



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Warm Welcome To All Our Parishioners and Visitors

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th August 2025



Dear Parishioners,

Many people enjoy watching sports and cheer on their teams or favourite athletes. In doing so, they put forward a lot of effort. For the athletes who hear the cheers and screams, it helps to motivate them to perform as best as they can, knowing that they are supported by fans.

St Paul uses the analogy of a race to explain how we succeed in living out our faith. Like a runner who has both eyes on the finish line, we are racing towards Christ, who is our goal. The great cloud of witnesses are the Saints in heaven, but also the members of the Church on earth. The race is not against the other runners, but rather against ourselves: against self-doubt, selfishness, pride, apathy. Our focus on Christ puts all other concerns out of our minds, just as a runner thinks of nothing but crossing the finish line as fast as possible.

While a runner knows the length of the race, we do not know how long our lives will be; but compared to the eternity we are promised after this life, our time on earth is more like a sprint. While we run our race towards Christ and experience the support of the Saints in heaven, we also need to ask ourselves how well do we motivate and encourage our fellow racers towards the finish line.

With prayers for the week ahead,

Fr Ian

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Ian's grandmother JoAnn Benke RIP who died this week. Please also keep Fr Ian and all of the family in your prayers.

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION



As the weather is nicer in Summer, we encourage everyone who is able to walk or cycle to church. Not only are we playing our small part to help reduce pollution but walking or cycling also benefits our health and helps us to enjoy the nature God has given us. In particular, we suggest the last Sunday of each month is the 'Official' Sunday when we walk or cycle to church (or car share if more practical).

Thank you for remembering to walk or cycle to church if you can, on Sunday 31 August.

THANKSGIVING MASS ST VINCENT DE PAUL

2025 is the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of the Mission by St Vincent de Paul. It is also the 60th anniversary of St Ann's Conference.

Please join us in the Thanksgiving Mass on **Saturday 27th September at 6.00pm**

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Saturday 11 October 11.30am at Christ the Prince of Peace, [Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8JD](#)

Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for us at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Parish Hall. Family and friends are very welcome. The church and hall are wheelchair friendly, with a number of disabled parking spaces available. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

DEANERY MASS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

The Bereavement supporters at St Michael's Church, Ashstead, are arranging a Deanery Mass for all those parents who have lost a baby or child. This will be held on **Saturday 6 September at 11.00 am** at St Michael's Church, Ashstead. Fr Chris will be officiating. The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Head of Finance full-time, permanent

Salary: £60,000 to £65,000

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

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/>

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

**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.

**CATHEDRAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS -
SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER AT 12 NOON AT
ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL**

Fr Aaron Spinelli, the Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral led by Bishop Richard. The Mass will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities and is for those who have served, those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve – everyone is very welcome to attend. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers; E:

aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk - and bring a cassock, cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments (please bring a packed lunch).

**BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH –
SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER AT THE ST PHILIP
HOWARD CENTRE, CRAWLEY**

The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith. During baptism, parents are also called to promise the Lord, that they will teach and pass on the faith to their children. But what do they pass on? It can be a daunting promise, and after all "you can't give what you don't have" (2Cor 8:12). So how can we help parents, future parents and perhaps grandparents to experience a deeper encounter with Christ and build a plan to bringing their family into a more intimate, lifelong relationship with the Lord. Join us as we explore the concept of the Domestic Church and all it means for our families in faith. Teas and coffees will be available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch with you. To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions about this event please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage, and Family Life Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

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.
- 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>

If you are interested please let Fr Ian or the parish office know.

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday 17th August – None

Sunday 24th August – None

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

**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 16th August

6.00pm (Vigil) – Ava Morgan Intentions

Sunday 17th August – 20th Sunday in Ordinary

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Peter Raw RIP

Monday 18th August

No Mass

Tuesday 19th August

No Mass

Wednesday 20th August

No Mass

Thursday 21st August

No Mass

Friday 22nd August -

No Mass

Saturday 23rd August

6.00pm (Vigil) – Teofil & Paula Brejza RIP

Sunday 24th August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Anthony & Brigid Gannon RIP

Fridays

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 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.