



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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The Baptism of the Lord Sunday 11th January 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Today marks the end of the Christmas Season and our celebration of Christ's birth and manifestation to the nations. The Baptism of the Lord turns our focus to the end of Christ's early life and initiates His public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel and calling all to repentance. The account of Christ's Baptism in St Matthew's Gospel raises two related points for reflection.

St John the Baptist tries to prevent Christ from being baptised; St John does not believe that he is worthy of this honour. However, Christ insists. Regardless of how unworthy we might feel to be called a disciple, Christ still insists that we follow Him. Even when we try to resist, He still uses us to show forth His love to the world and make His glory known to all who are willing to see it.

After Christ is baptised, the Trinity is revealed with the Holy Spirit descending as a dove and the Father's voice being heard. We hear with those on the banks of the Jordan: This is my beloved Son! In baptism, the fullness of the Trinity came to dwell in us and God made us His beloved sons and daughters in His Son, Jesus Christ. God is pleased to dwell not only with us, but in us. In part, He loves us as parents love their children, because they see a part of themselves in their children. We can only begin to use our potential when we understand how much God loves us and we accept that love, freely given without any price.

Today we reflect on the gift of our own baptism and pray that we can find ways to let the graces we received when we became Christians to inform our every thought and assist us in every word and action.

A blessed Feast of the Baptism of Christ!

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 10th January

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 11th January - *The Baptism of the Lord*

8.30am – Joe Halloran RIP

10.00am – In Thanksgiving for our Choir

Monday 12th January – *St Aelred of Rievaulx*

9.30am – Celebrants Intention

Tuesday 13th January - *St Hilary*

6.00pm – Katerina, Maria, Alexandra & Kia Intention

Wednesday 14th January

9.30am – Anne Mitchell Private Intention

Thursday 15th January

9.30am – Bernard & Edith Porter RIP

Friday 16th January

9.30am – James

Saturday 17th January

6.00pm (Vigil) – Jan & Marta Kaczmarek

50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday 18th January – *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Clare Quigley RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 10am to 12pm

Thursday 10am to 12pm

Rosary will be recited prior to Mass at 9.00am 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)

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, James Joseph, Joshua Anderson, Denise Rush, Damian Poole, Guilherme Guedes, Allan Norman, Michael Monaco, Edmund Louis, Arthur Harding, Jake Braue, 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

THE PASTORAL PLAN THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

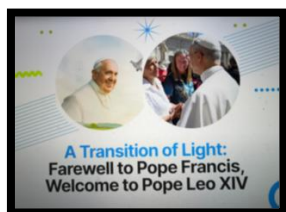
Bishop Richard's appointment as the next Archbishop of Westminster means there are some immediate consequences for us regarding the implementation of the Pastoral Plan in the Epsom Deanery. Whilst some things, by Church Law, are put on hold until a new Bishop arrives – particularly any decision to combine the existing nine parishes into one new parish – other key elements of the Plan remain as important for us as ever; prayer, formation and mission continue to be the priorities that shape our pastoral life. Whilst the parishioner meetings around the nine parishes will not now go ahead as planned (as a significant factor in the planning for these – particularly the timetable – was the proposed changes to structure), the Parish Leadership Team will be working on proposals to enable us to continue our reflections on mission, to celebrate and develop co-operation between our parish communities, and continue to invite all parishioners to get involved. You'll be able to hear more about this in the next Deanery newsletter which will be available next weekend, 17th/18th January.

There is also a helpful article on the diocesan website about what happens (and doesn't happen) during **sede vacante**.

[Sede Vacante: Next steps for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton | News](#)

LAUDATO SI' – HOPE

Join us on Saturday 24th January from 7.15pm to 8.45pm in St Ann's hall annexe.



Pope Leo calls for urgent climate action. Let's join our efforts and be part of the solution. There will be an opportunity for discussion after the film. Refreshments will be provided.

Please sign the list in the church if you can attend.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th January 2026 in the Hall Annexe, after the 9.30am Mass until 12.00 noon. You can pop in at any time between these hours. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend or neighbour along.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP RICHARD MOTH ON HIS APPOINTMENT

AS ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Richard Moth as the next Archbishop of Westminster. Currently Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, Bishop Moth succeeds the retiring Cardinal Vincent Nichols. He will be formally installed at Westminster Cathedral on 14 February. We offer our warm congratulations to Bishop Richard Moth and pray for him as he begins this important new ministry.

There will be a farewell Mass at **Arundel Cathedral** on **30 January 2026 at 6.00pm**.

Being a Diocesan event numbers will be restricted, but for those who would like to attend there is a **signup sheet** in the porch to register your interest for the Mass. Means of transport will be decided once we have an idea of numbers.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 5

The final screening of The Chosen, Season 5, will take place in the Hall Annexe on Friday 9th January, starting at approximately 10.45am. All are welcome.

PETER PAN PANTOMIME

It's Pantomime time again! The B5's Pilgrim Pantomime Company are presenting 'Peter Pan' at The Institute, High Street, Banstead from Wed 28th to Sat 31st January 2026. Tickets available at the same price as last year via the Company's website www.pilgrimpantomime.com direct from Ticketsource or by phone on 0333 666 3366.

ST ANN'S CHOIR, MALE & FEMALE SINGERS NEEDED

Ever wanted a good reason to join our choir, not only is it great to be part of a friendly group, but there are also health benefits to singing, please read below to find out more! If you would like to find out more please speak to Flick Saunders our Musical Director or contact the parish office: banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD SATURDAY 24 JANUARY 2026, 11AM-4PM

St Michael's Church, High Salvington, Worthing BN13 3AL **Cost: £40** Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas.

Booking: Visit the Diocesan Events page or use the Enquiries: catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk

GRAND NEWS – QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of Grand News, the quarterly newsletter produced by the Diocese's Grandparents' Groups, is now available. **Grand News** If you would like a paper copy please contact the parish office.

The groups offer community, encouragement, and mutual support for grandparents and are parish-based, led by grandparents themselves, with the support of Michael and Christine Evans and Jean Wells.

If your parish would like to find out more or explore setting up a group, please get in touch. A leaflet with further information is available in the Church porch.

EXPLORING THE VOCATION TO TEACHING IN OUR DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

Online event -Tuesday 13 January – 5.30pm to 6.30pm. If you are interested in hearing more about the vocation to teaching and what teaching in a Catholic school involves, Dave Legrand, Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor, will be running this online information event. This event would be suitable for anyone considering a career change or simply interested in finding out more about the role of teachers in our Catholic schools for any age group or for any subject specialism. To book a place, please use the link: [abdio-cesec.churchsuite.com/events/vqrenwzj](https://cesec.churchsuite.com/events/vqrenwzj)

MARY'S MEALS IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey (roy.peachey@marysmeals.org or 07593 447297) if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit marysmeals.org.uk. Thank you for your support!

ST ANN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sunday 11th January – Friends of the Holy Land
Sunday 18th January – Pax Christi – Peace Sunday

THE FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE



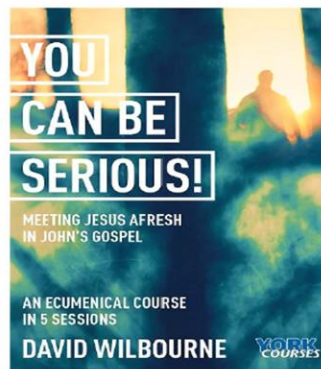
The Feast of Saint Blaise on 3 February is a cherished tradition, especially marked by the Blessing of Throats. Honoured as the patron saint of those with throat ailments, this feast remains a meaningful moment of prayer and pastoral care.

Fr Ian will give the blessings on the Sunday 1st of February.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Kevin Gilbert RIP, John Nash RIP,
Barbara Lamboll RIP, Mary Connaire RIP &
Annette Doughty RIP

THIS LENT - JOIN A LENT HOUSE GROUP



- Friendly groups in friendly places
- Starting 23rd February
- Meeting once a week for five weeks
- Sign up now - list on the church table
- New course - 'You Can Be Serious! - Meeting Jesus afresh in John's Gospel'

Questions? Ask Susan -
01737 373281 or
susan.major3@btinternet.com

St Ann's Parish Information

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 keeps the Parish up to date on all safeguarding practices and legislation for children and vulnerable adults. For any questions or concerns, please contact: Geraldine McWilliams
Email: sg1.banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

Next Marriage Preparation course will be on Saturday 7th February 2026 at St Josephs Epsom.
Please contact Katrina at St Ann's parish office to book.

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 take place after the 10.00am 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.

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.

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

ST TERESA'S KNITTING CLUB

Meet every 1st Wednesday of the month, 2pm to 4pm in the hall annexe. All Welcome.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club meet on the second Wednesday of every month in the Hall Annexe, after the 9.30am Mass until 12.00 noon. You can pop in at any time between these hours. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbour along.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

Tea and coffee are available:

- ✱ After the 9.30am Mass on Friday morning in the Hall Annexe.
- ✱ After the 10.00am Mass on Sunday in the Church Hall.

NEW PARISHIONERS

To anyone who has moved into the Parish recently, a warm welcome to you.

Please fill out a new parishioner form, you can find these in our Church porch and either hand it to Fr Ian after Sunday Mass or to the Parish office during the week. There are plenty of ways that you can become involved in St Ann's Parish life and meet fellow parishioners.

Contact banstead@abdiocese.org.uk for more information about volunteering.

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.