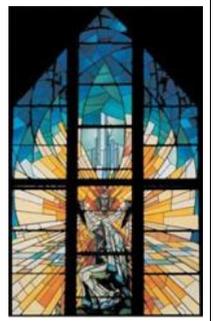




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 By appointment only

31st January 2021 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2021

At the beginning of his public ministry Jesus outlines his Mission in the synagogue in Nazareth: 'He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.'

His ministry was one of compassionate involvement, concern for the disadvantaged. Aware of obstacles, including those of the Law, which limited joy and fulfilment Jesus acted. He confronted, sometimes angrily, what undermined a person's dignity. The theme of Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is "A Time to Act." Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice.

What can we do? In recent years Pope Francis has repeatedly used four verbs encouraging positive and direct action in relation to migrants and refugees, 'Welcome, Protect, Promote and Integrate'. These same words are essential to advancing the cause of racial justice. None can be omitted, it is as necessary to have plans to Promote and Integrate as it is to Welcome. In our Gospel reading today Jesus' sermon in the synagogue in Capernaum triggered a reaction from a member of the congregation; 'What do you want with us?' 'Have you come to destroy us?' The duty of the Prophet in speaking God's words, so bringing God's light into lives and situations is to enlighten, to encourage, sometimes to warn. To identify what action is needed to ensure that all God's people know they are equally valued by society and the Church. The plea of the psalmist today is '...listen to his voice, harden not your hearts'. Racial Justice Sunday is a time to absorb fully this scriptural request. Listening to the voice of God and the voice of the Church we learn of equal love for all: Voices that discriminate unjustly, attitudes that undermine on the grounds of race must be opposed.

Voices of those who feel rejected or perpetually in second place must be listened to. **The dignity of all must be respected and promoted.** In the Church we proclaim that everyone of whatever racial origin should be Welcomed, Protected, Promoted and Integrated. (CBCEW Racial Justice Sunday)

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Please note, that there will **NOT BE A THURSDAY EVENING (7.30pm) OR SATURDAY MORNING (10am) MASS** whilst Fr Jackson is away. These will resume around Easter time upon his return. **However, if a Mass intention was booked for one of these Masses prior to his departure, it will go ahead in the usual way.** Many thanks.

Mass Intentions This Week

30 January: Saturday

10:00 Peter You Than Lim RIP 9th Ann.
 17:30 Birthday Wishes for
 Briege & Harry Sweeney
 18:30 Agnes & Nicholas Dias RIP

31 January: FOURTH SUNDAY

09:00 Ellen Flanagan RIP
 10:00 Sarah & Owen O'Hara RIP
 11:00 All Parishioners
 12:00 Helen Cornabe RIP

1 February: Monday

10:00 Intentions of Mrs B Connors & Family

2 February: Tuesday

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

10:00 Josephine Joseph RIP

3 February: Wednesday

10:00 Paul & Eileen Jennings RIP

4 February: Thursday

10:00 Thomas Quinn RIP

5 February: Friday SAINT AGATHA

10:00 Bridget Mary Watts RIP

6 February: Saturday

SAINT PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

10:00 Nora & John McDonagh RIP
 17:30 Norah Beck RIP
 18:30 Nora & Paddy Walsh RIP

7 February: FIFTH SUNDAY

09:00 All Souls In Purgatory
 10:00 UCM: 90th Birthday Wishes
 For Bina Bowen
 11:00 All Parishioners
 12:00 John & Megan McKee



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our 10am Mass each Sunday is LIVE STREAMED through our Facebook page.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 170.30
Loose cash	£ 186.20
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£ 1331.50

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Eileen McMurray, Karen Pearson, Mary Rayner, Maureen Kearney, Bina Bowen, Patrick Murphy

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Joyce, Geraldine Hanlon, Hilda Botell, Janice McNamara, Maggie Fitzgerald, Ewald (Frank) Szaszynek, Constance Hansen, Diane Hill, William McCarthy, May Carroll, Fr. John McKenna, Elizabeth Coomber, Zygmunt Torka, Baby Tamsin Taylor, John Santry, Marie-Carmen Thatcher, Elizabeth O'Hara, Elizabeth Hardy, Timothy Quinn, Gordon Eastaugh, Mary Donnan, Eileen O'Callaghan, Josephine Philpot, Nell Endacott, Norah Beck, Michael Quinn, Bridget Stone, Marguerite Conn, Mary Harvey, Richard Forage, Eileen Scanlon, David Tuckey, Eufemiano Lopes

***** IMPORTANT TRACK & TRACE INFORMATION *****
Please text your name to - [07548 868418](tel:07548868418). Many thanks for your cooperation.

***** POLITE REMINDER *****

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILST IN CHURCH. OUR SEATING IS CLEARLY MARKED TO INDICATE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO SIT. **DO NOT SIT WHERE THERE IS RED TAPE ON A PEW UNLESS YOU ARE IN YOUR FAMILY BUBBLE.** THANK YOU.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

John Conlan, has recently completed the **200 club Across Draw** for January 2021; the winners are:

No. 91: Eileen Harte £100.00
No. 88: Tom Denning £50.00
No. 72: Celine Roberts £50.00

All winners will receive their cheques over the next few days. If you would like to join the **200 Club**, please go to the website (www.anerleyacross.org.uk) and download an application form.

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.**

RECENT DEATHS: We are sad to announce the recent deaths of **Sylvester Seaton** (Step-father of Sandra O'Connor) and **Richard Mould**. Both funerals will take place here in the coming weeks. Please keep both Sylvester, Richard & their families in your prayers.

REPOSITORY SHOP CLOSURE: Unfortunately, due to the increased risk of COVID transmission and the need to tighten safety measures, we have decided to close the repository shop once again until the situation improves. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

VACANCIES AT THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

We are currently advertising the following vacancies:

- FINANCE ASSISTANT
- SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER (Maternity Cover)

Application forms are available to download on our website at www.johnfisherschool.org/Career-Opportunities where you can also find further information on the school. Completed application forms should be emailed with a covering letter to Mrs H Palmer, Office Manager, at h.palmer@johnfisherschool.org by the **closing date** of noon on **Thursday, 4th February**. Interviews will be held week beginning 8th February. Shortlisted candidates can be interviewed either in person or remotely via 'Zoom'.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 5TH MARCH 2021

In view of the ever-changing Covid requirements and in order to minimise risk to our attendees, the above service will not proceed on the 5th March as scheduled. The National Committee will be meeting shortly and will offer some on-line options which I will be happy to pass on to all interested. However I hope that we can hold the service later this year, which will allow us to share prayer and incorporate participation with other Parish groups as in previous years. In the meantime, please include in your prayers the people of Vanuatu who put so much into the preparation of this year's service and who are probably unable to apply the same level of resources to handle the virus that we are blessed with in this country. **Anne Barcellos**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

In order to provide our secretaries with a **COVID SECURE** working environment, the Parish office **REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. Rachel and Stephanie continue to work in isolation answering your calls and emails, **however please do not go to the office without an appointment or calling to notify us in advance.**

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In case anybody is interested, **Saint Mary's and Saint Magdalene Church** in **Canning Road** is now open for food bank donations. Food is collected by the Salvation Army and Croydon Voluntary Association weekly to go into food parcels for the community.

The church is open from **10am to 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.**

All dried and tinned food is welcomed.

EASTER EGGS

Please see page 4 for news of how to buy fairtrade Easter eggs and other goods (and how to give some away!)



OFFERING A MASS INTENTION: If you wish to offer a Mass intention at this time, please either use an 'Intentions' envelope located in a tray by the church exit, or 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: The parish office remains closed to the public. If you wish to purchase a Mass card, **please see Fr Keith or Fr Jackson who can assist you with this.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE.....

A time for Valentine's Day, and remembering people we care about. St Thomas Becket School Association are selling **wooden hearts**, which people can write the names of loved ones on, and loop them around the school fence on Birchanger Road, Woodside, for the month of February. When the hearts are taken down from the fence they will be put in a special pot in one of the school gardens.

Hearts will cost **£2 each**
purchased through this site [STBSA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://STBSA(pta-events.co.uk))

GIFT AID BOXES

There are still 70+ sets of Gift Aid envelopes uncollected in the parish office. If you would like yours, please ring the office giving your **FULL NAME** and your box will be left on the table in the church entrance for collection.

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OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - addiscombesg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

The SDC Bible group meetings are currently taking place online on **Zoom every Friday at 7.30 p.m.** These are meetings for people who want to come together to reflect on the Word of God in the **Bible** and share in the spirituality of SDC and its founder.

Our main theme for this year's meetings is '**JOURNEYS**' in the Bible. Meetings include reflections, readings and prayer.

For more information and to receive the Zoom link ID call the SDC House on **020 8768 5159**, text **07986 533292** or email **sdcmeetings@gmail.com**

ASK YOUR MP TO SIGN A PARLIAMENTARY MOTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE NEW GUIDANCE ON FETAL PAIN

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

DEAR HUSBAND & WIFE...

You are invited to give each other a gift by spending March 13th online between 10am and 1pm exploring and improving your relationship. The event is entitled '**Building A Better Marriage**'. It will provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. Please note that there is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better. That applies whether you have been married five years or 50. Booking is essential: telephone **07983 524727** or email **mflkent@rcaos.org.uk**

Recent 'Building a Better Marriage' courses attracted the following comments from married couples who logged on: 'The topics were chosen well and we could really relate to them... The personal stories you shared were very insightful and helped us to reflect on our own relationships more deeply... It was relaxed and you put us at ease, being friendly and personable... We thoroughly enjoyed attending the course.'

COVID 19 -

A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR MARRIAGES

So much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children and housing....Different ways of seeing things, coping with change and managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time brings even more challenges. You just can't cope. Would be better apart you wonder?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **25th- 28th February 2021**

Call / text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443**

Email: **retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com**

Visit: **www.retrouvaille.org.uk**

THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT INVITES YOU TO "GLOBAL HEALING"

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we invite YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home.

When - Thursdays from **18th February – 25th March 7.30 – 8.30pm**

How to join - To register please click [HERE](#) or email **jane@catholicclimatemovement.global**

Lord Jesus,

when you walked with us on earth you spread your healing power.

We place in your loving care all who are affected by Coronavirus.

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

*Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved,
protect those who care for us.*

*We lift our prayer to you Lord, and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we wait for the daybreak.*

Amen.

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**A FAIR-TRADE EASTER? AND SUPPORT FOR THE
NEW ADDINGTON FOOD BANK? READ ON**



The parish's Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Group is unable to offer fair-trade Easter eggs *in church* this year for obvious reasons. Instead, we are offering to supply *The Real Easter Egg* (with a children's book about the Easter story) on a payment-with-order-and-we'll-deliver basis.

We promote fairly traded goods because we think that third world farmers get a raw deal from "big business"; and companies like Traidcraft and Café Direct seek to engage with those farmers to offer a fair-trade bonus on price, a guarantee on price (which is perhaps more valuable) and an offer of assistance in achieving local aims (a new school, a clinic, a safe water supply or whatever) in a non-patronising way.

Climate change impacts directly on some countries, by disrupting the rainfall pattern and making crop security more of a gamble than it was; by inducing landslides and floods – or drought! – which make subsistence living, or growing goods for trade, far more difficult and problematic. They don't create the carbon emissions which exacerbate climate change – they merely suffer, far more than we in the western world, the consequences.

This is why JPIC members promote (and use) fairly traded goods. We hope you will join us this Easter!

For the first time, and bearing in mind that the Repository is currently closed, *we can also offer Easter cards* on the same payment-with-order basis.

"The best chocolate I've ever tasted" was the verdict of Daniel (9) although the book was a little young for him (didn't stop him eating the chocolate!) – and that was the milk chocolate egg at £4.50 (a white chocolate egg costs the same). There's also the dark chocolate egg at £5.95 with extra chocolate squares and an "Easter sharing book" ... all eggs come in a plastic-free box (result!).

Please visit traidcraftshop.co.uk and look for their Easter cards, Real Easter eggs and other goods. We have an agency arrangement with Traidcraft and our rep is **Andy Bebington**. Please send your order and a cheque (to **A P Bebington, please; send or deliver to 79 Shirley Way, CR0 8PL, 020 8777 4840 or andy.bebington@gmail.com**) by the **end of February**. Don't forget – cash with order, please, and don't leave it to the last minute!!

The agency arrangement allows the parish a discount and we have traditionally donated the surplus to the New Addington food bank. As a new initiative, this year you are invited to consider "buy two, give one away" (or 4 and 2, 6 and 3, so forth) so that you buy twice as many as you want and we deliver the extra one (or more) to the food bank for adding to their food parcels at Easter; that way, we get the Easter books into homes where they might not know what Easter is *really* all about. Please make clear whether your order includes any eggs (and how many) which you wish us to pass on for you.

Remember the saying attributed the St Francis, talking to his Brothers –

"Go out and preach the Gospel. Use words if you have to".



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