



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 1st February 2026

Dear Parishioners,

St Paul is still trying to put right the wrongs in Corinth that he has heard about from Chloe's people. Of course, all the Corinthians were relatively recent converts to the faith, and he is reminding them of their own journeys to understanding and accepting the Gospel. It was obviously not a very straightforward decision for any of them, and even St Paul had his own ups and downs in accepting the Gospel.

No matter how old we were when we were baptised, every day is a new opportunity to turn towards Christ and accept the Gospel. There are many days that this seems easy, and many others where it is difficult. St Paul is reminding the Corinthians and us that we need to recall our own difficulties in living and accepting our faith in Jesus Christ before we start to judge and look down on others. So many experiences, feelings, emotions, and thoughts come our way that help or hinder our faith journey. There are moments why we can question God's wisdom, which is far different from our own. There are moments when we can get frustrated or downright angry about things that have happened to us or others.

While we might have remained true to our faith in the end, we all know that it is not always easy. Therefore, we are called to assist and help our brothers and sisters in the faith when they have their own struggles. We are called to support them as best we can and have that patience with them that understands that having faith and living out our faith can often be a struggle. Even Christ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane to be spared the crucifixion, and on the Cross he prayed by using Psalm 21 (22): My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

This week, we should pray for the grace to have the patience to stand with those struggling in their faith, especially for those who no longer practice, so that our example of true love and concern can assist them to come back to Christ and His Church.

God bless,
Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 31st January – St John Bosco

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 1st February – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Peggy Prescott RIP

10.00am – Molly & Tommie Caulfield RIP

Monday 2nd February – Presentation of the Lord

No Mass

Tuesday 3rd February – St Blasé

No Mass

Wednesday 4th February

12.00pm – Deirdre Dolan RIP

Thursday 5th February – St Agatha

9.30am – John & Mary Griffiths RIP

Friday 6th February – St Paul Miki & Companions

9.30am -Tony Dubique RIP

Saturday 7th February

6.00pm - Eileen Connolly RIP

Sunday 8th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am - Pro populo

10.00am – Eifion AP Tudno 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

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES IN THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Over the years, many parishioners have asked about the inclusion of loved ones in the weekly death anniversary notices printed in the newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to explain how this began and how it will work going forward.

The death anniversary announcements were first introduced in 2018 during Fr John's time here, following his first funeral celebrated in the parish. At that time, the list included only those whose funerals had taken place at St Ann's, and it continued in this way for subsequent years.

Since then, many parishioners have asked whether loved ones who died before 2018 could be included, and of course this is possible. I have always encourage anyone who asks to share this information with others who may also wish to have a name included.

The November Remembrance Book could be a source for this however, this does not cover everyone, as that book only dates back to 2001.

To make this more inclusive and clearer for everyone, we will now be changing how this is done. A list will be placed for the few months or so, in the church porch where parishioners can add the name and date of death of their deceased loved ones. Once compiled, these names will be included in the newsletter in the appropriate month for that deceased's anniversary.

This will of course take time, so I ask for your patience.

PLEASE ONLY USE THE LIST, DO NOT EMAIL THESE INTO THE OFFICE.

The deceased does **not** need to have had their funeral at St Ann's, but they should have a clear and meaningful connection to the parish, ideally past parishioners or immediate family members of current parishioners.

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

LOURDES 2026

Our pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual diocesan calendar, with hundreds of members of our community of faith visiting the Grotto together each year.

Pilgrimage Dates for 2026

Friday 24 to Thursday 30 July (by air/train)

Thursday 23 July to Friday 31 July
(by coach/Jumbulance)

For prices and further information visit our website
[Lourdes Pilgrimage](#)

T: 01293 651147

E: lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk

DEANERY NEWSLETTER

The latest Deanery newsletter is now available:

[Epsom Deanery Newsletter final draft.pdf](#)

It includes an encouragement to pray for Bishop Richard as 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. If you would like paper copy please contact the office.

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.

WALK WITH ME LENTEN BOOKLETS



Before we make the purchase of our lent booklets, Walk with Me, we just want to gage interest. If you would like to buy a booklet, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet situated in the church porch by the **9th February**.

ST ANN'S KNITTING CLUB

Dear St Ann's, Catholic Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of knitted hats and gloves this Christmas!

Your generosity helps provide support and warmth in these colder, more difficult months. They are a lovely, warm gift for our clients to receive, and contribute to making a huge impact to their lives.

Thank you again for your generosity and for helping us change lives. Together, we can ensure that everyone has a safe and stable place to call home.

Warm regards,

Tamzin Roux

Fundraising Supporter Engagement Officer

The Passage - St Vincent's Centre, London

www.passage.org.uk

GRAND NEWS – NEWSLETTER

[Click Here](#) [Grand News - new issue out now! | News](#)

The groups are organised and run by **parishioners**, with support from the diocesan network.

We hold two or three diocesan-wide gatherings each year to build community and friendships, which are always well received. Locally, parish groups meet regularly for friendship, support, prayer, and encouragement, offering a gentle and life-giving way to share the joys and challenges of family life.

If this is something your parish would like to explore, we would be very happy to visit, talk with the parish community at St Ann's, and help set up a group.

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). 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

CYMFED FLAME CONGRESS 2027 - SATUR-

DAY 6 MARCH 2027

AT THE OVO ARENA WEMBLEY

Clergy, youth ministers, and young people are invited to join the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Youth Team at Flame Congress, the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales.

Flame Congress, organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed), is for young people aged 14+ to share their faith with over 10,000 others. This bi-annual event inspires and empowers youth through faith, community, and activities, featuring world-renowned speakers, charities, Christian groups, and youth ministry teams.! To get an idea of what the day involves please see the following link

[FLAME – CYMFED](#)

If you are interested in bringing a group, please contact Bex Driver at E:

bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk with an estimated number of tickets you wish to reserve. The ticket cost is £35 per person; this includes the price of the ticket and a free A&B T-shirt. As you can imagine, the event is very popular so booking as soon as possible is essential.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 1st February – Lepra

Sunday 8th February – Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

Gift Aid Envelopes available in the Church porch

Sunday 15th February – None

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 donations.

Collections: Two Weeks Ending 25/01/2026

Offertory Collection: £789.77

2nd Collection White Flower: £405.97

Pax Christi: £406.00

Please note: These amounts do not include regular standing orders or card payment machine payments.

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. 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 EP-SOM & 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.