

Our Lady of the Annunciation

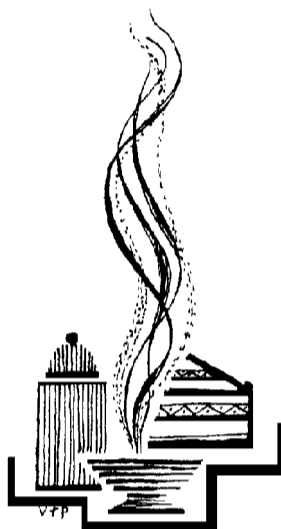
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 Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

7th January 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord (page 118 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point in a sermon, read today during the Office of Readings, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.



Fr. Keith, Jacqueline and the family would like to thank you all for your generosity over the Christmas season, not least in the sentiments expressed in your greetings cards. We take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and

Happy New Year!

Mass Intentions This Week

6 January: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Jill Spall RIP

7 January: Sunday

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

08:30 Michael Beston RIP
 10:00 UCM:
 Chief Mrs Balojoko Adeyemo RIP
 12:00 All Parishioners +

8 January: Monday

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:00 Honorah Montgomery RIP

9 January: Tuesday

10:00 Colin Cully RIP

10 January: Wednesday

10:00 Mary Comyns RIP

11 January: Thursday

10:00 Peter Rooney and his sister
 Lizzie Nolan RIP

12 January: Friday

10:00 Alexio D'Souza

13 January: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service
 18:00 Kay Walsh RIP

14 January: SECOND SUNDAY

08:30 Lillie Hannan RIP *
 10:00 Rosalie Hughes RIP *
 12:00 All Parishioners

+ *With Baptism*

* *With Children's Liturgy*

WEEKLY DRAW

Please see note overleaf

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£ 698.61
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 617.39
S/Os	£ 975.00

Total £2291.00

CHURCH CLEANING

TEAM A - Mrs Grant

COLLECTIONS

Thank you very much for your generous Christmas offerings of £8,070.76. Crib Offerings amounted to £203, which will be donated to *Friends of the Holy Land*. Next Sunday there will be a collection for the *White Flower Appeal*.

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, Monica Grant

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: William Mullins, Dolores Cumbo, Douglas George Chesher, Theresa Bhanji, Robert Phelan, Assunta Farina, 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, Peter Rooney, Denise Pepper, Anne Overton, Doris Corazzo, Luis Fernandez, John Fowley, Dorothy Rowland, Alfred McSweeney, Elsie Keane, Cynthia Forage, Agnes Donlon, Claire O'Dwyer, Eric Stammers, John O'Flaherty, Valerie Cotta

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

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Sunday, 7th January: Eugene Doonan

Sunday, 14th January: Kevin Keys

Sunday, 21st January: *Back by popular demand TR Dallas*

Sunday, 28th January: Walter Kennedy

The *Take That & Robbie Williams Tribute Night* on Friday, 26th January has now **SOLD OUT!**

RECENTLY DECEASED

We are sad to announce the recent death of Thelma Cowan (mother of Fiona Robinson). Her funeral will be held in Ireland. Our prayers and sympathies go to Fiona and all the family at this sad time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2 YEAR PROGRAMME

Please note that the first year catechism classes resume this **Tuesday 9th January at 5.30pm** in the **PRC** room.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2018

Is now available to purchase from the Repository shop.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Many thanks to all those who have supported the Sunday coffee mornings after 10am Mass. A new rota is up in the church porch for any parish groups or individuals who wish to sign up and run one.

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 please contact:

John Woodhouse 07908 888586 (by text)

Norwood Catenian Circle

UNITY CLUB

The Unity Club are desperately looking for help to put the tables and chairs away after their meetings on a Friday. Help would be appreciated between 3.30 and 4pm.

If you can assist, please come along to the Large Hall or ring **Mary** or **Pat Kingman** on **8406 5377**.

MEETINGS FOR CATECHISTS

There are two upcoming meetings in January for Catechists, organised by the Teachers' Enterprise in Religious Education. Full details for both on are the posters in the porch. If you wish to attend, pre booking is advised.

Please email - info@tere.org

MEETINGS

Ascent Group: Tuesday 9th at 10.30am (Large Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 9th at 8pm (PRC)

CALLING ALL

CATHOLIC LABOUR PARTY SUPPORTERS!

A new initiative will be meeting on **Wednesday 24th January**.

Mass be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street at 8pm, followed by an 'in conversation' event at the Audley Pub, nearby, at 8:30pm.

For more information about the event and to RSVP please email **Dan Greef** at office@dangreef.org.uk

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

Our parish is working with the Community Sponsorship Scheme to bring over a Syrian family from a refugee camp and help them to settle in Croydon. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm** in the **Small Hall**. All are welcome to join us!

If you know of any Arabic speakers who would be willing to help with interpretation, please let us know.

For more details contact

chris.sciberras@btinternet.com or **07522 357219**

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

ALUMINIUM WALKING FRAME - FREE!

The Parish office has been given a brand new aluminium walking frame, to pass on to anyone in need of it. If you, or someone you know can make good use of it, please contact the office to arrange collection. Many thanks.

PEACE SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 2018

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS: Would confirmation catechists Julia, and Damiya please visit the Parish office to collect their gifts from the 2017 candidates and their parents. Many thanks.

WEEKLY DRAW

Unfortunately, the decision has been made to suspend the weekly draw as of January, due to falling numbers of participants and difficulty in managing it. Anyone owed a refund will be contacted shortly. **If however, you are interested in organising and running something similar, please contact the Parish office.**

Items for collection: *A Callow, Mary Walsh, Sr Celia x 3, Powell, A Leahy, Paddy Nolan, John & Megan McKee*

Bapt Certs: *Tusiime Kabalega, Loubao, Ssebanakitta*

Rotas: *Repository (December/January) Readers (January/February) Eucharistic Ministers (January)*