



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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

4th February 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 134 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

On this Fifth Sunday, we see that Jesus will always be restless, always be on the lookout for new areas where his gospel needs to be preached.

This has also been the mark of Jesus' followers. In every age and culture, the Church has had its "missionaries", men and women of generous spirit, happy and successful where they were, who realized that the gospel was not being preached among cultures, ethnic groups or social classes which were neglected by society and by the Church. They stepped out courageously and moved into these "neighboring country towns" so that the gospel of God's love could be "preached there too." Paul and Barnabas were the first. They left the prosperous community of Antioch to bring the good news to the Greek cities of Asia Minor. One thousand years later, St Francis of Assisi turned his back on his noble and wealthy family and lived as a brother among the poorest people of his area. In our time, Mother Teresa, comfortable and successful in a well established religious order, decided to move out and found a new community entirely dedicated to the dying on the streets of Calcutta.

In the secular world too, all great people come to the time when they must step out into an area their movement has neglected up to now. Nelson Mandela, for example, decided at some point in his life that he would work for reconciliation with his oppressors. People have given up successful careers in law, medicine, finance, education or management to work for the advancement of neglected communities.

It happens to all of us, at one time or another, that we find the courage to break new ground, to move into some field where our services are needed. This passage celebrates such moments of grace – in the life of Jesus and in our own lives.



Mass Intentions This Week

3 February: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Helen Cornabe RIP

4 February: FIFTH SUNDAY

08:30 Mary & Richard Avery RIP
 10:00 UCM: Thelma Cowen RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners

5 February: Monday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Rudolf Coombs RIP

6 February: Tuesday

10:00 Nora Beck RIP

7 February: Wednesday

10:00 Thanksgiving for
 Anthony Boateng-Dampte

8 February: Thursday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Daniel Locke RIP

9 February: Friday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Mary Joyce RIP

10 February: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Paddy & Nora Walsh RIP

11 February: SIXTH SUNDAY

08:30 Jack & Mary Hoey RIP
 10:00 Thanksgiving for the
 Adeyera Adeyemo Family
 12:00 All Parishioners

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM A

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 681.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 617.07
S/Os	£ 975.00
Total	£2273.07

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for *Racial Justice Sunday* amounted to £617.75. Many thanks. Next week there is a second collection for *Poor Parishes* (Gift Aid-able).

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Steve Richer, José Fernandez, Dominic Audibert-Moloney

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: 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, Richard Forage, David Tuckey, Eufemiano Lopes, Maureen Woodcraft, Sheila Merredew, Joan Griffiths, Charles Fowley, David Barwell, Catherine Winston, Jean Garner, Margaret Blackford, Judy Maharaj, Tony Borfiga, Kathleen Davies, Mary Ann Gomez, David Holder

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 4th February: Pat Hayes
Sunday, 11th February: First appearance of *Mary Rose & Her Band*
Sunday, 18th February: Tom Healy
Sunday, 25th February: Eugene Doonan
Sunday, 4th March: First appearance of *Theresa Rodgers*

Many thanks to our members, their guests and the Parish Community for your support of the recent *Take That & Robbie Williams Tribute Evening*. The event raised in excess of £1,000.00 which will be given to the *Woodside Bereavement Counselling Service*.

There will be a *St Brigid's Cross workshop* in the Hall on Friday, 16th February from 8.00pm. St. Brigid is attributed with creating the distinctive form of the cross which bears her name. All materials will be provided and we will have an evening of fun & creativity.

Tickets for the *Ceili & Social Dancing* on Friday, 23rd February are now available in the Church Hall. You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/ Auction. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Children's Ward at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

Coming soon

Bacon & Cabbage Dinner and Dance on Friday, 16th March
The Beatles and Elvis Tribute Night on Friday, 13th April

RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent death of Hilda Maguire of Albany Lodge, on Monday 29th January. Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady's on Wednesday 21st February at 10am. Please keep Hilda, and all the families of those whose funerals take place this week, in your prayers at this difficult time.

UCM AGM: Wednesday 7th at 8pm in the large hall. All Welcome!

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION MEETING

Young Catholics in Faith, Politics and Social Action Thursday 15th February 7.45pm in the Small Hall

Charlotte Dixie (of this parish) and other young Catholics talk about their experience as Interns, working between Church and Parliament.

Meeting open to all - Free, though donations are welcome.

Contact: **Arthur Hughes 020 8654 3943**

Please see the poster in the porch for more details

CULTURAL DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Join us on a pilgrimage to Alysford Saturday 21st April

A coach will leave Our Lady's at **9.30am** returning at **5.30pm**. This will be a day of prayer, meeting new friends and a shared lunch along with the opportunity to explore the Friary, spend time in the Peace Garden, Rosary Way and a chance to purchase some pottery made by the monks. The cost of the trip is **£20**.

To express interest and to reserve a place please contact:
Jenny Lucas via email jayelle15@gmail.com or **07711 533781**

ACCOMMODATION TO LET

Addiscombe Catholic Housing Association has a second floor, one bedroom flat to let in Addiscombe, close to the shops, buses and tramlink. Applicants should be 60+, able to live independently and not a homeowner or have savings / equity over £30,000.

Enquiries (including contact details): please email secretary@acha.org.uk.

If you do not have access to email, please call the Parish Office on 020 8654 1709 who will pass your information onto the Accommodation Officer.

MEETINGS

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

SVP: Tuesday 6th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: What is Lent? - Wednesday 7th at 8pm (PRC)

UCM: Wednesday 7th at 8pm (Large Hall)

OUR LADY'S HALLS COMMITTEE

We need some new members to assist the existing team with weekend halls bookings. The role requires the opening and closing of the halls on a rota basis. If you can assist please contact:

Mike Hennessy 07967 141035

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM STILL NEEDS YOU!

Sadly, we have had only 1 response to our plea for help! We really need people to support the leaders, to ensure the sessions can run. Only skills required are cutting out and organising the children to bring the offertory and read bidding prayers. This is not a 'meeting heavy' commitment. To find out more, please give us a call!

Clare Connor on 07982 715 858

REFUGEE DAY CENTRE COLLECTION OF GOODS & YOUNG MEN'S CLOTHES Next Weekend - 10th / 11th February

Our parish traditionally responds to Homelessness Sunday (last week) and Church Poverty Action Sunday (next week) with a collection of non-perishable foods and household goods (crockery, pots and pans, and other kitchenware). In addition to these goods the refugee project are also seeking young adult male clothes (no other clothes please - as storage is always an issue for them). Please bring your items to Mass next weekend and leave them in the porch for collection. Many thanks.

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT DEMENTIA?

A date for your diaries!

Here at Our Lady's on **Monday 5th March** at **7.30pm** in the **Large Hall**, there will be a talk and discussion about spotting the first signs of dementia and what we can do about them. Refreshments and cash bar available. All are welcome.

For more details contact: **John Woodhouse 07908 888586 (Text)**

ASYLUM SEEKER AND THE CRIMINAL LAW

Woldingham School invite you to a lecture delivered by Stephen Currid from the Cardinal Hume Centre on **Wednesday 21st February at 7pm**. Refreshments served in the Main House from 6:30pm. Stephen will look at the titles asylum seeker, migrants and refugees which have almost blurred into one. The Cardinal Hume Centre is actively helping people seeking refuge in our country.

Come along and inform yourself of what's happening around us.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 2nd March 2018 at 7.30pm

Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend this service in our Church and share in this worldwide day of prayer, composed this year by the women of Suriname, a country in the north-eastern part of South America. The theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' It is a lovely service incorporating music, readings and reflections with lots of individual parts to play. 16 volunteers are needed, some to do the readings and others to act out parts which could be done by children.

Any one who would like to play an active part is asked to contact **Anne Barcellos** on **0208 656 2687** or by e-mail on anne.barcellos@btinternet.com as soon as possible so that she can allocate roles and ensure that everyone is happy with what needs to be done on the day.

Items for collection: *A Callow, John & Megan McKee, A Winchester, J Carpenter, L Cully*

Bapt Certs: *Tusiime Kabalega, Loubao, Ssebanakitta, Lyons, Mensah, Graham*

Rotas: *Readers (January/February) Servers (February) Repository (February-April) Eucharistic Ministers (February)*