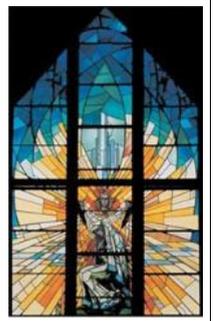




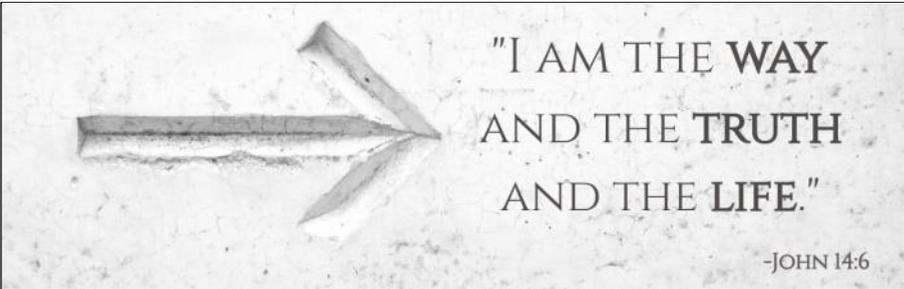
# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 By appointment only

## 10th May 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter YEAR A



As we read today's Gospel we may well wonder at the slowness of the Apostles in seeing in Christ nothing more than a man—a great man, a man with power from God, yes, but still a mere man. That He was the Messiah, they were convinced, but their idea of the Messiah was wrong. They thought He would free Israel from foreign domination and set up a new kingdom of God—a prosperous, earthly kingdom with God guaranteeing peace and plenty for all. If, therefore, He allowed His enemies to put Him to death, all their hopes would be dashed to the ground. Hence, the mention of His impending death at the Last Supper filled them with dismay and despair.

But we must not judge them too harshly. Christ had indeed often claimed to be God, but His words fell on deaf ears. It was only after His resurrection that they began to understand that He had spoken literally—it was only then they believed He was indeed the Son of God, and Son of Man.

For us today, the Incarnation is still a mystery, but it is not the "how" that should trouble us, we know that with God all things are possible. It is rather the "why" that should cause us amazement. Why should God go to that length for our sake—mere creatures, and sinful, ungrateful creatures at that? The infinite goodness and the infinite love of God are the answer, but still an answer which is mysterious to us. For we, with our limited capacity for love, can form no idea of infinite love. All we can do is rejoice that it is so.

*Fr Keith.*

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED AS OUR STAFF ARE FURLOUGHED THROUGH MAY. WE WILL ADVISE YOU WHEN THIS SITUATION CHANGES. THANK YOU.**

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*We will continue to livestream the 10am Mass each Sunday through our Facebook page. The link will also appear on our website under the LIVE MASSES tab.*

*Please see our website for a full list of all Mass Intentions for May 2020.*

### Children's Liturgy

Hi All—I hope you are all well.

There will be a NEW LINK each Sunday on the website/FaceBook to a Children's Liturgy short video on the day's theme which is also suitable for the 1st Holy Communion children. I have also had one of the church mums contact me to say her children are missing their church friends, and wondered whether there might be a will to meet up on ZOOM for 10 mins before the streaming of the Mass on Sunday Morning. It would help settle the children and give them a sense that they are watching with their friends, whether you are tuned into the mass or the Children's Liturgy mentioned above. Those of you on the Children's Liturgy email list watch out for a ZOOM invite and share it with others if you want to.

Look forward to seeing you all soon. God bless. Father Keith



### MILK-BOTTLE TOPS

Although I am not currently able to deliver milk-bottle tops to the Portsmouth factory for recycling, I am still accumulating them at home. While you cannot deliver any to the church porch at present, don't throw them out, please let me have them at 79 Shirley Way (leave them in my porch). But - a big but - ONLY milk-bottle tops, please. *Andy Bebington*

**OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - [addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:addiscombesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)**

### COLLECTIONS & OFFERTORY

*All second collections have ceased until public worship resumes. Please see the notice overleaf regarding the offertory.*

*We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Elizabeth Casey, Jack Burke, Florence Okugbe, Ethan Patel, Fr Alan Sharpe*

*We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Tricia Urwin, Win Moloney, Thomas O'Flanagan, Margaret Tuck, Johanna Meek, Bridie Coombes, Denis Kelly, Rosario de Gomez, Ronald Thomson, Bruno Laskowski, Johanna Concannon, Lily Hopcraft, Peter Hulme, John Finigan, Norah Fowler, Rosa Piper, Colin Joseph, Michael Considine, George Stone, Claude Nasse, Gerald Zampa, Eamonn McPhillips, Beatrix Ann Martin, Christy Jordan*

## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

### *A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club*

On behalf of the Social Club Committee, I hope that you are all safe and well!

Our local Food Banks are in need of donations to support the demand from the Community. Suggested items for donations include:

- Fresh fruit & vegetables
- Non perishable foods (canned, boxed, bagged)
- Rice, Pasta, Flour
- Tea, Coffee, Sugar
- Long life milk
- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash
- Soap, Shampoos, Shower Gel, Deodorant
- Tissues, Disposable Razors
- Female sanitary item
- Toilet Roll, Kitchen Roll, Laundry detergent

### *Donation drop off points:*

**St Mildred's Church**  
30 Bingham Road  
Croydon  
CR0 7EB

**The Vine Foodbank**  
Salcot Crescent  
(Between 11 & 13)  
New Addington  
CR0 0JJ

### *Operating hours:*

10am - 2pm Tuesday - Saturday  
7.30pm - 8.30pm Tuesday & Friday evenings

*St Mildred's Drop In Centre* for the Homeless is closed indefinitely and is unable to receive donations of clothes for men & women. However, please store your bags of clothing at home; they will be needed them when the Centre reopens.

If the Social Club Committee can help you in anyway, please make contact with the Parish Office. You may need assistance with shopping, collection of medication, transport to a hospital appointment et al. **No task is too small - please make contact.**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Sadly, as you may have guessed, due to the extended lockdown period First Holy Communion at Our Lady's in May, has been cancelled. Any further information about this situation will be posted on our website, as soon as we have it, so please keep a look out. Many thanks.

**JOSIE BRADY & FAMILY:** Would like to thank all friends, family and the whole parish community for their kind messages of support, prayers and Masses on the passing of her husband James. It has really been a great source of comfort at this sad time.

Obviously with the current lockdown situation, James' funeral is taking place privately at Beckenham Crematorium on 12th May.

However, the family look forward to remembering James at a memorial Mass with you all as soon we are able.

## CONFIRMATION 2020

Bishop Paul will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation here on **Sunday 1st November at 12 noon**. Young people in year 8 or above who wish to join the programme this year, should download an application pack from the parish website. The candidate should complete and return it to the parish office (via the letterbox) no later than **Sunday 17th May**.

Obviously, given the current lockdown situation we are not certain as to when or how the confirmation programme will be delivered this year, but for now we will proceed as normal with applications, in the hope that restrictions are eased by the time the programme is due to commence (approx July).

## OFFERTORY

We have had a number of people ask how to make their weekly offering to church during this time of lockdown. There are a couple of ways you can still do this:

- You can put the money you would normally place in the plate to one side each week, and when we are worshipping together again, hand it all in at once.
- **If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme you can post the filled weekly envelope through the Presbytery/Parish Office door, or save up your weekly offering and then place all contributions into the ONE envelope dated for the week the church re-opens. All Gift Aid contributions are entered on individual records for the week they are received and banked and this would save the counters hours of work opening envelopes for individual weeks of lockdown.**
- You might consider increasing your standing order at this difficult time for the church. *However if you do decide to do this PLEASE EITHER RING THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO ADVISE US OF IT.*
- If you do not have a standing order but wish to make a **ONE OFF DONATION** via online banking, again *please ring the parish office who can then provide you with the correct details and reference needed to do this.*

**EASTER OFFERINGS FOR YOUR PRIESTS** - Will be deferred to a date later in the year.

**MARYHILL:** Huge thanks to those who have already given their donation for Maryhill. For those who have not yet done so, **please be advised that you can still hand in your donation through the parish office or presbytery letterbox, (without need to make contact with anyone) and it will be banked in the usual manner.** Many thanks Angela Yates.

## REFUGEE SUPPORT - COVID 19

A number of people kindly filled out standing order pledges to support the community sponsorship scheme. We wrote to you in February to let you know we intended to activate the standing orders in April and to use our new bank account. In recent weeks we had a short list of potential properties and were close to finalising on behalf of the family. The home office has now advised us not to enter into any property lease commitments for the time being due to Covid 19.

With this in mind, it would be wrong to take your standing order donations at this time. Consequently, we will defer activation of the standing orders until a later date; hopefully by the Summer.

Addiscombe Welcomes Refugees would like to thank everyone who has given support to this amazing cause and we look forward to resurrecting the project as soon as the home office give us the go ahead.

## MARRIAGE WEEK 2020

11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May is the week that is nationally set aside to celebrate commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage. The theme this year is "*The Forever Conversation*," recognising the need for continual open communication to enable a marriage to be long lasting. Marriage Encounter is working in partnership with Marriage Week UK to promote events and celebrate marriage.

For more information see <https://marriage-week.org.uk/> or <https://wwme.org.uk/> and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7aPwW6AIOVszW3yjFibrOA/>

## CAN THE SVP HELP YOU?

During this difficult time of lockdown, our SVP members are asking if you, or anyone you know of in the parish that might appreciate a phone call or two during the week? If so, please send your/their details to the SVP, by emailing [noelmsvas@hotmail.com](mailto:noelmsvas@hotmail.com) and they will be delighted to add them to their list. Don't be lonely!

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