fr Keith look forward to seeing you soon at the Altar with Christ in our midst.

God bless, and stay safe.



*** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION ***

*Please text your name to this parish telephone number - 07548 868418.
 Many thanks for your cooperation.*



UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO LIVE STREAM 10AM MASS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. THIS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO OTHER PARISH'S LIVE STREAMS IN THE MEANTIME.

Mass Intentions This Week

29 August: Saturday

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

10:00 George Fitzsimons RIP
 17:30 Tom Dunleavy RIP
 18:30 All Parishioners

30 August: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

09:00 Desmond & Ramilla Alphonso RIP
 10:00 Deo, Ann & Jane Lumala RIP
 11:00 Intentions of Eddie Boyle
 12:00 Kathy Shuttleworth RIP

31 August: Monday

10:00 Jane Lumala RIP 1st Anniversary

1 September: Tuesday

10:00 Lai Ching Chang RIP 1st Anniversary

2 September: Wednesday

10:00 David Warner RIP

3 September: Thursday

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

10:00 Desire Toure RIP
 19:30 God's Forgiveness, Healing & Salvation

4 September: Friday

10:00 Welfare of Fr Casimir Dike

5 September: Saturday

10:00 Clare Ramlal RIP
 17:30 Anthony & Mary McDowell RIP
 18:30 Ivy O'Connor RIP

6 September: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

09:00 Cordelia Darnley & Fam. RIP
 10:00 UCM: All Children Returning to School
 11:00 All Parishioners
 12:00 Susan Lightfoot RIP

COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

An Offertory box is now located in the church porch if you wish to drop off your donation.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: George Pears, Matt Dolan, Catherine Farnon, Bridget Cummins, Jane Lumala, Mary Ann Kemmett, Betty Rees, Sarah Holloway, Lai Ching Chang, Christopher Hayes, Ruby Shepperd, Annie Brown, Hannah Concannon, Ben Hepden, Christine Leaman, John Feeney, Edward Rowland, Anthony McDowell, James McGreal, Eileen Flanagan, Doreen (Kaye) Abbott, Ivy O'Connor, Veronica Bedminster

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

On behalf of the Social Club Committee, I hope that you are all safe and well!

The winners for the August *200 Club Across draw* are -

£100: No. 76 - Michael Cahill

£50: No. 24 - PJ Maher

£50: No. 90 - Anne McLoone

Thank you to Members who have renewed their membership of the *200 Club* and to those who have recently joined the Club. If you would like to join the *200 Club*, please go to the website (www.anerleyacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

The Annual *ACROSS Golf Classic* (with *Covid-19* restrictions) will take place on Friday, 11th September at the Selsdon Park Golf Club with Tee off times commencing at 11.00am. Coffee on arrival at the Club House, 18 Holes of Golf followed by light refreshments and prize giving. Refreshments will be served outside on the lawn. The cost of the day is £40.00. For more details, please contact Ben Cahill on 07958 903410.

St Mildred's Drop In Centre for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed when the Centre reopens.

More News from *the Social Club* is available on the Facebook site.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. *No task is too small - please make contact.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion children will meet **in church** on **Friday 11th September at 6 - 6.30pm** for one last session in preparation for receiving the Sacrament during family bubble Masses in September.

PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR A DATE AND TIME FOR MASS IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO.

CATHEDRAL VACANCIES: We currently have available two part-time admin vacancies at the Cathedral. For more information please contact triciagilbride@stgeorges.org.uk. Closing date for applications is **1st September 2020**.

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please complete the form on our website under the **COVID 19** tab. You can print this off and return it via the parish office letterbox with stipend enclosed, or email it to us directly at addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk. If you choose to email the form we will then contact you once lockdown is lifted regarding the stipend.

PURCHASING MASS CARDS: As the parish office remains closed to the public, if you wish to purchase a Mass card, *you will only be able to do so when the Church is open during the times shown above. Please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.* Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: If you are waiting to receive a Baptism certificate, please ring the Parish office to arrange a suitable time to collect from there. Many thanks.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday 9am – 10.50am

Saturday - 9am - 10.30am and 5pm - 7pm

Sunday - 8am – 12.30pm

The church will close between Mass times for cleaning

Sat	5.30pm	Family bubbles only
Sat	6.30pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	9.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	10.00am	Family bubbles only
Sun	11.00am	Households of 1 or 2 people only
Sun	12.00pm	Households of 1 or 2 people only

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS who wish their children to start preparation for First Holy Communion

Application forms for the two year (term time only), First Holy Communion programme for children in years 2 & 3 at non Catholic schools can now be downloaded from our website. Forms should be completed and handed into the Parish office no later than **Sunday 27th September**. The first session and introduction (WITH PARENTS) is on **Tuesday 29th September at 5pm promptly** in the **large hall** and will finish at 5.30pm. Late applications cannot be accepted.

WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH GRIEF

A support group for anyone who has been bereaved during the Covid19 Lockdown period, provided by WBS.

For your nearest venue, dates and time please contact:
Woodside Bereavement Service **020 3256 2009**
Or email wbs@thelisteningear.org.uk

COMPULSORY FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

Due to new government guidelines, it is **compulsory to wear a face covering during Mass**. We are unable to supply masks for everyone each week, so respectfully ask that people provide their own, and wear them during Mass until further notice. Many thanks.

OUR LADY'S INVITES YOU TO.....

Do you have any questions or doubts about **FAITH AND SACRED SCRIPTURE?**

Your priests are ever ready to clarify at this moment of pandemic. Send an email to the parish office: addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk marked **ASK YOUR PRIEST**.



"For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty and people seek instruction from his mouth". (Malachi 2:7)

ASK YOUR PRIEST

STAY ALERT

CONTROL THE VIRUS

SAVE LIVES