



# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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

## 4th March 2018 3rd Sunday in Lent (page 154 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

The conversation in today's Gospel is remarkable for many reasons. First, the woman is a Samaritan; a group that the Jews hated and saw as heretical mixed-blooded people who were the descendants of gentiles moved into Israel during the Babylonian Captivity. These people had mixed with some Jews and had formed their own version of the faith. They did not worship at Jerusalem, but in their own temple on Mt. Gerazim. Their scriptures consisted of only the five books of Moses, the Torah. Jesus even asks the Samaritan woman to drink from her utensils. According to Jewish Law to drink from a Samaritan cup or bucket would be a ritually defiling act. The Samaritans were despised by the Jewish people. And here Jesus, a Jew, was speaking to her.

There is the second extraordinary thing. A Jew who was known to be a pious Jew, was talking to a strange woman! In the society of that day, this was not done. One did not just talk to women who were unknown to you. Women were second class citizens then...but there He was, a Jewish man, and a rabbi no less, talking with a Samaritan heretic.

Lastly, this woman was a sinner. A good Jew would not talk to a sinner in public...or anywhere else for that matter. Remember the scandal Christ caused throughout His ministry because He went to the homes of sinners and ate with them...and converted them from the way of death, which is sin, to the way of life. What an extraordinary exchange! The Lord sees that the woman, despite her sins, has faith and hope. He rewards this with the explicit statement that He is the Messiah that she had hoped for. Hearing this, she is filled with the water that will not be exhausted, leaves her water pot filled with the water that is earthly, and goes to tell others that she has found the long-awaited Messiah. She is, as many Church Fathers say, made an equal to the Apostles then and sent to her people to bring them the Good News.

### Lent Prose

"Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us, For we have sinned against thee."

### Gospel Acclamation

"Lord we praise you, Christ we give you glory.  
 Glory and praise to you, Word of God."

### Bidding Prayers.

"O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me.  
 O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me."

## Mass Intentions This Week

**3 March: Saturday**  
 10:00 Eucharistic Service  
 18:00 Thelma Cowen RIP

**4 March:**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 UCM: Monica Grant RIP +  
 12:00 Mario & Margherita Saccardi  
 50th Wedding Anniversary

**5 March: Monday FUNERAL MASS**  
 10:00 Mary Harvey RIP

**6 March: Tuesday**  
 10:00 Intentions of:  
 James & Deborah Shaw and Family

**7 March: Wednesday FUNERAL MASS**  
 09:30 Eileen Scanlon  
 15:45 Stations of the Cross

**8 March: Thursday**  
 10:00 James Horgan RIP

**9 March: Friday**  
 10:00 Michael Linehan RIP

**10 March: Saturday**  
 10:00 Eucharistic Service  
 18:00 Intentions of:  
 Poraic Mulvenna and Family

**11 March:**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 08:30 Joe Morgan RIP  
 10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa RIP  
 12:00 Aaron Grimsley RIP

+ *With Baptism*

### CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM A

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 594.38
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 650.80
S/Os	£ 975.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2220.18</b>

### COLLECTIONS

This week there will be the monthly ACA collection for *Maryhill* - a school for girls in Uganda sponsored by Coloma.

**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, Fr Alan Sharpe

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Patrick Coffey, William Hills, Winifred Chandler, Juan Garcia, Kathleen Lacy, Theresa Young, Bill Kendall, Marion Bolechala, Baby Lillian Harris, Mary Warner, Ida De Souza, Mary Anne Byrne, Carlton Quieros, Joseph Pinder, Mena Hicks, John Lennon, Kathleen White, Josephine La Rue, Horace Barrett, William Larkin, Thomas Godwin, Peter Dunne, Isobel Galley, Mabel Levett, Barbara Joyce, Sr Mary Constance, Melville Pinto, Aaron Grimsley, Zena Winnifred Simpson

### SOCIAL CLUB

#### Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 4th March: First appearance of *Theresa Rodgers*  
Sunday, 11th March: Finbar & Bernie  
Sunday, 18th March: Ally Harron & Marion Curry  
Sunday, 25th March: Walter Kennedy  
Sunday, 1st April: *Easter Sunday special* with Pat Hayes

Thank you to our members & their guests and the Parish Community for your support of the recent Ceili and Social Dancing event. We raised £1,200.00 for the Royal Marsden Hospital.

There will be two events for the St Patrick's weekend. On Friday, 16th March there will be the annual *Bacon & Cabbage Dinner and Dance* with entertainment by *Kevin Keys*; tickets at £12.00 each are now available in the Church Hall. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Children's Ward at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

On Sunday, 18th March, *Ally Harron & Marion Curry* will provide the entertainment. During the evening, there will be presentations to *St Christopher's Hospice* and the *Woodside Bereavement Counselling Service* with proceeds from recent fundraising events.

*Coming soon.....*

*The Beatles and Elvis Tribute Night* on Friday, 13th April  
*Strictly Come Dancing* on Friday, 18th May

### 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**

**MARSDEN MARCHERS:** Many of our parishioners are marching again this weekend to support this great hospital. Please sponsor them if you can at: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teambecket2018](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teambecket2018)

### 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 (inc contact details): please email [secretary@acha.org.uk](mailto: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.

### NURSE REQUIRED FOR ANERLEY ACROSS CHARITY

Nurse required for Anerley Across Charity, for their Lourdes Pilgrimage in June 2018. Dates are Thursday 7th to Saturday 16th.

If interested please ring **Ben Cahill** for more details **07958 903410**

Also, if you would like to join our **200 Club** please get in touch. **£5 a month**, with a draw every month.

First Prize £100 - Second £50 - Third £50

You can visit our website. [www.anerleyacross.org.uk](http://www.anerleyacross.org.uk)

### A CALL TO MARRIED COUPLES

Lifetime of Loving - a day in which married couples can explore their relationship more deeply. **Sat 10th March 9.45am – 4.30pm** at Holy Cross School, New Malden. Please book - suggested donation £25.

Enrich your marriage with a Marriage Encounter weekend aimed at couples with average/good marriages who would like to make them a bit better. There is no group work. **April 28th/29th** in **Purley**.

More details on both events from Philip and Mary Pond on **020 8651 2477** or email [marriage2014@virginmedia.com](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com)

### MEETINGS

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

**SVP:** Tuesday 6th at 8pm (PRC)

**RCIA:** Scripture - Palm Sunday - Wednesday 7th - 8pm (PRC)

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

**K MENSAH:** Please ring the Parish office - 8654 1709. Thank you.

### UCM PARISH EVENT - A TALK ON 'FRAUD'

This **Wednesday 7th March** at **8.15pm** in the **large hall**, the UCM are hosting a talk all about 'Fraud' in its various forms, and how to avoid falling victim to it. A representative from Lloyds TSB will be there to give advice and answer questions. **Although this event is primarily aimed at the elderly, it is open to ALL parishioners.**

**Please come along and learn how to protect yourselves!**

### ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT DEMENTIA?

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)**

### MONICA GRANT'S FUNERAL

We apologise that unfortunately there were no baskets available at the back of the Church last Saturday for parishioners and friends to show their support for Monica's chosen charities. If you would like to make a donation, please put this in a small envelope clearly marked "In Memory of Monica" and then place it in the bag along with the first collection next weekend. Many thanks.

### 28th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP FAMILY BINGO EVENING

**Saturday 24th March 2018** - in the Large Hall  
7pm for 7.30pm start.

Entry prices: Adults £1 Children 50p (under 5's free)  
Reserve your place by calling **Andrea** on **07952 664224**.

### FAIR TRADE EASTER EGGS

The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Group are happy to bring Fair Trade chocolate Easter eggs for sale on **Sunday 18th March**. These may cost a little more than supermarket eggs but by buying Fair Trade goods, you are aiding farmers in disadvantaged parts of the world and contributing towards our support of the New Addington Food Bank. And don't forget the words of Daniel (7) "This is the best chocolate I've ever tasted!".

### CATENIAN PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

**St Gregory's Catholic School, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9XL**

On **Thursday March 15th** at **5.30pm** students from the sixth forms of St Thoma Apostle, Bishop Thomas Grant & Sacred Heart, will be among those taking part. Why not come along and support them?

### APPEAL FOR ST MILDRED'S DROP IN

Please can you donate any reusable carrier bags for the Homeless Drop In Centre at St Mildred's. There is a collection point in the Church porch. Thank you.

### APPEAL FOR FURNITURE

Selsdon SVP Conference have a client in urgent need of the following furniture: 3 piece suite / chest of drawers / bunk bed or single bed / curtains - full length for all windows / bed linen - single and double / towels / bedroom cupboards / lamp shades.

Please get in touch with Andrea ([andrealightman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrealightman@hotmail.co.uk)) if you can help with any of these items. Many thanks.

**Items for collection:** C Buxton, Sr Celia, I Gonsalves, A Aitchison, C Scibberas

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

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