



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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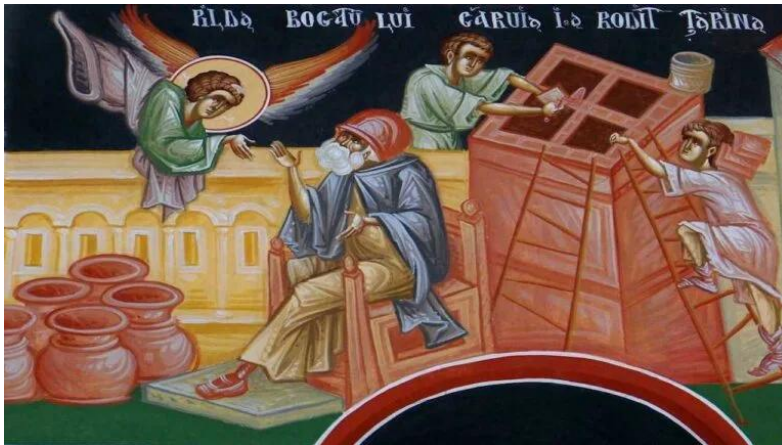
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A Warm Welcome To All Our Parishioners and Visitors

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 3rd August 2025



Dear Parishioners,

The beginning of the Book of Ecclesiastes is rather depressing. Qoheleth, the prophet, declares that 'all is vanity'. He is reminding us of the grim fact that regardless of what we do or how we act, we all will have to face suffering and we all will die at the end of our time on earth.

While this is a stark and bleak message, we are given hope as the readings focus our attention on Christ, who is seated at God's right hand. St Paul tells us not to think of this earth, but rather to think of the 'higher things'; namely, we are told to remember that there is heaven and to think about it.

While we do not know how long our time on earth will be, St Paul reminds us that our true home is in heaven. We are merely passing through this life, and we are here to do good, to serve a purpose. While we are each called to build up God's Church and show love to the world, this is preparation for what is to come.

Once again, Christ tells us to put our priorities in order. Life will have its difficulties and sorrows, we will have to suffer and experience sadness. But our attention should always be focused towards heaven and our union with God after the sufferings of this life have ended. In Heaven we will come to understand our purpose on earth, we will experience God's love in its fullness, and we will know the full joy that was promised to us at our baptism.

With many prayers for the week ahead,

Fr Ian

REQUIEM MASS FOR CATHY PAXTON RIP



The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Cathy Paxton RIP will be on Monday 4th August at 11.30am here at St Ann's Church.



Annual Gathering of Laudato Si' Animators in England and Wales. 5th – 6th September 2025
Laudato Si' Centre,
Wardley Hall, Salford, M28 2ND

A statement of hope – rooted in the belief we can make a difference

You are warmly invited to the **Annual Gathering of Laudato Si' Animators and Supporters** from across England and Wales.

This special two-day event will inspire and mobilise the Catholic community to care for our common home.

- Opportunities to reflect on nature
- Prayer and discussion
- Mass on Saturday

Friday, 5th September: 1.00 pm – 4.15 pm (*bring lunch*) **Saturday, 6th September:** 9.30 am – 4.00 pm (*lunch available*) A small charge applies for lunch on Saturday. **All are welcome!**

To book your place on Eventbrite:

Friday: [Laudato Si Annual Gathering Day 1 Tickets, Fri 5 Sep 2025 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Saturday: [Laudato Si Annual Gathering Day 2 Tickets, Sat 6 Sep 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Please ensure you book for **each day** you plan to attend. Limited disabled access available.

Enquiries: johnelwoodecoast@gmail.com

SOUL RITES

Save the Date!

Saturday, 25th October 2025 at 7.00pm

St Ann's Church Hall

St Ann's Social Committee are having a 'Band Night' on **Saturday 25th October 2025 at 7.00pm** in the Church Hall.

Tickets £15.00 each which includes a finger buffet.

Soul Rites is a high-energy Soul, Motown, and Blues band featuring a rocking rhythm section, tight brass, and an incredible vocal line-up. Music to move your soul and get your feet on the dance floor!

Tickets now available from the Parish Office

Have a look at the bands website:

<http://soul-rites.com.s3-website-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/>

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

11-4pm Saturday 1 November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge

To book a place follow this link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(01-Nov-2025\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Head of Finance, full-time, permanent

Salary: £60,000 to £65,000

Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (on site) To apply, go to the Diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/head-of-finance

Communications Officer, part-time, permanent

Salary: £17,500 for 0.5 FTE (Based on a full-time salary of £35,000) to apply, go to the Diocesan website: abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications

RED BOX HOLDERS

Thank you to those who have brought in their boxes for counting. These are now available for collection if you need your box collect call Ann on 07990 826312.

SEED SOWING AND GIANT PICNIC



On Monday 4th August between 1.30pm and 3.30 pm we are having a seed sowing session in the flower garden. We will also have a giant picnic.

This would enable us to let the children sow some seeds for the flower garden and take one home themselves to grow at home.

We will provide squash and water and hot drinks for the adults but bring your own picnic.

If it is raining the event will take place in the parish hall.

It would be a good opportunity for the children to meet up with church friends and the adults to have a cup of tea and chat.

The event would be free and hopefully stress free.

Everyone is welcome, you don't need to have children or grandchildren to come along, but we think it would appeal to primary school children and their younger siblings, or if your just young at heart. The event will be run by the gardening team, and we are looking for new members to join us.

If you are interested, please sign the sheet in the Church porch.

SVP FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE LOCAL EPSOM & EWELL FOOD BANK

For the full list of food items go to:

visit <https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Please place in the box provided in the Church porch.
Many thanks

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday 3rd August – None

Sunday 10th August – None

ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony Gannon RIP, Thomas Murphy RIP,
Angela McDonald RIP, Gillian Wooldridge RIP
& John Carey RIP

RECENTLY DECEASED

Cathy Paxton RIP, Faye Newman RIP &
John Van Debergh RIP

FESTIVAL OF HOPE

Diocesan Festival of Hope

20th September 2025

This exciting event is to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, as well as the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. It is also an opportunity to be inspired for the future, as we find ourselves 'Called to Mission' by Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan.

St Ann's has been allocated **16** tickets for the day. Complimentary coaches are being provided for by the Parish.

Who's It For?

- People from every parish in the Diocese – come along and represent yours!
- If you're already helping out in your parish, or thinking about getting involved, this is for you
- Our hope is that You will leave with ideas and energy to bring back and share with your community
- Everyone's welcome – all ages, including young people and families (under 18s must be accompanied by a parent)

For more information:

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ywito47u>

The Parish Priests are responsible for assigning the tickets, so if you are interested please let

Fr Ian or the parish office know.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK

Helen Guinness	Freda Griffiths
Karen Murray	Maureen Reilly
Indira Louis	Ashlee Rodgers
Christian Requena	Gillian Doherty
Joshua Anderson	Denise Rush
Damian Poole	Guilherme Guedes
Allan Norman	James Joseph
Michael Monaco	Edmund Louis
Arthur Harding	Jake Brauer
Helen Kershaw	Christine Hearne
Jane Scargill	Susan Smith
Jonathan Lewis	Spencer Thorpe
Cyrus Pascoe	Marie-Anne Murphy
Patrick Gilligan	Sean Gilligan
Maria Degenis	Paul Worsfold
Dave Hudson	Brian Glossop

St Ann's Parish Weekly Schedule & Information

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd August

6.00pm (Vigil) – James Joseph Ryan RIP

Sunday 3rd August – *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Alan George RIP

Monday 4th August

11.30am Requiem Mass for Cathy Paxton RIP

Tuesday 5th August

6.00pm – Tommy Dowd RIP

Wednesday 6th August

9.30am – Joe Sherlock RIP

Thursday 7th August

9.30am – Frank Slammon RIP

Friday 8th August

9.30am – Anna Brawley RIP

Saturday 9th August

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 10th August – *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8.30am – Margaret Lynch RIP

10.00am – Gillian Wooldridge RIP

Fridays

The Rosary will be recited prior to Mass at 9.00 am every Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday & Tuesday at 5.15pm

(Please check our website or the Church door for last-minute alterations to Confession times)

PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL

Please contact the parish office if you or a parishioner are in or going to be in hospital.

THINKING ABOUT GETTING MARRIED

If you are considering marriage, contact Fr Ian or the Parish Office. Please be aware that the Bishop requires a minimum of one year's notice prior to the wedding. A meeting will be scheduled with Fr Ian to begin the necessary paperwork and to arrange for you both to attend a marriage preparation course.

ST ANN'S CONFERENCE OF THE SVP

St Ann's St Vincent de Paul Group meet every 2nd Tuesday of the Month in St Ann's room at 7.00pm.

SERVERS NEEDED

All members of the parish (especially our teenagers) who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to help serve at Sunday and Weekday Masses.

CONTACT DETAILS

St Ann's Website: www.stannsbanstead.com

Hall Hire: stannshallmanager@gmail.com

Bereavement Supporters: Joanna Stewart & Cathy Laffer. Contact: 01737 353724

Parish Coordinator: Katrina Dunckley

Office Hours: Monday 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 10am - 2pm - Thursday 9am - 3pm

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer ensures that the Parish is updated with any and all new developments concerning practices and legislation to protect children & vulnerable adults. In the event that anyone has any questions or concerns on this issue, please contact: Geraldine McWilliams

Email: sg1.banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you're an adult considering baptism into the Catholic faith, we offer instruction to help you learn more. Contact the parish office for more information.

BAPTISM

New and expectant parents are invited to contact the parish office to begin baptism preparation. Regular Sunday Mass attendance and a one-hour class are required before scheduling. The class can be taken before your child is born. **Baptisms ordinarily take place after 10.00 am Sunday Mass.**

Children aged 7 and up will need age-appropriate Catholic instruction before baptism. Please introduce yourself to Fr Ian after Mass for more details.

THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION

To register your child for our First Holy Communion preparation classes, the following requirements must be met:

- The child must have already been baptised in the Catholic faith.
- We will accept children of parents who are registered with and are practicing members of St Ann's Parish.

GIFT AID

Make your weekly donation go further! Signup to our parish Gift Aid so we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you! For more information contact the parish office.