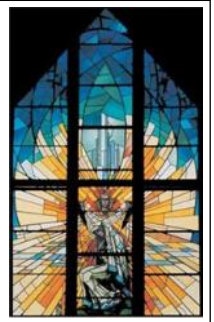




Our Lady of the Annunciation



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9th June Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 92 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

Being close to someone is not only a matter of being related by blood. There are, in fact, blood relations that are just for convenience, increasingly so as we hear about the 'designer families' of the rich and famous. A humorous quotation says, "Success is relative. When one becomes successful, he acquires more relatives."

The Gospel account illustrates a more profound manner of being closely related to Jesus. While teaching in the synagogue, someone informed him that his mother and cousins arrived, probably to convince him to take some rest and food. But Jesus, apparently disregarding them, asked, "Who are my mother and my brothers?". Then, looking at his listeners, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Family and blood relation are quite vital in the life of every human being. But Jesus is saying that it is not an absolute priority. In fact, the best way to be close to Jesus is not by blood relation, but by obeying and doing the will of God. Obedience to God is the perfect way to be truly close to Him.

St. Thomas Aquinas has this to say: "Obedience unites us so closely to God that in a way transforms us into Him, so that we have no other will but His. If obedience is lacking, even prayer cannot be pleasing to God." When we obey God, we fuse our will to His will, and we practically and intimately become one with Him. Such is the example shown to us by the Blessed Mother who Jesus loves so deeply.



*** SAVE THE DATE - PARISH AGM ***

The Parish AGM will take place on
Wednesday 26th April at 8pm in the large hall.
 All parishioners are invited to attend.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 11th at 8pm (PRC)
Men of St Joseph: Thursday 13th at 8.15pm (PRC)
Young Adults' Fellowship: Friday 14th at 6pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 513.59 |
| Loose cash | £ 839.53 |
| S/Os (Approx) | £ 1290.00 |
| Total | £ 2643.12 |

Mass Intentions This Week

8 June: Saturday THE IMMACULATE HEART OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 25th Birthday Wishes for

Freiner Fernandes

18:00 80th Birthday Wishes for Rita Nash

9 June: TENTH SUNDAY

08:30 Ian & Thecla Sulzdorf RIP

10:00 All Parishioners

11:30 Philomena Laughton RIP

10 June: Monday

10:00 Johnson Pereira RIP

11 June: Tuesday SAINT BARNABAS

10:00 June Cully RIP

12 June: Wednesday

10:00 Deceased Members of the

Sweeney & Heskin Families RIP

13 June: Thursday SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

10:00 Rosalind Bennett RIP

19:30 Caroline Koch RIP

14 June: Friday

10:00 Michael, Harold & Harry Sweeney RIP

15 June: Saturday

10:00 Thanksgiving for Nirindi Children & Speciose Kalimira

18:00 Kathleen & Jack Winston RIP *

16 June: ELEVENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners *

10:00 Aphrodite Ghawi RIP*

11:30 Arthur Fairservice RIP*

15:00 Adoration

* With Foodbank Sunday

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for **Day For Life**.

**** Don't forget - Next weekend is Foodbank Sunday! Please leave donations in the porch. Thank you. ****

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Geoffrey Bird, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Fr Alan Sharpe, Jean Carpenter, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Michael Hewish, Ann Page, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Ines Zampa, Mary Perera, Theodore Fernandes, Agustin Hernandez, Christopher Sergiou, Elizabeth Baidoo, Genevieve Czarkowska, Quinton Paul, Elizabeth Crayford, Sr Kathleen Rathe, Agnes Burns, Jim Duffin, Annette Haines, Jean Waldron, Bernard Peter Smith, Arthur Fairservice, Michael Sweeney, Basil Earl, Baby Kelly Connery, Catherine Purcell, Margaret Griffin, Thomas McDonald, Wladyslaw Nawrocki, Ermina Claudius, Mary McQueen, Colin Campbell, Peter Carlisle, Jack Winston

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

9th June: TR Dallas

16th June: Shane & Mervyn Owens

23rd June: Kieran White

30th June: Ally Harron & Marian Curry

7th July: Pat Jordan

14th July: Glen Flynn

21st July: Cross Keys

28th July: Frank Nelson

- **Shawn Cuddy & Curtis Magee** will be appearing at the Social Club on Friday, 19th July from 7:30pm. All proceeds from this event will be given to the **Brain Tumour Charity**. Tickets at £10.00 each can be reserved by calling **Ben Cahill on 07958 903410**.

You can also support the event by donating an item for the Raffle/Auction.

BIG LUNCH

Dear Parishioners; our 'Big Lunch' was a great success with good attendance by a diverse group of people, lots of food donations in rich varieties, friendly chats, good live & recorded music and dancing. We salute and say a big 'thank you' to everyone that worked hard to make it so. Lessons learnt will be applied in next year's celebration. Much love and blessings *Sylvia*.

AUTUMN FAYRE 2024 PLANNING MEETING

The first planning meeting for the Fayre will take place on **Wednesday, 19th June at 8pm in the Sacristy**. All members of the Parish Community are invited to attend.

ADORATION - Sunday 16th June 3 - 4pm

Our Padre Pio prayer group will lead Adoration on Sunday 16th June from 3 - 4pm in the church. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the large hall. **Please do join us!**

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 invite a variety of speakers each year, 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.

18th June: TBC

2nd July: Sr. Annette Lawrence, DMJ, 'The Treasure Within'

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATHS? We can help!

We will be offering Maths tuition for **years 1 to 'A' level** On **Sundays** in **Our Lady's small hall** between **1 - 7pm**.

To register your interest please contact:

Joseph 07714 203973 or Grace 07516 396009

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The new Gift Aid envelopes are now in use! **Please DO NOT use your old envelopes, as they can no longer be counted towards Gift Aid, so will just be included as loose cash.**

The 26 remaining sets of envelopes still awaiting collection can now be found in the church porch. Please look out for them if have not collected your set yet. *Many thanks.*

SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING: All are invited to this year's Churches Together Christian Aid Coffee Morning which will be held at **79 Shirley Way on Friday July 5th from 10.30am to 12.30pm.**

Donations of Raffle Prizes, items for the Bring and Buy table and offers of help, to **Liz** on **8777 4840** or at **lizbeb@gmail.com**.

COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR 2025 CALENDAR - LAST CHANCE!

Any last minute photos this week?

Please drop hard copies into the office for the attention of The Calendar Girls or email them to **addiscomberchurch@gmail.com**.

Thank you very much for all the support, pledges and photographs we have received to help with the production of the 2025 Calendar to kick start Centenary Celebrations of our Parish.

The Calendar Girls

YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

This group for ages 23 - 35, meets **fortnightly** on a **Friday evening in the PRC at 7pm**. Take a look at the posters in the porch for a better idea of what the group is about.

Our next meeting is on **14th June**. Please join us!

28th CROYDON SCOUT CHALLENGE

"Be Part of the Adventure"

We are looking for boys and girls aged 10 to 14 to join the Challenge and experience what it is like to be a Scout.

The challenge will involve six sessions of fun packed scouting activities including a day at a Scout site.

The Challenge will take place on Tuesday evenings from 10 September at our Scout hut at the rear of 20-22 Craven Road, Addiscombe, CR0 7JH.

<https://ScoutAdventureSept2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

See the poster in the porch for more details

ETHEL CORDUFF AND FAMILY...

Wish to thank all those who gave support and sympathy on the sudden sad loss of my beloved husband Tom. Those who attended the Reception of Tom's body into the church and funeral, those who watched it online and those who travelled long distances and came from Ireland. We were overwhelmed and grateful for the many Mass and sympathy cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, donations to the British Heart and Lung Foundation and offers of help. Special thanks to Father Keith, Father Tomasz, Helen, Marie and the UCM, Sylvia and the Diversity Group, Pat Winston, Ben Cahill and D.A. Lindsay and Sons.

1st ADDISCOMBE GUIDES - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of the help and support of some volunteers to keep the group running. Sessions run on a Wednesday night 6 - 7.30pm (term time only) in the large hall. If you can spare a couple of hours a week to keep this unit running please **contact Louise at 1staddiscombeguides@gmail.com**.

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

There will be a 2 week break in the Catechesis for Adults. Therefore talks will resume on **Wednesday 26th June**.

SVP & CAFOD WORKING TOGETHER IN THE RUN UP TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see **cafod.org.uk/encounter** or **svp.org.uk/encounter** for more information.

ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: **rcaos.org.uk**. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

For Collection: *K Duignan*

Baptism certificates: *COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE*

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