

**ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**A Warm Welcome To All Our Parishioners and Visitors**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



Dear Parishioners,

The Responsorial Psalm today reminds us that 'The Lord hears the cry of the poor!'. As we listen to the verses of Psalm 33(34), we hear about the different plights that the poor suffer. This is not just material poverty, but poverty of mind, spirit, support, strength, power. There are many kinds of poverty that each person suffers at different levels. When Christ instructs us 'Blessed are the poor in spirit', he is reflecting the teaching of the Psalms.

Today in the Gospel, the Tax Collector understands and accepts his poverty. He realises that he is a sinner, he is not perfect. He is not always the kindest, he has temptations, he is weak and fragile as a human being. But most importantly, he recognises that the only way he can become truly 'rich' is through the Lord's mercy and love.

We must be like the Tax Collector if we are to be truly Christians. We have to pour out ourselves in prayer, recognise how frail and fragile we are, and ask God to make known to us His mercy and love. And this is a personal responsibility between each of us and God.

While the Church is necessary to help us and instruct us, we must look into the depths of our souls where no other human being can see our thoughts and feelings. It is there that we know what is right and wrong, it is there that we know we are most ourselves. It is scary, because we know that in that place are the things we would rather not talk about or even think about. It frightens us because we know that in that place are the things that we know need changing and that make us much less than perfect. But it is in these dark places that God wants to shine his light and make us clean.

As we reflect on the Tax Collector's confession of his sins and the haughty, proud, and delusional profession of the Pharisee, we pray for the courage to recognise and admit the work that we need to do on ourselves. Even more so, we pray for the courage to perform that work.

With many prayers,

Fr Ian

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS  
ROSARY & BENEDICTION

The last Rosary and Benediction for October will be today Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October at **4.00pm**.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 5

Please note that The Chosen – Season 5 Screenings will be showing in the Hall Annexe, on Fridays, starting at approximately 10.45am, following tea and coffee **All are welcome**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October or Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November as they take a break for half term. Resuming on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

ALL SOULS



**Monday 3rd November 2025**

Fr Ian will be celebrating a Mass of Remembrance at 7.00pm for all our departed loved ones.

Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the annexe. All are warmly invited to attend.

**Please sign the list in the porch if you will be joining us for refreshments.**

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS LIST



Please take a brown envelope from the Church Porch with the heading:

**MONTH OF HOLY SOULS**

Place in the envelope the names of your deceased loved ones and friends, all those you wish to pray for. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. Return to the Parish office as soon as possible.

**Please place your offering in the same envelope.**

**Envelopes available in the porch.**

CALLING ALL MEN: THE CHOIR NEEDS YOU!



Our church choir is looking for more male voices.

No formal experience required, just a willingness to sing, and be part of an encouraging group.

Rehearsals are once a week, on a Wednesday evening and we sing on Sundays at the 10.00am Mass, and on other occasions during the year. Please contact the Parish office or speak to Fr Ian or Flick Saunders.

**Pilgrims of Hope**  
**Love that Builds**  
**Bridges**

Brought to you by the A&B CDSC Team

**Saturday 15th November**  
**Starts 10:30am**

**Charles Whitehead and Kristina Cooper**

St Joseph's Church, Guildford  
12 Eastgate Gardens, GU1 4AZ

A day of renewal, Fellowship, Worship, Prayer Ministry, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, Holy Mass and the Holy Door.

<https://www.abcharismatic.org> for more information

SAVE THE DATE  
ST ANN'S SONGS OF PRAISE




We will be holding our own Songs of Praise on **Saturday 22nd November 2025 at 11.00am**.

To help us prepare and include a selection of your favourite hymns, please take a moment to select your top 3 hymns using the link below:

[Click here to select your favourite hymns](#)

If you receive the email as a paper copy please contact the parish office with your selection.

## CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED



**Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG)**  
**Clothing Donations Needed**

**Who we are**  
 Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG) supports people held in immigration detention at Brook House and Tinsley House, Gatwick Airport. Alongside emotional and practical support, we provide on average 15-20 bags of clothing every week. Socks and boxers are always new.

**Why we need your help**  
 People in detention often arrive with very little. Having an extra pair of clothes is not just about comfort, it is about dignity. Clean, warm clothing helps people feel fresh and stay healthy, and it makes a difference in how they are treated by staff, lawyers and others who can impact their case or time in detention. Your donation helps restore a sense of self-worth in an environment where so much is taken away.

**What do we need?**

- M, L, XL Joggers,
- M, L, XL jumpers,
- M, L, XL t-shirts,
- M, L, XL jackets in sizes
- warm hats,
- trainers,
- luggage,
- backpacks

**Did you know?**  
 Often people are brought to immigration detention without all of their belongings. When people leave detention often they are only given clear plastic bags to carry their belongings in.

**Drop-off Location:**  
 St Ann's Catholic Church,  
 Banstead

www.gdwg.org.uk    01293 657070    info@gdwg.org.uk  
 Registered Charity #1124328

Gatwick Detainees donations will be collected on **Sunday 9th November**. Please do not leave items after this date. Thank You.

## SAVE THE DATE!



Join us on **Sunday 14th December at 4.00pm** for St Ann's Carol Service. A celebration with carols and readings. After the service, everyone is warmly invited to the Church hall for mulled wine and mince pies.

## 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 thank

## ANNIVERSARIES

Ted Palmer RIP, Vida D'Souza & Barbra Pearl RIP

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**This Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – World Mission Sunday – Gift Aid Envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October – None

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – None

## PARISH OFFICE



The parish Office is now closed until **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. Emails will not be monitored or responded to until then.

## 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     |
| Zeke Peyton (newborn baby) | Domenico Fasino   |

## St Ann's Parish Weekly Schedule & Information

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – *Ss Chadd & Cedd*

6.00pm (Vigil) – Ann & Ron Johnston RIP

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – *30<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time*

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Nicholas Wong Intention

4.00pm – Rosary & Benediction

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

No Mass

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October** – *Ss Simon & Jude*

6.00pm – Holy Souls

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – *St Ann's Tuesday*

9.00am – Phil O'Donnell & Family

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – *Votive of the Blessed Mother*

9.30am – Irene Faires RIP

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – *St Wolfgang*

9.30am – Iris Lee RIP

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

6.00pm (Vigil) – *Pro populo*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – *All Saints Day*

8.30am – Teresa O'Halloran RIP

10.00am – Ted Palmer RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday** 9.30am to 12pm

**Thursday** 10am to 12pm

Rosary

Will be recited prior to Mass at 9.00 am every **Friday**.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Saturday at 5.15pm or on request.

*(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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month in St Ann's room at 7.00pm.

### CONTACT DETAILS

**St Ann's Website:** [www.stannsbanstead.com](http://www.stannsbanstead.com)

**Hall Hire:** [stannshallmanager@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sg1.banstead@abdiocese.org.uk)

### INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you're an adult considering baptism into the Catholic faith? 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.

### 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.

### GIFT AID

Make your weekly donation go further! Sign-up to our parish Gift Aid at no extra cost to you! For more information contact the parish office.