



# Our Lady of the Annunciation



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 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

## 28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter (page 264 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

*The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christ-centered prayer. It has all the depth of the gospel message in its entirety. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb.* St. John Paul II

Following the example of this great Pope we also embrace rosary, to journey together with Mary towards our theophany in the Heart of the Father.

We will start our prayer on the 1st Sunday of May.

It will include a private daily prayer of 1 decade of the rosary (1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary, 1 Glory be...+ reflection and intentions).

Please, do feel free to say it any time of the day!

Our intentions:

Sanctification of the parish area and all living in its boundaries.

Sanctification of the parishioners and their families.

Sanctification of the priests of the parish.

I would like to thank all who agreed to pray a decade. That's very generous and kind. We all are enormously grateful for your spiritual support. May the good Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary, reward you in this life and in the eternity.

If you would be so kind; please be present at the Mass you have signed up to on 4/5th of May to receive your prayer cards:

6pm: Chérie, Suzy, Maria, Emanuela, Amala

8.30am: Maria, Cecilia, Karl, Doreen, Jennifer

10am: Alison, Anne, Phil, Patrick, Marie

11am: Maria, Mary Ann, Cerline, Susanne, Dulcie

*fr Tamar*

**Our Lady, Help of Christians - pray for us!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office will be closed next Thursday and Friday (2nd/3rd May) due to staff annual leave. *Therefore there will not be a newsletter next weekend.* Next newsletter will be published on 11th/12th May. *Many thanks.*

### MEETINGS

**Finance Committee:** Tuesday 30th at 8pm (Small Hall)

**SVP:** Tuesday 30th at 8pm (PRC)

**Adult Catechesis:** Wed 24th at 11.15am (Large Hall) & 7.45pm (Small Hall)

**UCM:** Wednesday 1st May at 8.15pm (Large Hall)

**Padre Pio Group:** Friday 3rd May at 10.45am after Mass (Church)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm**

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes    £ 574.58

Loose cash                £ 747.54

S/Os (Approx)            £ 1290.00

**Total**                     £ 2612.12

## Mass Intentions This Week

**27 April: Saturday**

10:00 Gloria Hunneybun RIP (Birthday)  
*(followed by Adoration)*

18:00 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP

**28 April: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Peter Enahoro RIP 1st Anniversary #

11:30 Bernie & Tony Potter RIP #

**29 April: Monday**

**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENNA**

10:00 Margot Evans RIP 4th Anniversary

**30 April: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS**

10:00 Sybil Whitworth RIP

**1 May: Wednesday**

10:00 Helené Bambi RIP

**2 May: Thursday SAINT ATHANASIUS**

10:00 Norma Bird RIP Anniversary

19:30 Father-in-law of Ronica Fernandes RIP

**3 May: Friday SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES**

10:00 Edward Timothy Crowley RIP

**4 May: Saturday**

**THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

10:00 Venetia, Pio & Samanmalee RIP

18:00 Joan McHugh RIP

**5 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

08:30 Mary McNally RIP

10:00 UCM:

All First Holy Communion Children

11:30 All Parishioners +

# *With Children's Liturgy*

+ *With Baptism*

**\*\*\* Mass Intentions for next week \*\*\*  
are shown overleaf**

**\*\*\* DEFIBRILLATOR \*\*\***

A defibrillator is located on the right hand side of the porch as you enter the church.

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection for **Priests' Training Fund** amounted to £1193.71. Many thanks.  
This week there will be a Diocesan collection for **The Maintenance of St George's Cathedral.**

**We pray for the sick in our Parish:** Elizabeth Damsel, Lauren Horwood, Elizabeth Casey, Brian Kearney, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ernie & Mary, Anna Maria Caruana, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall & all others

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** Cal McCarthy, Tom Thornton, Denzil Peters, Eva Molony, Margaret Brown, Edward Whelton, Marie Carter, Cora Geraghty, Olga Beaucasin, Sarah Rose Claudius, Kathleen Evans, Margit Coombs, Mary Avery, Trevor Rodrigues, Douglas Weidemann, Jean Crayford, Col. J.H.Craig, Cedric De Saa, Seamus Lacey, Tricia Urwin, Win Moloney, Norma Bird, Thomas O'Flanagan, Margaret Tuck, Johanna Meek, Bridie Coombes, Denis Kelly, Rosario de Gomez, Ronald Thomson, Merita De Saa

### SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

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

**Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm**

28th April: Cross Keys

5th May: **Bank Holiday Special** - Kenny Paul

12th May: The Duets

26th May: Frank Nelson

2nd June: Theresa Rodgers

9th June: TR Dallas

16th June: Shane & Mervyn Owens

- The **Strictly Come Dancing Evening** takes place on Friday, 17th May. Entertainment will be Kieran White. This will be a **Fun Evening & entries will be taken on the Night**. To reserve tickets - Members: £5.00 & Guests: £6.00, please call Pat Winston on 07734 250375

**RECENT DEATH:** Please remember the family of **John Callinan** (formerly of this parish) in your prayers, following his recent death. His funeral took place in Edinburgh in March. May he *Rest In Peace*.

### CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

*Topic for this week:* Church's Teaching on Transgenderism

**THE ANNUAL MASS FOR LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS:** In honour of St Joseph the Worker is on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR at 12.30pm.**

All are invited. Please come early. You are welcome to come in national dress if you would like to take part in the banner procession at 12.15pm. The Mass is hosted by the three London Catholic Diocese, supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions and Ethnic Chaplaincies, Caritas Brentwood and London Citizens UK. in celebration of all the people who live, work and contribute to life across our city.

### BONUS UCM COFFEE MORNING TODAY!

As an extra treat, come and join us in the large hall after the 10am Mass today, for tea, coffee and cake.

We will also be hosting our usual coffee morning next weekend (5th May) after the 10am Mass. **See you there!**

**OUR PARISH ASCENT GROUP: Is part of Life Ascending International** in England, which is designed to meet the needs of Catholics, especially older members of the Church.

We have been meeting in our Parish, every second Tuesday, after morning Mass, for 21 years. After tea/coffee, between 10 and 20 of our members attend.

We produce a programme for each meeting and pray to our Heavenly Father for an increase in Faith Hope and Charity. Our programme usually includes prayer to the Holy Spirit, prayers of intercession and ends with a hymn appropriate to the focus of our meeting.

We invite a variety of speakers each year, including the Sisters of Mary and Joseph, who all teach and encourage us in an adult understanding of our faith, and in our personal prayer life.

**All are welcome 10.45am in the Small Hall.**

7th May: Sr. Sheila Barrett, DMJ

21st May: Sr. Sheila Moloney - "An Hour With Our Blessed Lady"

### HOUSEBOUND & WANTING COMMUNION?

Do you know of any parishioners who are housebound and unable to come to Mass? Would they like to receive Communion at home? If so, please contact the parish office with their details, and home visits can be arranged for those in need.

### THE CHURCH'S TEACHING ON HOMOSEXUALITY

Please see from page 4 of our newsletter online, excerpts of documents on the church's teaching on Homosexuality, as spoken about by Fr Tomasz in his Wednesday catechesis.

**For Collection:** K Duignan

**Baptism certificates:** COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**Rotas:** Eucharistic Ministers (May) Readers (May/June)

### Mass Intentions Next Week

**6 May: Monday**

10:00 Brian Charles RIP

**7 May: Tuesday**

10:00 Lena, Patrick & Pat Dowd RIP

**8 May: Wednesday**

10:00 Paddy Cronin RIP

**Vigil Mass for Holyday of Obligation**

19:30 Caroline Keenaghan RIP

**9 May: Thursday THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

07:30 Michael Kinsella RIP

10:00 Ingrid Walsh RIP

19:30 Hazel Rodrigues RIP

**10 May: Friday**

10:00 Christy Jordan RIP 7th Anniversary

**11 May: Saturday**

10:00 Bernard Rookard & Kate Keeting RIP 10th Anniversary

18:00 Andrew Starnes RIP

**12 May: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

08:30 All Parishioners

10:00 Owen & Sarah O'Hara

11:30 Margot Evans RIP (Birthday) \*\*\*

\*\*\* **With 1st Holy Communion. Please attend an alternative Mass if you are not part of this celebration, to avoid overcrowding.**

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Is the name which has been given to the journey taken by people who seek to enter into full communion in the Roman Catholic Church. Essentially this allows adults to get to know our church teaching and practice in a friendly, informal group setting and culminating, if they so wish, in the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist next Easter.

*Parishioners are asked to encourage friends and relatives to consider joining RCIA this year The final meeting of our 2023-24 group, William, Leena, Remi-Lou, Richard, Ryan and catechists will be on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> and will begin with Mass at 7.30pm in church, for The Ascension of the Lord, a holyday of obligation.*

Anyone considering embarking on a new stage of their own journey in faith is invited to share in the celebration that evening and to learn how the RCIA group work together and share our faith.

"Come and See"

More details are available on page 3 of the online newsletter.

**THE FILM SHOW TEAM:** Would like to thank everyone who attended and who donated raffle prizes or money in relation to the show on 20th April. **£400** was raised for The Brain Tumour Charity.

### COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR 2025 CALENDAR

**Stage two is now in progress!** We are requesting memories and photos for the calendar. If you have any photographs representing any events, the buildings, Sacramental, groups activities from the past to the current year, we would love to see them and consider them for the calendar. If they are not included, we are hoping to put on a display of all photos received, next year.

*If you were part of the old youth club, are past and current members of the SVP, the Cana group, the Young Wives, The Unity Club, The Seniors' Christmas Lunch organisers, Uniformed Groups and any groups we have not mentioned or know about, then we would love to hear from you as well as current groups.*

Please put any hard copies in an envelope with details of the event, the date and contact details so they can be returned to you after the celebrations.

If you can, we would like to receive as many as possible digitally.

The email is [addiscombercchurch@gmail.com](mailto:addiscombercchurch@gmail.com)

Please note this is NOT the office email, Rachel & Stephanie have been so supportive and helpful but we do not want to give them any extra work if it can be avoided.

**Thank you! The Calendar Girls**

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who attended the Easter vigil, or one of the Sunday Masses in Lent when five of the 2023/24 RCIA group were formally introduced to the Parish, you will have been part of their initiation into the Catholic Church.

Soon **RCIA** in our Parish will start again for another year. Those involved in helping with the programme always find it to be an inspiring and rewarding experience.

What is the **RCIA**, and could you play a part or benefit from joining the process?

The Southwark Diocese website explains what is involved very well...

**[www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/becoming-a-catholic](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/becoming-a-catholic)**

*“Becoming Catholic is an amazing, life-changing journey. Much more than a series of educational classes, it moves through a process of deep reflection, discernment and formation.*

*God offers each of us the grace of desiring and seeking love, truth and meaning. He is the initiator and giver of all faith, who inspires and guides us on our journey. Throughout the process of initiation into the Catholic Church, the people of God accompany those seeking full initiation step-by-step, to support, guide, and help them hear God’s call in their life.”*

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is the name which has been given to the journey taken by people who seek to become Christians and be confirmed participants in our Catholic Church. Essentially this process allows adults and older young people to enquire, and if they wish, to be prepared for three sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation and The Eucharist.

In our parish it normally takes about 10 months and culminates in personal decisions being made in the new year, a formal welcome by the Archbishop at Southwark Cathedral in Lent and in celebration of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The group meets every two weeks (excluding school holidays), starting Wednesday 8th May at 8pm.

Parishioners are asked to encourage friends and relatives to consider joining RCIA this year and indeed anyone wishing to follow the process can be a great help in the Journey to Faith. You will be very welcome to join and accompany this year’s candidates. You do not need any particular skills or training. If you might be interested, or would like more information or perhaps have been through the process in the past, please contact one of the priests after Mass on Sundays.