



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Warm Welcome To All Our Parishioners and Visitors

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31st August 2025



Dear Parishioners,

In many churches where stained glass windows are on two levels, the Saints are on the higher level, while images from the life of Christ are on the lower. Christ came down to earth in order to raise us up to heaven. The statues and images of the Saints in our churches show us those men and women who have made it to heaven and give us examples of fully living out the Catholic faith.

When we come to Mass, we join them in praising God around His heavenly throne. The Letter to the Hebrews today reminds us of this fact. We are told that we have approached the New and Eternal Jerusalem, with all the angels and Saints.

There are many ways that this reality should affect us, but two points in particular:

1. We should be comforted by the fact that at Mass, where heaven meets earth, we are surrounded by the love of God, and the company of Saints who are supporting us. This includes those loved ones who have died, whom we firmly hope, and trust have been admitted into Heaven.
2. Our churches are not just buildings like any other. Our churches are sacred place, where we encounter God. Not only at Mass, but every moment of the day. We should take time to stop into churches and say a quick prayer or at least bow our heads or make the sign of the cross as we pass them - in this way, we recognise God's presence ever in our midst, but especially where He becomes present in the Eucharist.

God bless,

Fr Ian

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

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1st SEPTEMBER - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

The theme for this year is 'Seeds of Peace and Hope'. Pope Leo writes, "Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings."

The Season of Creation (1st September - 4th October) is a time of sustained prayer and action. The Holy Father continues, "We seem incapable of recognising that the destruction of nature does not affect everyone in the same way. When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalised and the excluded."

During this season, we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

St Ann's will have a Mass for The Care of Creation on
THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 6.30PM

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)

SITE MANAGER VACANCY

St Joseph's Parish Epsom is looking to appoint a Site Manager to work across the Church and all buildings and facilities associated with the Church. The successful candidate will act as keyholder to oversee the security of the buildings and ensure that the premises are kept clean and tidy and comply with health and safety regulations.

The role is for 20 hours per week, to be worked flexibly, including some weekend and evening work, in accordance with the needs of the role and in agreement with the Office Manager. The role attracts a salary of £13,000 per annum.

The successful candidate will be able to work with minimum supervision and will have knowledge and understanding of basic building maintenance work, including the ability to carry out basic plumbing and painting and decorating work.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please email: epsom@abdiocese.org.uk for an application form.

The closing date for receipt of applications is

Friday 30 September 2025.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will resume the week beginning the 8th September. Days and times to be confirmed.

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.

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

Remember the last Sunday of each month is the 'Official' Sunday when we walk or cycle to church (or car share if more practical).

This Sunday 31 August.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE.

(Deadline extended)

- 18th – 20th October 2025.
 - £350 All-Inclusive.
 - 3-day Pilgrimage and Retreat to Medjugorje.
 - Special opportunity for prayer, reflection.
 - 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 4th September 2025
banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

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 and will be sold after all Masses from the weekend of 6/7 September

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, 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 31st August – None
Sunday 7th September – HMP Downview & High Down.

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

DIOCESAN VACANCY FINANCE MANAGER

(Qualified Accountant – CIMA, ACCA, or ACA)
Full-time, Permanent

Salary: £60,000–£65,000

Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Reports to: Chief Operating Officer

Deadline: 18 September

Interview: 23 September (Crawley)

We're seeking a Finance Manager to lead a team of five, delivering cloud-based reporting for 80 parish sites and accurate management accounts for our central operations. You'll support Trustees and the Diocesan Finance Committee with high-quality reporting and lead on statutory accounts, audit liaison, VAT (for one subsidiary), Gift Aid, and cashflow forecasting. You'll bring strong leadership to a diverse finance team (including two apprentices), and experience in the charity sector is highly desirable. This is an onsite role in Crawley with remote working limited to one day per week. Please Send your CV and cover letter to Sarah Kilmartin at coo@abdiocese.org.uk ([cc: cooea@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:cc:cooea@abdiocese.org.uk)).

More info: abdiocese.org.uk/careers/finance-manager

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 30th August

6.00pm (Vigil) – Nicos & Angelos Nicolaides RIP

Sunday 31st August – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Paul Kehoe RIP

Monday 1st September

No Mass

Tuesday 2nd September

6.00pm – James Intention

Wednesday 3rd September

9.30am – Professor Tim & Joan Traverse-Healey RIP

Thursday 4th September

9.30am – Dora Harvey RIP

Friday 5th September

9.30am – George Browne RIP

Saturday 6th September

6.00pm (Vigil) – Margarita Salazar RIP

Sunday – 7th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – St Teresas's Knitting Group Intentions

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.