



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th January 2026

Dear Parishioners,

The short introduction to St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians contains only two sentences, but it asserts why and how the Church at Corinth is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

St Paul first of all reminds them that he was called by God to preach the Gospel: this faith is Apostolic (built on the faith and teachings of the Apostles). It was not his own undertaking, but rather a duty that God gave him.

This faith is that of Christ Jesus, who has sanctified all who believe in Him. The Church is Holy because it has been consecrated by Christ (in His Death & Resurrection) to be set apart from the rest of the world. The Church and her members belong to God through Baptism and the other Sacraments. And St Paul asserts that this faith is shared by all believers (the Church is One) throughout the world, regardless of where they happen to be (the Church is Catholic or Universal).

One of the messages that St Paul is trying to get across to the Corinthians is that the Christian faith cannot be lived without the support of the wider community. Each of us has our own way of relating to God and the Church. These ways are deeply personal and important for shaping who we are, but they cannot exist in isolation.

The Church as a whole is called to help and assist each of her members to grow in faith and charity. The Church is necessary to encourage and support her members in being sanctified and becoming holy.

Our Baptism solidified our relationship with Christ, but it also made us members of His Church.

In way, St Paul is asking the Corinthians (and us): how much do you participate in the life of the Church by seeking encouragement and encouraging others to live out our Faith in Christ Jesus?

With many prayers for the week ahead,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th January – *St Antony*

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

Monday 19th January – *St Wulstan*

No Mass

Tuesday 20th January – *St Fabian*

6.00pm – Kathy Intention

Wednesday 21st January – *St Agnes*

9.30am – Rae Tierney RIP

Thursday 22nd January – *St Vincent*

9.30am – David Loader RIP

Friday 23rd January – *Feria in Ordinary Time*

9.30am – Deceased Members of the Howlett Family

Saturday 24th January – *St Francis de Sales*

6.00pm (Vigil) – Victor Tompkins RIP

Sunday 25th January – *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8.30am – Michael O'Halloran RIP

10.00am – Pro populo

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, Zeke Peyton, Domenico Fasino, Maurice Dingley, Martin Mohan

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Glossop who died last weekend.

Please also keep his wife Sandra, and all of Brian's family and friends in your prayers.

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. 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](#)

DEANERY NEWSLETTER

The latest Deanery newsletter is now available:
[Epsom Deanery Newsletter](#)

It includes an encouragement to pray for Bishop Richard as he prepares to take up his new ministry in Westminster and an encouragement to all of us to continue in prayer, formation and mission for the good of our communities and the people amongst whom we live and work.

There are a few paper copies in the Church porch.

ST ANN'S CHOIR, MALE & FEMALE SINGERS NEEDED

Interested in joining our choir? 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

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.

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 Sunday 1st of February.

PETER PAN PANTOMIME



It's pantomime time again! The B5's Pilgrim Pantomime Company presents Peter Pan at The Institute, High Street, Banstead, from Wednesday 28th to Saturday 31st January 2026.

Friday and Saturday evening performances, along with the Saturday matinee, are now **sold out**.

Limited tickets remain for **Wednesday and Thursday** performances. Tickets are available via www.pilgrimpantomime.com, directly from TicketSource, or by phone on 0333 666 3366.

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.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING

Saturday 7 February 2026 10-3pm at the
St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley



Many people of all ages are living with the challenges of mental health conditions. With the support of Mental Health England, this training explores the realities, symptoms, and impact of these often debilitating experiences. Thanks to the trainer's support, the event is highly subsidised. Tickets are £40 per delegate (usual price £120). To register, scan the QR code on the attached poster or visit the Events page of the diocesan website:

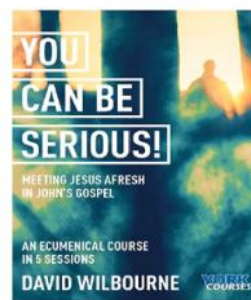
www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

For further information, please contact Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser, at
simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Jill Chad RIP, John Bourke RIP &
Alice Haines 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

LENT BOOKLETS

Lent small group booklets available to order
Five sessions on the theme of our baptismal
vocation - please contact

E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk for information
and to order.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 18th January – Pax Christi – Peace
Sunday.

Sunday 24th January - The White Flower Appeal
The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children
(SPUC) will be holding its appeal the weekend of
23/24 January. This year's postcards allow all sup-
porters to join the fightback campaign against the
current threats in parliament to expand the abortion
and allow assisted suicide. Postcards available in
the Church porch.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The offertory is counted every other week, so these
figures will appear in the newsletter fortnightly
Thank you to everyone for your generous dona-
tions.

Collections: Two Weeks Ending 12/01/2026

Offertory Collection: £679.58
Christmas Crib Collection £227.00
2nd Collection Friends of the Holy Land: £378.05

**Please note: These amounts do not include regular
standing orders or card payment machine pay-
ments.**

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.

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.

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.