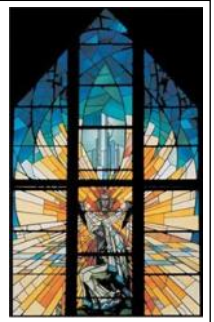




Our Lady of the Annunciation



Parish Priest: Fr. Keith Sylvia **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Tomasz Margol
 147 Bingham Road, Addiscombe, Croydon CR0 7EN. Phone 020-8654 1709
 email: addiscombe@rcaos.org.uk website: www.addiscombecatholicchurch.com
 Diocesan website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 3pm Wednesday: Closed
 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Monday - Saturday: Before or After 10am Mass or By Appointment

23rd June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 98 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

We often find ourselves tossed about by the storms of doubt, fear, and uncertainty. We question whether God hears our prayers, cares about our struggles, and is truly present amid our trials. Yet, like the disciples, we are called to remember that even in the darkest nights, Jesus is with us, guiding us through the turbulent waters.

The first reading is from the book of Job. The story begins with Job, a man acquainted with suffering yet steadfast in his faith. From the depths of his despair, God speaks, reminding Job of God's sovereign power over creation—the same power that calms the raging seas and stills the fiercest storms. In the letter of Paul to the Corinthians, we encounter a profound message of transformation through Christ's love. Like a ship battered by waves, we are called to cast off the old and embrace the new, living not for ourselves but for the one who died and rose for us. We are reminded that through Christ, we are made new creations, freed from the shackles of sin and death, to live lives of love and service.

As we navigate the storms of life, may we take comfort in the knowledge that we are never alone. May we find solace in the presence of Christ, who walks with us through every trial and tribulation. And may we, like the disciples, learn to place our trust not in the fleeting comforts of this world but in the eternal promises of our loving saviour.



*** Reminder - PARISH AGM ***

8pm Wednesday 26th June in the large hall
All parishioners are invited to attend

The Agenda, financial statement and other documents will be published on the parish website and the notice board. Please see the online newsletter for group reports received so far.

MEETINGS

SVP: Tuesday 25th at 8pm (PRC)
Catechesis for Adults: Wednesday 26th at 11.15am (Large Hall)
Parish AGM: Wednesday 26th at 8pm (Large Hall)
Young Adults' Fellowship: Friday 28th at 7pm (PRC)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 10.30am - 12pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 422.40
Loose cash	£ 848.00
S/Os (Approx)	£ 1340.00
Total	£ 2610.40

Mass Intentions This Week

22 June: Saturday SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

10:00 Trewin Pinto RIP 1st Anniversary

18:00 Adrienne & Lance Baptiste RIP

23 June: TWELFTH SUNDAY

08:30 Alice Marion Wolfe RIP ~

10:00 All Parishioners ~

11:30 Des Hennessy RIP

24 June: Monday THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

10:00 Wellbeing of Matilda Olatunji

25 June: Tuesday FUNERAL MASS

10:00 Carol Jane Harris RIP

26 June: Wednesday

10:00 Gloria Hunneybun RIP 1st Anniversary

27 June: Thursday

10:00 Intentions of Anne Page

19:30 Joan McHugh RIP

28 June: Friday FUNERAL MASS SAINT IRENAEUS

10:00 Dan O'Donovan RIP

29 June: Saturday

10:00 Joanna Byrne & Thomas Murphy RIP

18:00 Patrick Clancy RIP Anniversary

30 June: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

08:30 All Parishioners ~

10:00 Michael Gonsalves RIP ~

11:30 Donncha O'Donovan RIP

~ With Children's Liturgy

*** DEFIBRILLATOR ***

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week's Diocesan collection for **Day For Life** amounted to £620.00. Many thanks.
Next week there will be a Diocesan collection for Peter's Pence.

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Phyllis Donnelly, Fr David Peck, Ethan Patel, Jonathan Leiper, Mary Ariaratnam, Christina Cahill, Marie Griffin, Ursula & Anthony Kennedy, Arthur Hughes, Peggy Wall, Canon Peter Stodart & all others

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Sylvia Tierney, Eileen Barnett, Kenneth Smith, Patricia Lyons, Clorinda Andrews, Michael Kerepecki, Bridget O'Sullivan, Herbert Harwood, Kathleen Haffenden, Kathleen Clark, Adrienne Baptiste, Martin Cullen, Peter Payne, Katherine Mullins, Eslyn Earl, Gloria Hunneybun, Maurice Bird, Marjorie O'Sullivan, Cecilia Ann Fennell, Michael Conroy, Bridget Teresa Rowland, Kathleen Gallacher, Elisabetta Velitani, Munther Sheeka, Charles Kevin O'Sullivan, Dr. Edmund Dias, Stan Emmanuel, Eric Jones, Baby Donncha O'Donovan

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

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

4th August: Shane & Mervyn Owens

11th August: Finbar & Paul

- **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.

RECENT DEATH

We are sad to announce the death of former parishioner **Ada Macdonald**. Ada was a choir member for over 30 years and passed away peacefully aged 100!

Our sympathy & prayers go to the family at this difficult time.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on **Monday 24th June** due to staff annual leave. Many thanks.

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS: Excerpts of documents, spoken about by Fr Tomasz during this catechesis, are now available to read on our website, under the **Adult Catechesis** tab.

Topic for this week: The Death Penalty

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.

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

16th July: Reflection on Gospel Reading for following Sunday

DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Dear Parishioners, please join us at our next meeting on **Sunday 7th July at 12.45pm after the 11.30am Mass in the large hall**. We will review our recent Big Lunch, agree plans for this year's Day of Prayer & Friendship, Autumn Fayre involvement, agree date for Christmas bring, share, eat, fun with carolling and secret Santa plus your shout. Look forward to seeing you. Warmest regards *Sylvia*

GIFT AID

Several eagle-eyed parishioners, who donate by Bankers' Order and use the small sets of envelopes for the Diocesan 2nd Collections, have pointed out that they have no envelope for Easter Sunday 2025. Somehow they were missed out on the print run! I requested a supply which I will distribute in Lent.

Perhaps, I should make it clear to all Gift Aid donors we cannot claim for other local or specific 2nd collections.

Special thanks to the new Bankers' Order donors and to those who have recently increased their offerings - weekly total now averages £1340. *Many thanks.*

** POLITE REMINDER **

Please remember that ALL posters/notices/adverts that you wish to be displayed in the porch **MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE** for authorisation and stamping. Thanks.

For Collection: K Duignan

Baptism certificates: COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (June) Readers (July/August)

CONFIRMATION 2024

If you are currently in Year 8 (moving into Year 9 in September) or above, you are eligible to join this year's cohort for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The application form & handbook are posted on the web site, under the Confirmation tab, and **you have until Sunday 7th July to fill it in and deliver it to Fr. Keith or Fr. Tomasz by hand**. We look forward to meeting you all.

Further documents will be posted soon and must be completed and brought to the first meeting on Tuesday 3rd September at 8pm.

OUR LADY'S AUTUMN FAYRE & FUN DAY: Sunday, 29th September

We are delighted with the tremendous offers of help that we have received from Our Lady's Community. The **LMB Group, Croydon: www.lmb-lofts.com** (Joanna & Lee Murphy) will sponsor the first prize for the Raffle - £500.00! The Fayre will be launched over the weekend of 24th/25th August. **All proceeds from the Fayre will be given to support the major repairs to the roof of the church hall.**

Over the next few weeks we need assistance in the following ways:

- Sponsorship for the Fayre; this can be from Businesses or Private Donations

- Items for Prizes for the Raffle: Meal Vouchers, Sports Merchandise, Golf Vouchers

- A selection of Fruit: Apples, Rhubarb, Berries for the preparation of Jams, Chutneys, Crumbles et al

If you can assist in any way, please contact **patrickwinston@yahoo.co.uk**

The next planning meeting will be on Wednesday, 4th September at 8pm.

28th CROYDON SCOUT AGM & POKER NIGHT

Join us for the most exciting event of the year, 28th Croydon Scout's AGM and Poker night!

Saturday 6th July at 7pm

Our Lady of the Annunciation Large Hall

£10 entry (re-entries and add-on available)

All welcome - no experience necessary

Bar and snacks available

Come along and enjoy a fun night for a good cause.

<https://www.28thcroydon.org.uk/news/poker-night/>

THANK YOU!

On our volunteering day, 16th June Fathers' Day coffee morning, we raised over £50! We will send this to the charity we support - Guide Dogs for the Blind.

We would like to say a big thank you for coming to support and help us fulfil our volunteering course for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Nellie & Natalia (2nd Sunday helpers)

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

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.

AYC REPORT 2024

OVERVIEW

Addiscombe Youth Club (AYC) was created in January 2020 by parents who recognised the need for our young people in the community (age 11-15). This age group is very mobile/social media reliant and an age that does not have a social environment to safely meet and have fun. The youth club is open to all young people from our community and school friends for example are very welcome. Part of coming to AYC encourages healthy communication between the young people.

AYC is not just about socialising, we also open up discussions and tackle issues surrounding their mental wellbeing, especially in this current climate.

We promote:

Kindness

Friendship

Respect

Communication

Community Values

AYC aims to incorporate the Christian values and keep church alive through attraction rather than promotion. AYC carries the loving message acceptance and guidance through whatever we do.

AYC has 60 families on our mailing list. All information via email and we open WA groups only for trips with parent's contacts. Our E-mails include session dates information on our schedule, charities we are supporting, parish information and reminders for raffle prizes. It has been very useful to use google forms to collect important information for trips, gather survey information to make sure we are meeting our Young people's needs. All registration forms from September will take this format- easily filled in from a mobile phone.

Admission is turn up on the night and we have a group of volunteers. The DBS process is much easier, and we are very grateful for the support for safeguarding at the diocese for their help. All our volunteers have followed the safer recruitment process, obtained DBS certificates and have completed the mandatory training recommend by the Catholic, safeguarding, standards, agency. Some of our volunteers are first aid trained. I have completed Mental Health First Aid training which was so very useful and have lists of useful organisations.

Our sessions in the large hall on a Friday follow a relaxed format starting at 19.30pm with registration there is £2 entry fee this includes a strip of raffle tickets. Raffle is held at the end of the evening and is a firm favourite. Raffle prizes are donations of Toiletries, sweets/treats, socks and stationary (we ask for specific items- to be helpful to young people in this climate when money is tight). Big raffles at discos/Christmas also include vouchers for meals out/cinema/amazon -again useful prizes' for young people. Movement in school can be restrictive we encourage young people to move around the hall, use the garden (being mindful to our neighbours) be relaxed or loud and laugh!. Gaming station is not that popular but we have it. Board games are used. Badminton net in large/outside in warmer weather and table tennis in small hall. Crafts are popular we always have marker and pens along with positive/teenage friendly stickers our bigger crafts are well thought out and really enjoyed monster energy drink cans with lights is very popular with everybody. Relaxed chats often happen in the PRC room which is a quieter space. We link our phones to speaker to play pop music throughout the evening. It is noticed that our young people have a deep sense of equality and fairness which can be explored and tested within our environment. AYC wants to support our young members in anyway we can- in the female toilets we provide a supply of sanitary products these are getting used. AYC had Sugar Rush (Tuck shop) which provides us a steady income. Our sweets and drinks mainly come from supermarkets and a Local Londis who provides us with very good prices allowing us to make profit.

Aswell as our sessions in the hall we can see the benefit of taking the young people on these trips. These trips can provide experiences that might be out of budget for families if not subsidizes, give families opportunities to spend time with other siblings, provide respite for guardians, use young people's energy and give families talking points about new experiences. This year we have added to our AYC schedule by doing some new events- remembering our young people can be with us up to 5 years it is important to provide a verity of experiences for them to interact with. Another benefit for being out and about is to see how well AYC members bond irrespective of age, gender, school – this builds self-confidence.

AYC is inclusive and try to keep costs a minimum but we are clear cost should not keep our young people from attending and if we are able to help we will. The budget we receive from our parish is mainly used to lessen the costs of trips for parents which helps give Our Young People experiences they might not have. This budget is put to very good use, and we are very grateful to have this. Our Profit also goes back to our young people by buying equipment and subsidizing trips. AYC also have the use of the hall at no charge again this enables us to use profit for our Young People. When looking at trips/outings it is part of our process that we negotiate the best price possible often getting discounts as we are a Youth Club or for Group bookings.

Bouncy assault course and Ice cream van as our end of year celebration (subsidized by AYC and sponsored by LMB)

Our residential to windmill hill was fantastic so much laughter, growth and maturity. Two nights away in PGL activity camp. Thank you to our social club who pay for the coach with makes the weekend manageable for parents to afford.

To keep the link between AYC and our church community we helped at the October fair this brought lots of our member to help as we had rotas for various jobs.....

Our Christmas trip was to Oxygen trampolining trip flowed by McDonalds which is a firm favourite again we used our profits to make this manageable.

As a big group we got discounted tickets to Fairfield halls to see the pantomime.

January we hired in a self-defence group in on a Saturday afternoon- this was a very informative and energetic afternoon.

Paintballing was fully booked and at a cost to parents but heavily subsidised using our budget was a fantastic full day 9-3pm the weather was dry and it was really a great day!

Working with the social club helping with hospitality opportunities gave our young people great sense of achievement and helped them learn new skills.

Some members helped with the big lunch.

Still to come we have our annual PGL and paddleboarding as our end of term activity at pinewood scouts activity centre who have generously given us a discount.

In conclusion, we believe that opening the Youth Club and providing a safe friendly environment for the young people in our community continues to work well. We constantly receive positive feedback from the parents, and we just love that we can provide this space for our young people. On this part, we would like to thank Fr Keith and Fr Tomaz for all their support in helping make this happen.

BRIEF UPDATE ON DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Good evening friends at Our Lady's, I am Sylvia Wachuku-King, currently leading the Diversity Support Group with a small group of loving, well-meaning and interesting parishioners.

Since its endorsement and inception in 2016 our Diversity Support Group has been doing its best to promote friendship, harmony, togetherness and fun within and around our parish community. In preparation for this year's Big Lunch, which was a huge success, some of our members reminded parishioners at all four weekend Masses of who we are, what we plan to do and how they could benefit from our events. We have already made a submission on the group's historical background to the Calendar Girls who are working on the Commemorative Souvenir 2025 Calendar so suggest you be patient and find out more when it is out, so the details are fresh.

Meanwhile we plan to find ways to capture parishioners' views about the group, possibly organise a day of reflection, support the Autumn Faye and organise a bring, share and eat with carolling and secret Santa around Christmas time. We advertise our meetings and events in Our Lady's newsletter, and you are warmly welcome to join us when possible as we are stronger together. Thanks to Fathers Keith and Tomasz, Rachel and Stephanie in the Parish office and everyone else for their encouragement and support. Best wishes to all of us for the future, Sylvia.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT JUNE 2024.

My name is Joanna Murphy Parish Safeguarding Representative for Our Lady of the Annunciation. I started this position in January 2024 motivated by God and the gap our parish had in this integral part of keeping everybody safe. I am working hard with the safeguarding team of the diocese to make sure all current volunteers have completed volunteer forms and get DBS checks if necessary – this process is lengthy, your cooperation is essential. I have asked that no new volunteers follow the safer recruit process until September as I pray that we will be up to date by then. All guidelines/processes are written by the Catholic Safeguarding standards Agency. I have had full support from the safeguarding Team at Southward and am very grateful for their knowledge and professionalism,

Job Role

The job role of Parish safeguarding Representative is to promote a culture of Safeguarding, where the parish community is aware of safeguarding issues and help to ensure Safeguarding is understood as an essential part of the ministry of the church.

Volunteers/DBS checks

In our parish I am committed to the safer recruitment process. The recruitment of volunteers needs to be robust process following the below procedure:

Volunteers to be introduced to me and we follow interview questions/volunteer leaflet to be shared with potential volunteer.

Volunteer form to be filled out and references to be contacted.

DBS process to be started with the safeguarding team.

ID Verification.

Mandatory safeguarding training to be completed.

Volunteer guidelines to be read and signed

Training

I attended the training day in Southwark and met with fellow PSR's in Croydon which was very helpful. The Safeguarding team from Southwark came to support our Parish by running a training morning in our small hall onit was well attended and this opportunity was used for ID verification – all that attended received a certificate. This mandatory training needs to be repeated by all volunteers every 3 years.

Conclusion

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It is vital that as a parish community we continue to show commitment to Safety within our parish by continuing to follow guidelines and recommendations from the safeguarding team at Southwark and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. Please contact me via email with any questions/queries addiscombedbs@safeguardraos.org.uk

GIRLGUIDING UPDATE 2024

1st Addiscombe Guides has been active since 1953. We celebrated our 70th birthday last year. 12th Addiscombe Brownies has been going since 1975. I suspect the 1st Addiscombe Brownies was a lot older but we kept the Wednesday pack on. As you know Girlguiding is always oversubscribed and waiting lists are huge. I keep mentioning how many units we have lost since 2010. After the Pandemic even more closed. We are desperate for volunteers. But not just people who are willing to help occasionally, we are desperate for adults to take over the insurance, organisation and administration of the units which no matter how much easier it is made electronically, is still a big ask.

I have decided to celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Brownies in October and then step down at Christmas, since I have done this since 2001 and Ellie and Sophia will have gone to University.

We have had a lovely year Brownies and Guides had an activity camp at Blacklands Farm in September and then a Radcliffe Under the Sea themed weekend including a trip to Brighton sea life centre.

In the Autumn term the Brownies learned how to make Christmas Cake and ice it, they had a silent disco which wasn't silent... In the Spring we did a badge with the RSPB at Southwark Park, we made animal masks, played beetle drive, and crazy chameleons. This term we pretended to be gladiators at Frylands Wood and learned practical first aid. We did our annual Rounders match with families and a picnic in the park this week. We are doing a sponsored skip next week for the British Heart Foundation. We are always very busy and aim to do a range of sporting, crafting and cooking which the girls love.

We have redone all the storage in the cupboard, removed the doors and put in better shelves. Plastic boxes with lids all match and all are labelled. The shed is also tidy. We have lovely resources they are all used and loved. For anyone taking over they would not need to spend much money at all. The bank accounts are healthy and all the planning is there and ready to use. I can share all my letters and organisation tips etc.

I really do not want our two remaining units to close I think it is too valuable!

RIP

1st Rainbows

5th Rainbows

1st Brownies

9th Brownies

9th Guides

Social Life in Our Lady's – The Ballroom of Romance

The Social Life of our Parish **provides a sense of community and belonging**. The activities offer opportunities to meet new people, make friends, and network. They also help our members to develop new skills and interests and provide support and encouragement. In addition, social activities can be a great way to get involved in our community and make a difference.

The Parish Records highlight that there has been a range of Social Activities available for the last 60+ years. In 1961, the Parish Priest, Fr John McKenna saw a need for a meeting place for the lonely and the elderly. He was a great believer in ecumenism; long before it became fashionable, he approached the Ministers of other local churches. Each of four Churches: Our Lady's, St Mildred's, St Mary's (Canning Road) and Shirley Methodist, plus a group from the Inner Wheel provided a team to run the Unity Club and serve refreshments in the Church Hall.

From these small beginnings the Unity Club flourished, had a membership of 120+ and weekly attendances of 80 – 90 members. The programme of events included film shows, bingo and whist drives. The Club organised several outings every year with parties at Christmas & Easter and a Birthday Party in November. The Unity Club continued every week until the **C19 Virus** in March 2020.

The Social Club opened in November 1976; in the early years the programme included Dances, Discos, Puppet Shows and Bingo sessions. In the current day, the Club is providing a wide range of activities which include Entertainment for Dancing every Sunday evening, a range of Tribute Events throughout the year, fundraising events in partnership with local Charities and the annual Strictly Come Dancing competition. Our events are very well supported, and the Club has a membership of approximately 200 members. It is a place that Members have met many new Friends and enjoy the range of activities provided. The Club has had many names over of years but is now affectionately known at the **Ballroom of Romance!** Some of our current Members joined the Social Club after experiencing severe challenges within their own personal lives such as illness, bereavement & separation. Many Members have highlighted that they look forward to attending the weekly events particularly during the winter months.

We are also very fortunate to work in partnership with many groups within the Parish Community including the Set Dancing Group, the Addiscombe Youth Club, and the Wednesday Club.

The Club is a non-profit making organisation; all proceeds raised are given to Charities at local, national, or global level. In the last financial year, over £55,000.00 was given to a range of charities, including Anerley ACROSS, Brain Tumour Charity, King's College Hospital: Critical Care Centre & Round Towers GFC.

At the start of the C19 Virus, the Social Club identified a need to keep in touch with its members; a weekly electronic Newsletter was set up providing a wide range of information including Birthday & Family celebrations, Poems & Music clips, and items from Members & their Friends. The 100th edition was published in February 2022. The Club then commenced the publication of a monthly Newsletter, which has now reached its 28th Edition. The first edition of the Newsletter in March 2020 was sent to 50 Email contacts; the most recent edition of the monthly Newsletter was sent to 500+ contacts. The document provides a review of recent events and highlights of the forthcoming programme of social activities.

To find out more about the Social Club, please call into the Church Hall on a Sunday evening at 7:30pm.

Social Club Committee: June 2024