



# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday 9.30am and 5.00pm.

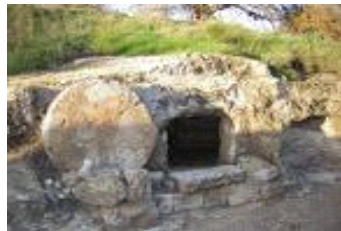
**5 May 2013 Sixth Sunday of Easter (see page 273 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR C**

## SHALOM

This Hebrew word for peace is very widely used in the Bible. It was an ordinary greeting then and even now in Israel, but it was much more than that. It conveys a sense of completeness, a state of perfect well-being, perfect communion with God. So it's much richer than our English word 'peace'.

During the Last Supper Jesus said to the apostles 'Peace I leave with you, my *own* peace I give you.' After his resurrection he greeted them with the words 'Peace be with you.' By these words he turned their despair into hope, and their sadness into joy.

Sadly, during my visit to the Holy Land it was evident that there is still need for peace and good will there. While we were in no danger, the Christians are having to live almost a life of oppression. Their economic situation is much worse than the Israelis. Their education is excellent but jobs are not available. We were privileged to visit a Day Care Centre, a children's hospital and an orphanage, all dependent on donations. We had Mass in Bethlehem with the local community last Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers. Of course we were privileged to visit all the Holy Sites too, where I remembered you all in prayer. You can follow our diary (up to the last few days) and see photos on the diocesan website.



May we all be blessed with the gift of peace.

*Fr. Joe*

## Mass Intentions This Week

### Saturday: 4 May

10:00 John & Frankie Finigan RIP  
 18:00 Vera Brooks RIP

### 5 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:30 All Parishioners  
 10:00 UCM: Bridget Baptiste RIP  
 12:00 Sally Mahoney RIP +

### Monday: 6 May

10:00 Eucharistic Service

### Tuesday: 7 May

10:00 Joe Fitzpatrick RIP

### Wednesday: 8 May

10:00 John McBride RIP

### Thursday: 9 May

10:00 Cordelia Darnley & Family

### Friday: 10 May

10:00 Sarah McElroy: Welfare  
*Eucharistic Adoration for vocations*  
 10.30am - 8pm in Sacred Heart chapel

### Saturday 11 May

10:00 Andrew Starnes RIP  
 14:00 SVP Mass for the sick  
 18:00 Flor O'Donoghue: Wellbeing

### 12 May:

08:30 All Parishioners ~  
 10:00 Owen O'Hara RIP ~  
 12:00 Theodore Fernandes RIP

~ With Children's Liturgy

+ With Baptism

### CHURCH CLEANING

**Team A:** Mrs Grant

### WEEKLY DRAW

**£50** –Catherine King  
**£50** –Lyn Cully  
**£5** –Pat Gridley

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash	£503.59
Gift Aid Envelopes	£654.09
Average Weekly S/O's	£750
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1907.68</b>

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Last Sunday's collection for the **Diocesan Mission Appeal for the Society of African Missions** amounted to £1055. Thank you for your generous support. Next Sunday is **World Communications Day**. There will be a second collection after Communion to support the work of the *Catholic Communications Network*, which promotes the Gospel through the media on current issues. Please pick up an information postcard from the porch.

**We pray for the sick in our Parish** *Geoffrey Bird, John Boswood, Iris Connolly, Jim Leigh, Patricia Lyon, Veronica Pucciarello, Emma Shawsmith, Eddie Gallacher, Ida da Souza, William Callow.*

**We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week:** , *Denis Kelly, Rosario de Gomez, Ronald Thomson, Bruno Laskowski, Johanna Concannon, Lily Hopcraft, Peter Hulme, John Finigan, Norah Fowler, Rosa Piper, Claude Nasse, Gerald Zampa, Eamonn McPhillips, Owen O'Neill, Beatrix Ann Martin, Godelieve Padbury, Tom Moody, Gertrude Smith, Frankie Finigan, Elizabeth McCarthy, Robert McCann.*

## MEETINGS

**Confirmation Preparation:** Sunday 5th May at 5pm (Large Hall)

**1st Communion Preparation:** 7th May at 6.15pm (PRC)

**Ascent group:** 7th May at 10.30am (Large Hall)

**SVP:** 7th May at 9.30pm (PRC)

**RCIA:** 8th May at 8pm (PRC)

## SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday, 5th May: **Mary Darcy**

Today the Social Club will be presenting the Royal Marsden Hospital with a cheque to the value of £2,000.00. We are very grateful to our members and our local community for their continued support of our fundraising strategy.

**RECENT DEATH:** We are sorry to announce the death of Sara Rose Claudius, of Stroud Green Way. We offer our sympathy and prayers to her family at this time. Her Funeral Mass will be at 10am on Wednesday 15th May.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank you for making me feel so welcome and for your generous response to the Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers) Mission appeal. You raised a fantastic £1055, for which I am very grateful. Fr Gerry Toner.

## GOLDEN COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

Thank you for the very generous response when asked for jars. There are enough to start the fundraising idea. We are asking you to take a jar home and fill it with your loose change, all denominations welcome. Now that Spring is finally here, it's time to check the backs of sofas and winter coat pockets for any forgotten coins before you finally put them away! The jars are available on the counter in the porch. They have labels on them, please write your gift aid number on the label if you have one. When the jars are full, they can be left in the crate in the sacristy, dropped off at the presbytery during office hours or given to a member of the fundraising committee who will be available at the back of the church on dates to be advised. Don't forget to take another jar! This will be an ongoing fundraiser. Thank you, Nike.

**ROSARY IN MAY:** The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. The rosary will be said in church every Monday - Thursday at 7pm throughout the Month of May. All are welcome.

**SPECIAL MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Parishioners, their family and friends are warmly invited to a special Mass on Saturday 11th May at 2pm followed by refreshments in the Large Hall. Transport can be arranged. Please Phone 8656 0007.

**MASS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS** in honour of St Joseph, at 11am on Monday, 6th May, at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria.

**ADDISCOMBE CARNIVAL:** Is on Sunday 26th May from 11am-5pm. Churches Together in Addiscombe will have two stalls— a prayer stall and a Café style stall. We would like people to bake a 'Tray Bake' style cake for serving at the café. There is a list on the table at the back of the church for you to sign up. Many Thanks.

**THE PARISH AGM:** Will be on Wednesday 12th June at 8pm. Nominations are invited for all posts. As we have had full reports from all the groups last year, a quick overview is all that is needed this year. Please email the relevant information to the Parish office by 24th May. More information to follow.

**PARISH FAMILY DAY OF REFLECTION:** We have planned a family day of prayer and recollection on Saturday 8th June to be led by Fr Dominic O'Toole C.Ss.R. Further information to follow, nearer the date.

**MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS:** This is a Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate and welcome all those baptised and received into the church at Easter, at 11am on Saturday May 18th, St George's Cathedral. *Archbishop Peter will be the Celebrant.*

**BURMA BRIT MISSION RELIEF ASSOCIATION:** Are holding a charity dance, on Saturday 11th May, at 7pm. Tickets are £12, please contact; Thecla Sulzdorf 020 8654 2542, Gloria Hunnybun 020 8645 8410 or Bruce Embley on 020 8803 9093.

**GARDEN PARTY:** The Sisters of the Cleaver Convent are raising funds for 'transport for young priests in India'. If you have could donate something for raffle please call 020 8313 3915. All are welcome, 12-4pm, entrance is £1 for adults and children are free.

**FATIMA PILGRIMAGE/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA:** Monday 4th November 2013, 6 days/5 nights, booking forms are available in the Presbytery or visit the Parish website. A non refundable deposit is required as soon as possible.

**ST CHAD'S:** Are hosting a series of meetings based on the teaching in one of the documents of the Council. The next meeting is on 23rd May and titled -how do we honour Mary today? Meetings take place in the Guild room, next to the Church Hall and will start at 7.30pm. There is a notice in the porch for further information and dates. All welcome.

**ANNUAL DAY FOR CATHECISTS:** Is on Sunday 22nd June, at St George's Cathedral, from 11am onwards.

**JOBS/VOLUNTARY POSITIONS:** There are a number of jobs/voluntary positions advertised, please look at the notice boards.

**Items for collection:** *M.Bowen, L Cully, C King, A Barcellos, A. Franklin.*

**Bapt Certs:** *Rykala, Costart-Mockler, J Leung Kai Yuen, C Rothwell, P Hassan, Herouuim, R Dudley.*

**Rotas:** *Eucharistic Ministers (May), Readers (May& June), Altar Servers (May).*