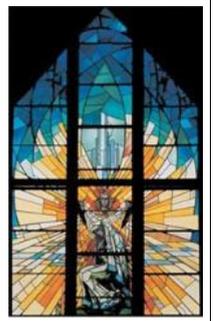




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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17th May 2020 Sixth Sunday of Easter YEAR A

As his followers, today we are asked to imitate the example of Jesus who poured himself out for us. The command to love seems and sounds easy enough, but as we know from experience, it is challenging and at times very difficult.

Notice that Jesus does not ask us to 'like' each other – now that would be easy! Liking or disliking something or someone is often casual or temporary. Love asks far more from us. The call to love offers us no directions, guidelines or no list of duties, such as going to church or saying our prayers at certain times. There are no limits to love and there is no time when we can say 'that's enough'.

Because of 24hr news and social media, our once vast world has now become a 'global village'. We are now more in communication and contact with others in ways we never thought possible five or ten years ago. This puts a huge responsibility on us.

We can't simply say 'that has nothing to do with me', when we see a disaster, natural or otherwise on our televisions.

During these recent weeks and months we have seen the greatest acts of love. Nurses, doctors, and care workers in nursing homes across the country are putting themselves in harms ways to tenderly and compassionately care for those who are sick in the most severe ways.

Parents and families who are self-isolating are looking after each other as they always do, but also in ways they never thought possible. I heard one parent describe their day in the following way; 'I am a teacher, a cook, an entertainer and even a referee when rows break out! Love knows no limit.

So many people are delivering food and medicine to those who are housebound and isolated, running clothes and food banks and so much more for those who desperately need immediate and practical help at this time. Love knows no limit.

The love that Jesus speaks of calls us to move beyond ourselves, just as he did and to place ourselves at the needs and service of others. We do this when we do the small things with great love.

Fr Keith.



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

We will continue to livestream the 10.00am Mass each Sunday through our Facebook page. The link will also appear on our website under the LIVE



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Hi all. We hope you found the link to the Children's Liturgy clip last week and that your little ones found it engaging. This week's link will be posted as soon as it becomes available. There are a good number of resources on line for our Catholic children it's well worth spending a few minutes probing your search engine to find colouring sheets, word searches and bible quizzes from CAFOD among others. We look forward to seeing you all as soon as we are able. God bless. Fr. Keith

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.

OUR LADY'S SAFEGUARDING OFFICER - Ann Marie Christian. Contact email - 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!

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the recent death of John Conefrey after a short illness. He was a very valued and respected member of the Social Club. John looked forward to visiting the Social Club to meet his many friends and enjoyed the entertainment. Please remember John, Kitty, his family & friends in your thoughts & prayers at this difficult time. We will arrange for Fr Keith to celebrate a Mass for John & his Family.

Thank you to the many members of the Parish Community who have supported the **Hospital Heroes Appeal at King's College Hospital**. To date, the Appeal has raised over £500,000.00 as well as many gifts for both members of staff and patients being donated to the Hospital. A **Virtual Raffle** to support the Appeal will be launched in the next few weeks - further details to follow.

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 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.**

NOTICE OF DEATH

We received the sad news on Friday morning that Carmel Denny, a faithful member of our Church Community here for many years, died in hospital after a short illness. We pray for the repose of her soul and for her family as they mourn for her. Funeral arrangements will be posted as soon as they are received.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

This would be First Holy Communion weekend. Sorry children for not being able to celebrate this with you for a while. In the meantime time keep saying your prayers, keep thinking of Jesus-thanking him for everything he does for you, and remember all those who are having a hard time because they are poor or sick or sad for any reason.

God bless and we look forward to celebrating your 1st Communion as soon as we can.

Fr. Keith and all the 1st Holy Communion Catechists.

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

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.

Many thanks for your continued support

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.

ADDISCOMBE YOUTH CLUB

AYC have been hosting quiz's on zoom on a Friday evening which have been great fun—watch out for the next one—prizes to be won!

This is a great way for the youngsters to meet together while staying safe during this time when we can't meet together as we normally would. Hope you find it useful—be kind.

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** and they will be delighted to add them to their list. Don't be lonely!

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