



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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A Warm Welcome To All Our Parishioners and Visitors

Christ the King
Sunday 23rd November 2025



Dear Parishioners,

There is something to the desire of young girls to be princesses and young boys to be knights. In youth, the idea of a kingdom can be formed by Disney and our own royal family keeps up something of the fairytale ideas. To be royalty is to be important, to have power, to live as one wants.

Today we celebrate Christ the King of the Universe (or King of everything). However, when we see this King in the Gospel, we are faced with something much different to our usual royal stereotype. Christ is seemingly not free, nailed to a cross, unable to move: this is His throne. The people gathered beneath him mock and jeer. His crown is of thorns, not of gold. And in place of royal vestments, he hangs naked and exposed to the elements.

Yet in all this, one man sees through Christ's appearance and recognises that he is in the presence of the only Ruler who matters. The 'Good Thief' rebukes those who mock and makes a confession of faith as he hangs between life and death.

Christ's Kingdom is not of this world. It is not found in authority and power over others, nor in the delights of fine food & drink or large palaces. His Kingdom is one of Love.

Understandably we can become distracted by the material needs that we have. Taking care of ourselves or family or friends is important; but, we can often forget that we are only truly rich when we appreciate the time we spend with others, the laughter and tears that we share, the sympathetic ear that we offer, the small gestures that say more than words ever could.

If Christ is King then each of us are princes and princesses of His Kingdom. By celebrating this feast, we recommit ourselves to acting with the true royal dignity that is ours.

God bless

Fr Ian

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 be showing in the Hall Annexe, on Fridays, 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.**

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: 24th November, 1st, 8th and 15th December. If you would like to book your place please email: mary@marygortondesign.co.uk

Leaflets available in the Church Porch.

RED BOX HOLDERS

Red Box Holders are invited to take a copy of the Missio calendar for next year. These are on the table by the pigeon holes as you come in to the church. Many thanks for your ongoing support and if you would like your box emptied please contact me at ann.corrigan@lienard.co.uk or on 07990 826312

RASING HOPE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Saturday 29th 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. **A sign-up sheet is available in the Church Porch.**

ADVENT SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH

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

2000 CLUB DRAW & IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Latest & Last Draw

No 53 – Brian Aris Wins £75.00

No 109 – Hernan Lozano Wins £50.00

Following this most recent draw, we want to inform all members that, due to new charges being introduced by the banks, we will be **pausing the 2000 Club** for the time being. We are considering a relaunch next year.

Please cancel any standing orders you currently have in place. We will keep you updated and let you know as soon as the 2000 Club is ready to be re-started.

APPEAL FOR SOUTH SUDAN

The St Vincent de Paul Infant Centre provide meals to 700 young children every week.

The Healthcare Centre offers up to 120 essential primary care health appointments free every day. The situation is even worse now with the war.

The St Vincent de Paul Society at St Ann's will hold a sale of children's books, bicycles, rockers and toys on **Saturday 6th December after the 6pm Mass and after all Masses on Sunday 7th December.** Cakes will also be on sale. The proceeds will support South Sudan.

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.

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 for more information.

FROM GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP

"I do not have the words to express thanks for your generosity. Thank you so much for your kindness. The clothing donations are well received and will help keep our friends warm this winter."

FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AT ST ANN'S PARISH

Our grateful thanks for your generous donation for our work. We have received £859.56. This will be used to respond to the needs of the people in the UK and beyond.

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
<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-business-manager-1516318>
School website: <https://www.stjosephs-epsom.surrey.sch.uk/>

DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION APPLICATIONS
SEPTEMBER 2026

For parents who have children who are due to start in Reception next September 2026, the closing date to make an application is the 15th January 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.

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 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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 23rd November - Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

Sunday 30th November - Christmas Flowers

ANNIVERSARIES

John Von Gerard RIP, John Payne RIP & Josie Monaco RIP

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

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	Domenico Fasino
Maurice Dingley	Martin Mohan

St Ann's Parish Weekly Schedule & Information

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd November – *St Cecilia*

11.00am – Songs of Praise

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 23rd November – *Christ the King*

8.30am – Catherine Connolly RIP

10.00am – Mary Dunne Intentions

Monday 24th November

No Mass

Tuesday 25th November – *St Catherine of Alexandria*

6.00pm – Brian Ridley RIP

Wednesday 26th November – *St Leonard of*

Port Maurice

9.00am – McCarney Family Intentions

Thursday 27th November – *St Francis Anthony Fasani*

9.30am – Hanora O'Shea RIP

Friday 28th November – *St James of the Marches*

9.30am – Cathy Paxton RIP

Saturday 29th November

6.00pm (Vigil) – Mary Smith Intentions

Sunday 30th November – *First Sunday of Advent*

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Geppina 'Josie' Monaco 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 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 - 5pm

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? 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.