



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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

4 JANUARY 2015 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (see page 118 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

EPIPHANY

The word Epiphany means 'manifestation' and our celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany is like a second Christmas. When I was a child we called it 'Little Christmas'. It is, in fact, the Christmas of the Eastern Churches. It proclaims that the child Jesus belongs to and is given to the whole world as its Saviour.

He is given to us as gift, but with the magi the world brings to him its variety of gifts—our varied cultures, different identities and so on. We gather today as people from many nations and bring Jesus the gift of ourselves—our faith, our fidelity, our love, as we meet him not just in the Crib or in the Eucharist but in prayer and in people, especially in the poorest and those most in need.

*May your earthly journey be illuminated by the light of a steadfast faith.
 May your lives cause you to shine like stars amidst the darkness of the world.
 And when your earthly pilgrimage is over, may Christ welcome you into his heavenly kingdom.*

Wishing you every blessing for the New Year
Fr. Joe



Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday 3 January

10.00 Sadie Sutton RIP
 18.00 Noel Kennedy RIP

4 January: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

08.30 Jim McCay RIP
 10.00 All Parishioners
 12.00 Martin McCory RIP +

5 January:

10.00 Funeral: Mary White

6 January:

10.00 Pat Maher RIP
 11.00 Funeral: Sahayarami Sebamalai
 (Service will be in Tamil Language)

7 January:

10.00 Michael Madigan RIP

8 January

10.00 Caroline Koch RIP

9 January

10.00 Colin Cully RIP

Saturday 10 January

10.00 Boase Family
 18.00 Tim O'Sullivan RIP

11 January: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

08.30 All Parishioners *
 10.00 Joan Duffin RIP *
 12.00 Flor O'Donoghue RIP

+ With Baptism

* With Children's Liturgy

WEEKLY DRAW

£5— John Coleman

CHURCH CLEANING

Team D: Mrs Aitchison

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£378.35
Gift Aid Envelopes	£512.65
S/Os	£880.00
Total	£1771.00

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

Thank you very much for your generous Christmas offerings of £6280. This has enabled me to help our priests who receive less and others in need also. Crib Offerings amounted to £250.00, this has been donated to Friends of the Holy Land. Next Sunday there will be a collection for the White Flower Appeal—please see not overleaf.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Audrey Moynihan, Ted Curry, Theresa Kintu, Margarette Collins, Lauren Horwood.*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *Dunstan Grant, Margaret Hayes, Michael Warnock, Peggy Grosser, Hilda Edwards, Michael Stepien, Edward Gorman, Jill Willey, Jim Moloney, Carmena Borg, William Mullins, Douglas Chesher, Terence McGuire, Molly Gordon, Patrick Flanagan, Vivian Rowland, Mitzi Carrara, Colin Cully, Paddy Fitzgerald, Jennifer Jones, Betty Reynolds, Eileen Andrew, John Ellicott, Gaetano Mansi, Louisa White, Colm Folan, Irene Foley, Maura Brophy, Daniel Gibbs.*

MEETINGS

RCIA: Wednesday 7th Jan at 8pm (PRC)

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday, 4th January: **Final Touch**

Sunday, 11th January: **Kevin Keys**

RECENT DEATHS: We are sorry to announce the death of Sahayarami Sebamalai of Portland Road. We are also sorry to announce the deaths of Jerry Linehan, father of Dermot Linehan and John Camilleri's mother who also passed away this week.

Funeral Arrangements: Mary White's funeral will be held here on Monday 5th at 10am, Sahayarami Sebamalai's funeral will also be held here on Tuesday 6th at 11am. Please keep all of the families in your prayers at this time.

THE WHITE FATHERS APPOINTMENT DIARIES.

Father Joseph Cummins who was born in Addiscombe, educated at St Mary's, Croydon and ordained in our church as a White Father, has asked me to distribute about 60 appointment diaries, produced by the Order. These are placed on the table at the back of the church and come with the compliments of Father Joseph. Although free, anyone taking a diary may wish to support the Order's mission in Burkina Faso and can do so by sending a cheque payable to "Missionaries of Africa" to the Corfton Road address, shown on the last page of the diary and addressing the envelope for the attention of Father Joseph Cummins. Alternatively, cheques can be handed in to the presbytery and left for my attention. David Warner.

THANK YOU

Percy and Antonia Huggett would like to thank you all for your kind donations to St Christopher's Hospice in memory of Michael. The total collected came to £575. Thank you all for your sympathy cards and Mass cards which were greatly appreciated. It is nice to know that Michael was loved and respected amongst the parish community.

NEW SERVERS INTAKE 2015

The new intake of Altar Servers for 2015 will begin with a parents' meeting on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the church. Children from years 4 and 5 or above can apply. It is important that All parents of children wishing to become Altar Servers at Our Lady's **attend** this meeting as application forms will only be given to parents who attend this meeting. Application forms have to be returned by no later than Sunday 25th January. The first training session will be on Saturday 31st January at 1pm in the church. A notice relating to the parent's meeting and important dates will be available on the table at the back of the church next week.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

GOD IN MY DAY-Churches together in Shirley

A breathing space, with input and time for quiet reflection, on the different ways we meet and respond to God within daily life. Saturday 17th January 2015, The Tamberlin Room, St John's Church, Shirley Church Road. To reserve your place or for more info please contact Liz Bebbington on 020 8777 4840 or lizbeb@gmail.com. All welcome.

THE TABLET

Copies are now available at £2.95 each.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

There is a lovely write up and lots of photo's of our Golden Jubilee Celebrations on the Southwark Diocesan Website. www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

USED STAMPS; as you know, we collect used stamps for Guide Dogs for the Blind, who sell them to raise much-needed funds. It is the stamps from other countries which are particularly valuable to charities so please – please! – cut off any foreign stamps (leaving a 5mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ inch] margin or more round each one) and put them in the box in the church

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHIRLEY

Will be holding a service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday 25th January at 6.30pm at West Wickham and Shirley Baptist Church, which is on the corner of Wickham Road and Monks Orchard Road. All welcome.

Details of the Churches Together in Addiscombe Unity Service will be announced later.

Items for collection: D King, Sr Celia, J Walsh, A Jones.

Bapt Certs: H Hall, T Gibson, W Joseph, E Carroll, H Cunningham-Fenykes, I Glave.

Rotas: Altar Servers (January), Eucharistic Ministers (January), Readers (Jan & Feb).