

# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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 Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm      Wednesday: Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
 Weekdays after 10am Mass    Every Saturday at 5pm    Or by appointment

**31st March 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent (page 168 of Parish Mass Book)    YEAR C**

## LENT IS A RETURN TO THE FATHER

There are so many different images of what God is like... some are very scary... some are very distant and stern.. and then there is this truly wonderful image of God... The true image of what God is like.... A loving Father... an unreasonably generous, loving, caring and hoping parent.... It is just too wonderful!!! Thanks be to God for his goodness and love...

"The prodigal son, who has really messed up his life, knows his father well, so he is sure that he can go home and ask for forgiveness (vv. 11-19). The son knows his father's love from experience. Yet his father's response will still completely overwhelm him - it is more profound and complete than he could possibly have imagined." The Father's reaction does not make sense if one is simply applying pure logic, or mechanical rules and protocols. It DOES make sense when one sees through the eyes of a loving parent.

"The son had mentally prepared his formula of repentance. But the father runs, in a manner quite undignified and unexpected for a man of his age and position in that time and culture, to meet his son, taking the initiative to embrace him. The son recites the phrase he had prepared for a long time, but the Father doesn't even let him finish this mechanical formula. In the presence of the father's love, this prepared script becomes utterly redundant, (vv. 20-21)."

"Forgiveness comes from the welcoming person rather than from the repenting sinner. Forgiving is giving life."

"Failing to see the gratuitousness of love is failing to understand the gospel. By converting the gospel into a mere set of obligations, external rules or a guarantee of authorities without moral worth, we make a caricature out of it." Jesus was trying to get all people to stop acting like dutiful, loveless, hard-hearted slaves of God.. and take up their rightful place as beloved, unconditionally loved children of God..... they should be rejoicing when the lost are found and brought back... not whinging and complaining and recommending distance and rejection.....

## Mass Intentions This Week

### 30 March: Saturday

10:00 William Cornabe RIP

18:00 Adrienne Baptiste RIP

### 31 March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP

(With 2nd Scrutiny - page 172 of Mass book)

12:00 Ryszard Siepka RIP

### 1 April: Monday

10:00 Welfare of Maureen and Pakie Walsh

### 2 April : Tuesday

10:00 Rosemary Simons RIP

### 3 April: Wednesday

10:00 Bartholomew Murphy RIP

15:45 Stations of the Cross

### 4 April: Thursday

10:00 Mr B J Okeke RIP

### 5 April: Friday

10:00 Madam Ophelia French RIP (in Ghana)

### 6 April: Saturday

10:00 Anthony Simons RIP

18:00 Danny O'Hagan RIP

### 7 April: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08:30 Michael Semeta RIP

10:00 UCM: Victims of Cyclone Idai

12:00 Carol Madeleine Susan Abery RIP

(With 3rd Scrutiny - page 179 of Mass book)

## MEETINGS

**Safeguarding Committee:** Tuesday 2nd at 8pm (Small Hall)

**SVP:** Tuesday 2nd at 9pm (PRC)

**RCIA:** Scripture: The Story of Holy Week - Wednesday 3rd at 8pm (PRC)

**UCM:** Wednesday 3rd at 8.15pm (Large Hall)

**Refugee Support Group:** Thursday 4th at 7.30pm (Small Hall)

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash                                    £ 533.00

Gift Aid Envelopes                        £ 682.92

S/Os     £ 975.00

**Total**                                         £ 2190.92

**CHURCH CLEANING: Team A**

## COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for *Woodside Bereavement Service*. Next week there will be a second collection for the *Poor Servants of the Mother of God*.

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Marc Simpson*

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: John Groombridge, Brenda Bond, Maria Robinson, Harold Kelly, Maureen Purcell, Bill Cox, Patrick Reddington, Alvaro Pinto, Mary Fitzgerald, Basil Hymas, Paul Franklin, Michael O'Donnell, Bernard Bennett, Michael Semeta, Mark Carter*

**OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**  
Ann Marie Christian - **020 8662 0319** or [amc@annmariechristian.com](mailto:amc@annmariechristian.com)

**SOCIAL CLUB**

Sunday Evening Entertainment.

31st March: Gerry Kelly  
7th April: Eugene Doonan  
14th April: Finbar & Paul  
21st April: **Easter Sunday** with the Mustang Showband  
28th April: Ally Harron & Marian Curry  
5th May: **Bank Holiday special** with Mary Rose & Her Band  
12th May: Pat Hayes

Tickets for the **Beatles & Elvis Tribute Evening** on Friday, 17th May are now on sale from the church hall.

Happy Mothering Sunday...

**M-O-T-H-E-R**

“**M**” is for the million things she gave me,  
“**O**” means only that she’s growing old,  
“**T**” is for the tears she shed to save me,  
“**H**” is for her heart of purest gold;  
“**E**” is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
“**R**” means right, and right she’ll always be,  
Put them all together, they spell “**MOTHER,**”  
A word that means the world to me.

– Howard Johnson (c. 1915)

**THE LATE JOE FRYDAY RIP**

I would like to thank the many members of the Parish Community who have sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and attended Joe's Funeral. I am also very grateful for the generous response to the collection for **King's College Hospital: Critical Care Centre Appeal** - £1,130.00 was raised. **Linda Fryday**

**UCM WITH FR JACKSON - 8.15pm in the Large Hall**

The UCM meeting on **3rd April** will be a chance for you to get to know Fr Jackson, who will be giving a talk.

**GAELIC FOOTBALL TASTER SESSION**

There will be a Gaelic Football Taster Session for Boys born between 1st January 2005 & 31st December 2008 on **Monday, 1st April**. The session will take place at St Mary's RC High School (enter via Tavistock Road) at **6pm**. Participants will require a full sports kits including, sports top, shorts, socks & trainers. For more information, please call **Danny O'Donovan** on **07796 934748**.

**PIANO AVAILABLE:** A Piano in good condition is available from the Church Hall. If you would like more information, please call **Ben Cahill** on **07958 903410**.

**DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER VACANCY**

The Governors, staff and pupils of **Laleham Lea School** are seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher for our school with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. Laleham Lea School is a small family friendly one form entry Independent School in Purley and this is an exciting new permanent, full-time post in the school. For an application pack please contact Ms Soma Basu – [sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk)

Closing date for applications: **noon Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Wednesday throughout Lent at 3.45pm in the Church

**LENTEN MASSES IN CUH**

Every **Monday** during Lent, at 12 noon, in the Hospital Chapel. All are most welcome.

**REPOSITORY:** RCIA cards are now on sale in the Repository Shop. Easter cards will be on sale later this month.

**MOTHER'S DAY TREATS!**

**Today in the Large Hall**

Come along to the large hall after Mass, for a Mother's Day Treat! Beautiful homemade cupcakes and cakes for sale - gift wrapped from only £2, along with tea, coffee and other refreshments. Small gifts will also be on sale!

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019**

Bishop Paul will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation here on **Sunday 3rd November at 12 noon**. Young people in year 8 or above who wish to join the programme this year, should download an application pack from the parish website The candidate should complete and return it **IN PERSON** to Fr Keith or Fr Jackson no later than **Sunday 28th April**.

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE RECEIVED**  
**AFTER THIS DATE.**

The first parent's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th June at 8pm** in the **large hall**.

If you cannot download the form then you may obtain a copy from the priests after Mass. **Please note that if you wish to be confirmed, you should be attending Sunday Mass regularly.**

**ASCENSION TRUST RALLY - STANDING TOGETHER!**  
**Trafalgar Square Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2 - 4pm**

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, London City Mission, Southwark Diocese and other supporters will gather at Trafalgar Square for a rally of solidarity; standing together with those families and communities who have suffered the impact of serious violent crime. This will be a good opportunity for the Church to demonstrate its compassion and its desire to see the end of this serious issue that has blighted our city.

If any of your members are able to help in the lead up to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April or on the actual day please email [rally@ascensiontrust.org.uk](mailto:rally@ascensiontrust.org.uk).

Please pray for us as we continue to seek to bring together organisations, communities and individuals to address the rise of serious violence in society.

**SOCIAL MEDIA: THE POSITIVES AND PITFALLS**

Christ Church Methodist are hosting a training session aimed at equipping attendees to better engage with young people on the issues surrounding social media, as well as exploring ways in which to use social media to positively engage with young people. **Tues 2nd April 2019, 7.30 - 9.30pm** at 114 Lower Addiscombe Road CR0 6AD.

To book a place contact [Lindsey@croydonmeth.org](mailto:Lindsey@croydonmeth.org)

Or ring **86532424**

**Items for collection:** *M Chandler, J Catley*

**Baptism certificates:** *R Dos Remedios, A Jones, B Mead, Neves, J Read*

**Rota:** *Repository (March/May) Readers (March/April) Eucharistic Ministers (April / Easter) Servers (April)*