



**ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025**



Dear Parishioners,

Today's first and second readings indicate the importance of humility. The Lord comes to judge the proud and the evildoers. Pride is a great vice that tricks us to believe that we are something that we are not. Pride convinces us that we are better than we are, and that others are not as good as we are. Evil then is the result of pride, because when we think we are better than others, we treat others with a lack of kindness and respect. This is why St Paul is quick to assert that he has never wanted to place a burden on or take anything from the people to whom he preaches that was not freely given.

This is also reflected in the Gospel. Christ tells us that in the time of tribulations He will give us the words to speak. The proud will think that they can speak on their own and that their own wisdom is enough to win arguments against those who judge them; but the reality is that only the wisdom of Christ and our humility can serve to justify us and our faith.

We need to always be humble. Whether in our actions towards others or the way we speak and defend our faith, we need to remember that we are frail human beings who need God's grace as much as the next person. With that in mind we find it easier to judge others less, to treat others more kindly, and stay away from the evils that come with pride.

With many prayers for the week ahead,

Fr Ian

### RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Victor Tompkins RIP, father of Gerry McWilliams and Vanessa Leiws who died this week. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Terri Hardebeck RIP

### 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.**

### THE CHOSEN SEASON 5

Season 5 Screenings will resume in the Hall Annexe, This Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, starting at approximately 10.45am, following tea and coffee **All are welcome.**



### **Operation Elf...**



PACT, the Prison Advice and Care Trust, is a national Catholic charity helping prisoners and their families. At Christmas, through Operation Elf, Pact provides small gifts for parents in prison to give to their children at special Family Days, helping them stay connected and share in the joy of giving.

This year, St Ann's is again collecting gifts for the children of women in HMP Downview (around 60 children aged 2–18, mostly 5–13). Any extra gifts will go to children of fathers in HMP High Down.

Please donate an unwrapped gift (around £10–£15). Suggested items include unisex gifts such as board games, craft kits, books, or gift cards for older children. Wrapping paper donations are also welcome.

No electronic or battery toys, toy weapons, magnets, sand, play dough, plasticine, wax crayons, edible items, or liquids (e.g., perfume, glue). **A box will be in the church porch from 15th–30th November.**

### ST ANN'S SONGS OF PRAISE

We will be holding our own Songs of Praise on **Saturday 22nd November 2025 at 11.00am**, followed by refreshments in the Hall Annexe.

**Please sign the list in the porch** if you will be attending. It's not too late to submit your favourite hymns using the link: [Click here to select your favourite hymns](#)

### SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



Donations welcome: warm clothing, toiletries, surplus in-date medication (remove names).

Drop off: 24 The Spinney, Epsom Downs KT18 5QU.

Contact: [carole.appleford@gmail.com](mailto:carole.appleford@gmail.com)

07962 171695

#### Christmas Sale

23rd November, 2:30–4:00 pm

St Michael's Church, Narthex, Ashted KT21 4BQ

Thank you for your support!

### ENCOUNTER ST JOHN'S BOOK OF REVELATION WITH US THIS ADVENT

As we watch and discuss CaFE's 'The Joy of Hope' Come and join us for tea and cake as we watch and discuss 4 instalments of this stunning series.

**Time:** 7.45pm

**Venue:** St Joseph's Church Hall, Epsom, KT18 7JQ

On the following Mondays: 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to book your place please email: [mary@marygortondesign.co.uk](mailto:mary@marygortondesign.co.uk)

*Leaflets available in the Church Porch.*

### RASING HOPE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am

**Showing of the film will be in the Hall Annexe.**

Will you answer to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor? Pope Leo XIV reminded us that God will ask us if we have cared for His creation and for one another. Now it's our turn to respond with courage, creativity and hope. Be an Action man/woman for our Common Home.

**A sign-up sheet is available in the Church Porch.**

### ST ANN'S CAROL SERVICE

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.

### ADVENT SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH

On 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, St Paul's Warren Road, SM7 1LG. Refreshments will be served after the service. *Everyone welcome.*

### 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.

Please contact the Parish office or speak to Fr Ian or Flick Saunders.

**EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL,  
TADWORTH**

**Christmas Cream Tea Afternoon**

Sat 22 Nov, 4.00–5.30pm

Enjoy tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes, mince pies & live entertainment!

£7.50 — book via [tadworthtogether@gmail.com](mailto:tadworthtogether@gmail.com) or 07775 187184

**Movie Night: Of Gods and Men**

Sat 22 Nov, 6.45pm

Award-winning true story (age 15+, 2hr10m).

£5 (includes tea & biscuits) — pay at the door.

Choc ice & popcorn £1. All welcome!

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
EPSOM  
SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER  
(START FEB 2026)**

Salary: £41,585–£47,142 (S9–S10, pro rata, depending on experience)

Hours: 36 hrs/week, Mon–Fri, term time only + 2 extra weeks (some remote working possible)

Closing date: Fri 28 Nov 2025 (midday)

Interviews: Wed 3 Dec 2025

Start date: Feb 23, 2026

<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-business-manager-1516318>

School website: <https://www.stjosephs-epsom.surrey.sch.uk/>

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children; all appointments subject to enhanced DBS checks.

**LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT  
AT THE COP OF HOPE**

Turning Faith and Hope into Action For information about COP 30, <https://laudatosimovement.org/cop30/>

**DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION APPLICATIONS  
SEPTEMBER 2026**

For parents who have children who are due to start in Reception next September 2026, this is to remind you that the closing date to make an application is the 15th January 2026. This deadline of the 15th January 2026 is for both the supplementary information form (SIF), which should be returned to the school office and also for the online application made to Surrey County Council.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Retired Priests Fund  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** - Cathedral Maintenance Fund

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Patrick Hogman RIP, Muriel Parnell RIP, and Christine Prottis RIP.

**HELPING THE HOMELESS 2026**

St Ann's SVP group will again support the Merton Night Shelter project, running from January 19th for 8 weeks. For twelve years, the shelter has provided hot meals and safe accommodation for rough sleepers in Merton during the coldest months. This year, it will be hosted by the Raynes Park Salvation Army, Salvation Army Church, 109 Kingston Road, SW19 1LT (next to Wimbledon Fire Station).

Volunteers needed:

Each Monday, dinner is required for up to 18 guests:

- Main course ● vegetarian option
- Side vegetables and potatoes ● Dessert

Costs covered by SVP.

If you can help as a cook or would like more information, please contact: [ann.corrigan@lienard.co.uk](mailto:ann.corrigan@lienard.co.uk) or the Parish Office with your details.

**5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO  
ROME & VATICAN**

*Embrace the Divine in Rome & Vatican*

**April 28 – May 2, 2026**

**Included**

Return flights (from a London airport), 4 nights lodging, local transportation, daily Mass and spiritual guidance, breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

**Cost:** £1,000. Single occupancy +£50.

**Not included**

Travel insurance; extras such as snacks.

Deposit: £200 (non-refundable) ongoing registration to secure spot closing Jan. 31, 2025.

Fr. Rigo (WhatsApp): +1 202 427 1662

**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
Maurice Dingley	Martin Mohan

## St Ann's Parish Weekly Schedule & Information

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

6.00pm (Vigil) – Barbara Cocks RIP

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – John Devine RIP

10.00am – Sundays lost through the Reformation

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

No Mass

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – *Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul*

6.00pm – Pro populo

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – *St Agnes of Assisi*

9.00am – John, Bridget & Hugh Motha RIP

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November** –

9.30am – Agnes Osyth Carter RIP

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.30am – Margaret Wong Wellbeing

#### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – *St Cecilia*

11.00am – Songs of Praise

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – *Chris the King of the Universe*

8.30am – Catherine Connolly RIP

10.00am – Mary Dunne Intentions

#### 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.