



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 30th October 2022 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 157 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C

### LET'S BE COMPASSIONATE

The common theme of today's readings is the benevolent, compassionate, forgiving mercy of God for sinners, and the response of repentance and conversion expected from us. The first reading reminds us that God's Almighty Power includes His strength to be merciful. That is why God, Who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. God continues to love us, even when we do not love Him in return.

In the second reading, St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian Faith, giving glory to God without idly waiting for the "second coming" of Christ in their lifetime. Today's Gospel presents the story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, whom God's grace led to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Savior, and shows us how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion, and restitution. The episode emphasizes the fact that such a conversion can only result from a person's fully receiving the love, acceptance, and grace offered to everyone one by a merciful Lord.

We need to accept the Divine invitation for repentance. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today. Let us love others as Jesus loved Zacchaeus, despite his sins. Parents and teachers need to accept children lovingly, without first setting up standards of behaviour as conditions for being loved.

### ATTENTION: IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that Canon Gerard will be celebrating Confirmation for our young people at **11.30am Mass next Sunday 6th November**. This Mass will be very crowded so we kindly ask the congregation to attend at an alternative time next weekend. *Many thanks.*

\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*

### **Thanksgiving Mass for Noel Campbell**

Wednesday 14th December at 6.30pm - Full details to follow shortly

### MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 1st at 8pm (PRC)

UCM: Wednesday 2nd at 8pm (Large Hall) see notice overleaf

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays 10.30am - 12pm  
In The Sacred Heart Chapel**

### CHURCH CLEANING

3rd NOVEMBER - TEAM D

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 369.46
Loose cash	£ 416.54
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1841.00</b>

### Mass Intentions This Week

#### 29 October: Saturday

10:00 Intentions of Briege Sweeney

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

#### 30 October: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Alan Dwyer RIP

11:30 Mary Good (16th Anniversary) & Seán Lonergan RIP

#### 31 October: Monday

10:00 Wellbeing of Bridget Lacey

#### *Vigil Mass for All Saints Day*

19:30 Anastasia McHugh RIP

#### 1 November: Tuesday ALL SAINTS

07:00 Holy Souls

10:00 Alan Farrell RIP

#### 2 November: Wednesday ALL SOULS

10:00 Maria Morris RIP

17:30 Reception of the body of John Devereux RIP

#### 3 November: Thursday FUNERAL MASS SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

10:00 John Devereux RIP

19:30 Richard & Ellen Stevenson RIP

#### 4 November: Friday SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

10:00 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP

#### 5 November: Saturday

10:00 Joseph Dieu Tran RIP

18:00 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP

#### 6 November: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

08:30 Alfred & Sylvia Nazareth & Fam. RIP

10:00 UCM: All Confirmadii

#### *Confirmation Mass*

11:30 Eileen Chesher RIP

\*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\*

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

### COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Croydon Nightwatch* amounted to £335.00. Many thanks.

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Kevin Moynihan, Baby Noah, Mary Ariaratnam, Shirley Adams, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin*

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Edward Mobsby, Alan Dwyer, Peter Tuck, Douglas Morrison, Sean Gaffney, Patricia Aherne, Sylvia Desouza, Sylvia Pyne, Caroline Mozumder, Mary Good, Oscar Marshall, Anne Farrell, David Bassett, Maria Cowley, Michael Huggett, Vincenzina Lacovara, Frank Hadfield, Peter Lacovera, Ella Bloxham, Anastasia McHugh, Thecla Sulzdorf, Kathleen Duffy, Stan Moore, Terence Hicks, Mary Tims, Lilian White, Vera Hanrahan, Bernard Considine, Eileen McDonald, Dennis Barnett, Bridget Riordan, Sybil Corcoran*

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

*A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

30th October: Mustang Showband

6th November: TR Dallas

13th November: The Foot Tappers

20th November: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

27th November: Theresa Rodgers

4th December: Frank Nelson

11th December: Glen Flynn

18th December: Kieran White

- Many thanks to the Parish Community, Members & their Friends for your support of the recent **Beached Boys Tribute Evening**. The event raised £2,000.00 for the **Addiscombe Resettlement Community**.

- The **Social Club in partnership with St Chad's Social Club** are presenting an **Autumn Dance** featuring Crimson Red **in aid of Dementia UK** on Friday, 4th November from 7.00pm. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

- The next **Tribute Evening** will be on Friday, 18th November featuring **Declan Nerney & His Band**. All proceeds from this event will support the Brain Tumour Charity & Research into the Williams Syndrome. You can also support this event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction.

Tickets at £15.00 each can be reserved by calling Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **John Walsh** (of Bingham Road) will take place here at Our Lady's on **Thursday 10th November at 10am**. All parishioners are welcome to attend. May he **Rest In Peace**.

### AN EVENING WITH MR HUSSAINY The journey from Afghanistan to Croydon

**Tues 8th Nov 8 - 9pm in the Small Hall**

The Addiscombe Resettlement Community (ARC) group present an evening with Mr Hussainy who, along with his wife and their five children, fled from Afghanistan in late 2021.

Members of the parish have generously supported ARC to welcome and support the Hussainy family, as refugees, to Croydon. This is an opportunity to hear their story.

**This is a free event** - no need to book!

### ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE CALLS FOR LEADERS TO DELIVER AT COP27

**Saturday 12th November - CAFOD supporters will be marching for climate justice** - Meeting at 11am at the Shell Centre Belvedere Road London SE1 7NA. Join us!

### SING ALONG ON A WEDNESDAY

Please join us next Wednesday (26th) in the small hall. Bring along your instruments. **Starts at 8pm**.

### OUR LADY'S PENNIES

Pick up your jars from porch!

### WARM HUB

St Mildred's is looking at providing a safe and warm space on weekdays between the hours of 11am & 3pm, for people to come to during the winter months against the rising cost of energy bills and the cost of living. Also, it will be for those looking for a safe place just to chat with others rather than being on their own. **We would like volunteers to help make this scheme work!** So if you feel you can give some time, fixed days or more flexible, please send an email to Jane Ward - [ward.jane@btinternet.com](mailto:ward.jane@btinternet.com) as soon as possible, as we hope to get started in early November.

### HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. **Please place the envelope in the secure 'offertory' box at the back of church**. The list of names will then be placed in our Memorial chapel (in the Lady Chapel) and your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

### ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP

Would like to invite all parishioners for a **'Day of Healing'** on **Saturday 26th November** taking place here at **Our Lady's** from **10am to 4pm**.

The theme for the day is **'Heal me O Lord'**. The programme will start with the Eucharistic Celebration, followed by word of God, Holy wounds novena, rosary, healing prayer, adoration, confession and praise and Worship. See the poster in the porch for full details.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON

**31st July to 7th August 2023**

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3\* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For further information, please email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION:** Cards and gifts are available in the Repository now! A small selection of boxed and packets of Christmas cards available for the early birds to buy now. More cards as well as calendars, 2023 diaries, etc will be for sale after 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### UCM - SONAS CANDLE PARTY EVENING

**Wednesday 2nd November at 8pm in the Large Hall**

All are welcome to come along - non-members £2 on the door.

### COFFEE MORNING - TODAY! Sunday 30th October

Tea, Coffee & light refreshments will be served in the large hall after the 10am Mass TODAY. There will also be a selection of homemade Jams & Chutneys available for sale.

**All proceeds will be given to the Woodside Bereavement Service.**

### HELPING CATHOLICS TO RETURN

Do you know a friend or relative who has been away from the church and would like support or encouragement to return? We invite them to contact a team that offers a **non-judgemental forum** to help them reconnect with their Catholic faith at:

[landingsbeckenham@gmail.com](mailto:landingsbeckenham@gmail.com)

### JOB VACANCY - Learning Support Assistant

Salary: £19,896 FTE                      Grade 2, Spine Point 11

Conditions: 25 hours per week / Term Time Only

Start date: November 2022

Duration: Fixed Term until 31st August 2023

**St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School** is looking to appoint a learning support assistant. Initially you will be supporting a child with ASD in Reception class on a 1:1 basis.

Application forms are available in the school office or email [admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk)

Tel: 020 8654 3006

**Closing date: Monday 31st October 2022**

**Items for collection:** B Cronin

**Baptism certificates:** PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**Rotas:** Readers (Nov/Dec) Eucharistic Ministers (November)