



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Warm Welcome To All Our Parishioners and Visitors

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24th August 2025



Dear Parishioners,

We like to think that we know people and know everything about them. We want to know our family and friends to share a sense of intimacy and companionship with them. We like to know about our enemies and those who might do us harm or those whom we do not like so that we can feel superior to them or to protect ourselves from what they might do to us and those we love.

The (scary) reality is that we never know others fully. There is always a part of ourselves that we keep hidden from others, even those whom we love the most. Often we do not even fully understand these secret parts of ourselves.

Part of Christ's message in today's Gospel is reminding us that the outward appearance of those around us is not the way to tell who is holy and who is not. Only God knows what is in our hearts, the demons we have to battle, the difficulties we have in understanding and accepting the circumstances that we are in (or that we see others in).

Christ wants us to give others the benefit of the doubt. We have enough to worry about, and there is no need to be overburdened by comparing ourselves to others, but only encouraging all around us to follow Christ, most importantly by the examples we set.

With many prayers for the week ahead,

Fr Ian

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.

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, there are a few last seats still available.

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.**

SVP leaflet 60th anniversary 2025.pdf

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19R_krFhOX-BA8uYcJ91dALPnJGICNV7m/view?usp=drivesdk

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

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

Whether marking a special anniversary or simply giving thanks, join us for our annual celebration of sacramental marriage. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, including a chance to renew your wedding vows. A drinks reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Family and friends are welcome. The venue is wheelchair accessible, with disabled parking available. 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, Ashted 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, Ashted. Fr Chris will be officiating. The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

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.

St Ann's Church Volunteers Appreciation Evening

Fr Ian warmly invites those of you who generously give their time and talents to support St Ann's Church Community.

Church cleaners, Catechist, Readers, Ministers, flower arrangers, the list goes on!

Where: St Ann's Church Hall

Date: Saturday 6th September 2025

Time: 7.00pm

RSVP: banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

(Individual groups have already been invited, this is just in case we have missed anyone important)

BANSTEAD 5 CHURCHES PANTO

JANUARY 2026

'PETER PAN'

There are still a few places left for panto junior dancers if anyone is interested.

Year 4 - Year 7 no audition required.

The show is Peter Pan and will be performed at the end of January 2026.

Tuesday evening rehearsals start in September at Banstead United Reformed Church, Woodmansterne Lane. 6:15 - 7:30 pm

No experience necessary. Great fun! Confidence building! Please email to register interest or for more information contact Beverley Kent

bsk28@hotmail.co.uk

Come and join the panto team.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE.

18th – 20th October 2025

£350 All-Inclusive

Join us for a 3-day Pilgrimage and Retreat to Medjugorje, a special opportunity for prayer, reflection.

There are limited places remaining, space available for 6 to 10 more pilgrims.

Spiritual Directors: Fr Rigo Azanwi & Br Antonio D'Errico.

Interested? Please contact the Parish Office by

Thursday 28th August

banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

3 DAY PILGRIMAGE & RETREAT
MEDJUGORJE
18 - 20 OCTOBER 2025

DEPARTURE
Gatwick Airport: 6:20 AM
Arriving Dubrovnik 10:05 AM
Bus transfer to Medjugorje

RETURN
Departure Dubrovnik: 8:50 PM
Arrival Gatwick: 10:45 PM

£350 All Inclusive
Double room occupancy +£30 for single room

- Only backpack included in flight
- Extra fees for checked baggage or hand luggage
- Travel insurance not included

Spiritual Directors: Fr. Rigo Azanwi OFM Cap & Br. Antonio D'Errico

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

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 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).

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday 24th August – None

Sunday 31st 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

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/>

St Ann's Parish Weekly Schedule & Information

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd August

6.00pm (Vigil) – Teofil & Paula Brejza RIP

Sunday 24th August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Anthony & Brigid Gannon RIP

Monday 25th August

No Mass

Tuesday 26th August

6.00pm – Suzy Duggan RIP

Wednesday 27th August

9.30am – Winifred Menezes RIP

Thursday 28th August

No Mass

Friday 29th August

12.00 Noon – May Edwards RIP

Saturday 30th August

6.00pm (Vigil) – Nicos & Angelos Nicolaides RIP

Sunday 31st August – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Paul Kehoe 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.