



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

4th November 2018 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 152 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

We are to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. That sounds very demanding. Actually it is often part of the problem. Many, if not most of us, do not love ourselves very much. Many, if not most would not like others to know us as we feel we really are. We go to great lengths to hide our inadequacies, our weaknesses. We spend a lot of money on houses, cars, clothes, jewellery, cosmetics, dining out... Image is all. We need status symbols to prove we are "someone". Teenagers looking and sounding very "with-it" but actually hiding behind currently fashionable clothes-styles, hairstyles, language, in a desperate attempt to be 'relevant'.

Very few people are really themselves in front of others. In computer jargon we say, "What you see is what you get [WYSWYG]". In other words, what appears on the screen will also appear on a print-out. For people it should be, "What you see is what there is."

This requires total self-acceptance (not the same as self-approval) and integrity, wholeness. Self-acceptance means that we fully acknowledge both our strengths and weaknesses and are not ashamed of them, and we don't mind if other people know them. Because such a person knows that the key to being loved is to have one's 'real self' accessible to others. After all, it is ones real self who is known and loved by God.

Mass Intentions This Week

3 November: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service

18:00 Ann Farrell RIP +

4 November: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY

08:30 Holy Souls

1st Holy Communion Mass of Dedication

10:00 All Deceased Members of UCM

12:00 Ian Sulzdorf RIP

5 November: Monday

10:00 Bernard Considine RIP

6 November: Tuesday

10:00 Alfred & Sylvia Nazareth & Family RIP

7 November: Wednesday

10:00 Annastasia McHugh RIP

8 November: Thursday

10:00 Richard & Ellen Stevenson RIP

9 November: Friday

10:00 Joseph Dieu Tran RIP

10 November: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service

18:00 Deceased Members of the
Sweeney & Heskin Families

11 November: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

08:30 Kathleen Ryan RIP *

10:00 Jim Tully RIP ~

12:00 Holy Souls +

+ *With Baptism*

~ *With Uniformed Groups*

* *With Children's Liturgy*

MEETINGS

Confirmation Prep: Today (Sunday) 4th at 5pm (Large Hall)

Ascent Group: Tuesday 6th at 10.30am (Large Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 6th at 8pm (PRC)

Confirmation Parents' Meeting: Tuesday 6th at 8pm (Large Hall)

UCM: Wednesday 7th at 8.15pm (Large Hall)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash £ 606.30

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 710.70

S/Os £ 975.00

Total £ 2292.00

CHURCH CLEANING: Team D

COLLECTIONS

This week there will be an ACA collection with proceeds going to *Sr Carol* to aid her work with Indian street children. Next week there will be a second collection for the *Archbishop's Admin Fund*. (Gift Aid-able)

We pray for the sick in our Parish: *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Ted Curry, Margarete Collins, Phyllis Donnelly, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Marc Simpson*

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: *Ella Bloxham, Anastasia McHugh, Kathleen Duffy, Stan Moore, Terence Hicks, Mary Tims, Lilian White, Vera Hanrahan, Bernard Considine, Eileen McDonald, Dennis Barnett, Bridget Riordan, Sybil Corcoran, Peter Marengi, John Wynne, Denis Hathaway, Frieda Humphries, John Faragher, William Bradley, Mildred Potter, Rosanna Jamieson, Michael Jones, Denis Everest, Catherine Downes, Terence Hayes, Philip Sterling, Sr. Joseph, Samir Nasr, Peter Pender, Dorothy Lloyd-Jones, Muriel McGuinness, Mabel Moniz*

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 4th November: TR Dallas
Sunday, 11th November: Pat Hayes
Sunday, 18th November: The Mustang Showband
Sunday, 25th November: Gerry Kelly
Sunday, 2nd December: Mary Rose & Her Band
Sunday, 9th December: The Mustang Showband

Tickets at £15.00 each for the *Declan Nerney Evening* on Friday, 30th November are now on sale in the Social Club. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *King's College Hospital CCU (Critical Care Unit) Appeal*. Tickets can be reserved by calling Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. You can also support this event by donating items for the Raffle and/or Auction.

Coming soon

Anerley ACROSS Fundraising Event: Friday, 7th December
Tina Turner Tribute Evening: Friday, 18th January
Mick Flavin: Friday, 15th March

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral of **Vera Locke** will take place here at Our Lady's on **Friday 23rd November at 10am**.

THANK YOU!

Paddy Ryan and family would like to thank all the Parish for their support, help, kind words, mass cards and donations after the death of his wife Kathleen.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE UK - IS IT UNDER THREAT?

All are welcome to attend this Newman Association talk by Nigel Parker, Director of the Catholic Union & Chair of the Parliamentary Committee. **Thursday 8th November at 8pm at St Dominic's, Violet Lane, Waddon.** See poster in the porch for more details.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 1st - 7th NOVEMBER

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet from the porch; contact Your Catholic Legacy on **020 7095 5370**; or contact Adrian Radford, the Diocesan Financial Controller by email - adrianradford@rcaos.org.uk

TRAIDCRAFT: Have advised that very difficult trading conditions have made it impossible to maintain their business *as it is* beyond the end of the year. A review in 2019 will lead to a revamped business model.

You are encouraged to visit <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/> to support them and to enable them to continue helping farmers and producers in third world countries. Remember - what Traidcraft does overseas is Catholic Social Teaching in action.

The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group

DECEASED CROYDON DEANERY CLERGY MASS

Our Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **St Mary's** on **Wednesday 14th November at 12:10 pm**. All are welcome to attend!

BATTERY RECYCLING: Although Croydon Council is now collecting used batteries, we will continue to collect them here for those who find it more convenient as we already have an arrangement in place with a battery recycling service.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Priest's reference application forms are now available to download from our website. Please return the completed form to the presbytery by **Sunday 4th November**, before ringing to arrange an appointment with Fr Keith. Appointments will run between **Monday 5th** and **Friday 16th November**.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of the church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. These envelopes are 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.

WW1 ARMISTICE CENTENARY AT OUR LADY'S

As was suggested at the Parish AGM, and as part of the Parish's commemoration of the WW1 Armistice Centenary, 3 parishioners from the McGuigan family, who will be in Ypres on 11th November, Remembrance Sunday, are going to lay a wreath on behalf of Our Lady's, at the Menin Gate.

The wreath will be blessed by Fr Keith at 12pm Mass today.

**Lest We Forget.
We Shall Remember Them.**

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP: Who visited our Parish last weekend to sell Olive Wood religious carvings from the Holy Land, would love to express their huge thanks for everyone who supported their good cause. The result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families, (you raised £2728.50). They don't have enough words to thank you with, but be sure that you are always in their prayers. www.tbng.co.uk

WYEVALE GARDEN CENTRE CLOSURE

With the closure of the local garden centre, you may wish to visit the allotment association off Glenthorne Avenue. There we have a trading centre open every weekend from 10.30am - 12.15pm as well as extended periods from February and April. We sell a wide range of composts, fertilisers, seeds, tools, plants etc, for the cost of just **£1 a year** to become a member.

ST MILDRED'S DROP-IN

For the Homeless is open every Sunday and provides a safe, caring environment for all those in need. As well as friendship and support, practical help such as hot food, showers and clean clothes are provided. With winter approaching, more volunteers are needed to ensure that this vital local service continues. If you are interested in helping, or just want more information, please contact me - shirleyrowe25@hotmail.com

CALLING WRITERS, SINGERS, COOKS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD!

The Shirley Talent Festival is now open for entries - for a copy of the Syllabus with details of the various classes and the age ranges involved in each please contact me at andy.bebington@gmail.com.

The Talent Festival in Shirley will be on **2nd March 2019** at Shirley Methodist Church. **Entries by 11th November** to me, please (with 50p entry fee per class). This will involve singers and singing groups/choirs, writing short stories, reading aloud, cooking, and assorted crafts. **Andy Bebington**

Items for collection: Dr A X Horbury, L Padain, G Slater, Mr & Mrs Achilleas, C Wallace, S Briffa, Flora Lobo

Baptism certificates: A Czajor, B Carroll

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (November) Servers (November) Repository (Nov/Dec) Readers (Nov/Dec)