



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Warm Welcome To All Our Parishioners and Visitors

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday 14th September 2025



Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. Two feasts used to be celebrated in connection with the relics of the Holy Cross. In May was the commemoration of the finding of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem by St Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine. Today's feast recalls the dedication of the basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in 335 and the return of the relics of the Holy Cross to Jerusalem in 628 after they were taken by the Persian King.

The Cross is central to our faith. We wear crosses and hang them in our homes, we make the sign of the Cross to begin and end most prayers, we preach that we must take up our own crosses and recall how Christ died on the Cross for love of each of us. In the Cross we see both the Tree of Life and a weapon against sin and death.

On the Cross, Christ died to give us life. He offered himself, the first fruit of believers, and we are able to enjoy that fruit in the Eucharist as we consume His Body and Blood. Just as the fruit of a tree brought death to Adam and Eve, so Christ become the living fruit that gives life to all humanity. This is the meaning behind the medieval Christmas carol 'Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.'

But the Cross is also a weapon. By the Cross, Christ defeated Satan and the devil's grasp on the world. Shaped like a sword, we can see in the Cross a way for us to defeat the temptations that assault us every day. Seeing the Cross or wearing the Cross is a way to recall Christ's power over evil, making the Sign of the Cross is our way of blessing ourselves and asking God to assist us in our daily struggles.

While we still are attacked by temptations and evil, we know that Christ has already won the victory over sin and death by His Death on the Cross. Our duty is to accept what He has done for us. The Cross is our only Hope, and today we exalt it as the instrument of our salvation.

With many prayers,

Fr Ian

MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 6.30PM

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.

SVP ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
60TH ANNIVERSARY

Please join us at the Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 27th September at 6.00pm. You are most welcome to refreshments after Mass. Please sign the list, thank you.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS
ROSARY & BENEDICTION

There will be Rosary and Benediction in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary every Sunday in October at **4.00pm**.

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION
THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER 2025



Join us for a special flower arranging demonstration by the talented florist Jill Robinson.

Date: October 16th 2025

Time: 7.00pm

Location: Hall Annexe

Entry Fee: £5.00 (includes refreshments)

Everyone is welcome, especially those interested in joining our Church Flower Team or those looking for some inspiration. Come along and find out more about how you can get involved.

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

AFTERNOON TEA IN AID OF
RADIO MARIA ENGLAND



RADIO MARIA
ENGLAND

Join Us for Cake & Conversation.

Date: Saturday 18th October

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: Our Lady & St Peter Parish Hall, Garlands Rd, Leatherhead, KT22 7EZ

An opportunity to hear about the work of Radio Maria England all donations collected will support their work.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER 2025 AT 11.00AM



There will be Mass for Anointing of the sick Saturday 18th October 2025 at 11.00am.

Refreshments will be served in the annexe after the Mass. Please sign the list in the porch if you will be joining us for refreshments for catering purposes.

SOUL RITES

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 will be sold after all weekend Masses or contact the parish office.**

RED BOX HOLDERS

There will be a collection taken from the Red Boxes in the coming fortnight. It would be most helpful if you could bring your boxes to the Parish Office during this time. If you would like your box collected I will be happy to do so, please contact me on ann.corrigan@lienard.co.uk. If however you no longer have or no longer want your red box as a mechanism for donation please let me know and I will adjust my records accordingly. Copies of the Summer 2025 Missio magazines are in the porch.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please do join us for the Children's Liturgy at the 10.00am Sunday Mass during term time.

It is ideal for little ones aged 3 through to school year 3. Our Children's Liturgy helps bring the Liturgy of the Word to life in a way that is easy for children to understand with the help of our amazing team of catechists who give their time and talents to make this special time happen.

FLOWER GARDEN VOLUNTEERS



We are looking for **more** volunteers to join our flower garden team. Now the garden is established we could do with help to help water, deadhead plants, and light weeding. If we can get more help we can make a proper rota. No experience necessary, only a desire to help. Come find us in the garden at the hours stated below:

Wednesdays between 11am and 1pm.

Thursday between 10am and 12pm

Saturday between 10am and 12pm

If you are interested please contact Jenny Kehoe on **07811 538703**

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.**

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Saturday 11 October 11.30am at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8JD
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

ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila Evans RIP, Elsie Hogman RIP,
Brigid Gannon RIP, Sylvia Farley RIP,
Mary Colledge RIP & Peter Doughty RIP

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday 14th September – Education Sunday
Sunday 21st September – Evangelii Gaudium
Sunday (Formerly Mission Sunday)

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

SERVERS NEEDED

All members of the parish (especially our teenagers) who are invited to help serve at Sunday and Weekday Masses.

St Ann's Parish Weekly Schedule & Information

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th September

6.00pm (Vigil) – Ian Bell RIP

Sunday 14th September – *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Cathy Paxton RIP

Monday 15th September – *Our Lady of Sorrows*

No Mass

Tuesday 16th September – *Ss Cornelius & Cyprian*

6.00pm – Irene Loughran Intention

Wednesday 17th September – *St Robert Bellarmine*

9.30am – Gerry Smith RIP

Thursday 18th September

No Mass

Friday 19th September – *St Theodore of Tarsus*

9.30am – Frank Paterson RIP

Saturday 20th September – *St Andrew Kim Taegon &*

Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday – 21st September – *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8.30am – Joe Cuffe RIP

10.00am – Shirley Gleeson Intentions & Her Family & Friends Living and Dead.

Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am to 12pm

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.

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.