

"Come and See"



Our Lady of the Annunciation
R.C.I.A 2023 - 2024



A Journey in Faith

Bless us, Lord,
with eyes well focused on you.
Help us to see in you
the greatest gift of all time.
Let us sense your guiding presence
in all our loving, in all our struggles
to trust and to forgive.
Help us to build
an atmosphere of encouragement
for all whom we meet.
As we await your precious coming
teach us to respect all creation
for you are its maker, the Lord of all life.
Amen.

Life has been compared to a journey,
a journey made in faith.
A pilgrimage too: often made in hope.
There is the occasional gale, the storms
of life that frighten us and make us
want to give up, to turn back.
We need the still centre of a strong
faith in God to help us on
the way

7th June

Welcome Evening - Why are we here?

Individual stories - introducing ourselves.

What is faith?

Tradition and Scripture. Prayer. John 6:51-58

14th June

Matthew 9:36, 10:8

God in the Old Testament

Stories and reflections on the scriptures Jesus knew.

21st June

Matthew 10:26-33

The New Testament

Jesus in the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters. What do we know?

5th July

Matthew 11:25-30

The Holy Spirit

The 3rd Person of the Trinity. How do we know the Spirit active in our lives? Who do we pray to? How do we pray?

19th July

Matthew 13:24-33

A Tour of our Church

A chance to explore, question and explain features and catholic traditions.

HOLY WEEK

All Parishioners are invited to the Lenten Reconciliation Service.

24th March

Palm Sunday Mass and Procession.

Thursday 28th March

7.30 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper

Friday, 29th March

3 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, 30th March

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Church - followed by the 1st anointing of those who will be baptised at the Vigil

9 p.m. The Easter Vigil

Baptisms, Receptions and Confirmations - The Elect and Candidates with Godparents, Sponsors and the whole Parish Community celebrate the New Life of Easter.

10th April - A Final Group Mass in the Church and Reflections on Easter. - Where now?

Together with Godparents and Sponsors.

8th May

Final Celebration

A social evening to celebrate the end of our journey together with those beginning their R.C.I.A. journey in 2024.



21st February

Mark 9:2-10

The Stations of the Cross

The Group meet in Church for the traditional Lenten prayer.

28th February

John 2:13-25

The Scrutinies explained

The Creed and how we witness to our beliefs. The mass times for the 3 Scrutinies to be agreed.

Sat/Sun 2nd/3rd March

The 1st Scrutiny at Mass

Those going forward for Baptism or Confirmation attend with their Godparents and Sponsors.

6th March

John 9:1-41

Scripture - A reflection on the Palm Sunday Readings

(Mark 14:1-15:47)

Sat/Sun 9th/10th March

The 2nd Scrutiny at Mass

Those going forward for Baptism or Confirmation attend with their Godparents and Sponsors.

13th March

John 11:1-45

Scripture - The Story of Holy Week

(John 18:1-19:42)

Sat/Sun 16th/17th March

The 3rd Scrutiny at Mass

Those going forward for Baptism or Confirmation attend with their Godparents and Sponsors.

20th March

Rehearsal for the Easter Vigil

with Godparents and Sponsors in the Church.



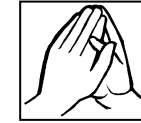
6th September

Matthew 18:15-20

Sharing Gospel Stories - How we know Jesus

A man born for us, who died for us and is a loving presence of joy and mercy in our world.

Our relationship with him. Looking at how and why we pray



20th September

Matthew 20:1-16

The Mass

The different parts of the Liturgy of the Mass are explained and discussed.

4th October

Matthew 21: 33-43

What are the Sacraments?

The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation



We discuss the teaching of Scripture and reflect on Baptism and Confirmation today as the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church. The words and symbols explained.

18th October

Matthew 22:15-21

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

The Roman Catholic belief about the Real Presence of Christ.



The gift of Eucharist and how we are brought into full communion with the church as part of the Body of Christ

1st November The Feast of All Saints

Death, Resurrection and Anointing of the Sick

A discussion on our beliefs about death and resurrection and the what is the Sacrament of the Sick.

15th November

Matthew 25:14-30

The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession

The way we celebrate God's merciful forgiveness is explained. The origin of this sacrament and how it is understood today.

29th November

Mark 13:33-37

The Seasons of the Church - Living the Faith



As we enter Advent we discuss its meaning and look at the other seasons we celebrate in the church; continuing the theme of how we live our lives and the impact of our faith.

13th December

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mary - the Mother of God

A discussion on the place of Mary in the Church, our beliefs and the great example she gives us in life.

An explanation of the Rosary prayer.



In January everyone will be invited to make an appointment with Fr. Keith to discuss their own journey of faith and whether, or not, they wish to go forward to the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

3rd January 2024

Matthew 2:1-12



The Sacrament of Marriage

What makes marriage a sacrament? Roman Catholic beliefs on the sanctity of marriage.

17th January

Mark 1:14-20

Vocations and Ministry

How do we understand "vocations"?

A discussion on the ordained ministries, the religious life and the vocation of all the baptised.

24th January

Mark 1:21-28

Question Time

7th February

Mark 1:40-45

What is Lent?

A discussion on our observance of this season. What we try to do, or give up, as our individual Lenten effort or penance and why.

14th February

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 7.30 pm

After Mass; a brief meeting to finalise arrangements for the Rite of Election.

Saturday, 17th February at 12.30 pm

The Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral, Southwark

Everyone going forward to the Easter Sacraments is asked to meet at the Cathedral at 11 a.m. (with their Godparent or Sponsor) for a Service of Welcome and formal acceptance with the Archbishop of Southwark.