



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

Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 4th January 2026



*Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, you pitched your tent among us to reveal the
Father's love. As we begin this new year,
open our eyes to see your glory in our daily lives and fill our hearts with the grace and truth
that only you can provide.
May your light dispel our darkness and lead us into the way of peace.*

Amen.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation



Tuesday, **6th January 2026**, is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated as follows:

- Vigil Mass: Monday 5th January at 6.30pm
- Mass: Tuesday 6th January at 9.30am

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.

UPDATE

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE – THE CALL TO MISSION NEW YEAR PARISH MEETINGS ACROSS THE DEANERY

St Ann's, Meeting

Sunday 1st February 2026

With the recent news of Pope Leo XIV appointing Bishop Richard Moth as the new Archbishop of Westminster, the scheduled meeting on the 1st February will be postponed until further notice.

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!

Health Benefits of Singing

Studies show that singing boosts levels of secretory immunoglobulin A (SIgA), a key immune antibody that protects the airways and digestive tract. Singing strengthens immune response more than listening to music or resting because it combines emotional expression, controlled breathing, and physical engagement.

Singing reduces stress by lowering cortisol, which allows immune function to improve. It also stimulates the vagus nerve, helping regulate the nervous system and support overall health. Research suggests group singing may enhance these benefits further through shared breathing and emotional connection, improving both mood and immune resilience.

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**, Liturgy & Music Adviser. Held on the weekend of the *Sunday of the Word of God*, the day includes input on Scripture, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will also be **Lectio Divina** and Mass.

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

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: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/vqrcnwzj

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 4th January – None
 Sunday 11th January – Friends of the Holy Land
 Sunday 18th January – Pax Christi – Peace Sunday

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

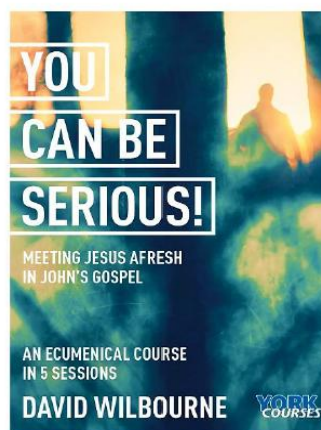
The offertory is counted every other week, so these figures will appear in the newsletter fortnightly. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.

Collections: Two Weeks Ending 28th December

Offertory Collection: £1,338.95

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

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

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 3rd January

6.00pm (Vigil) – Deceased Members of the Oldroyd Family

Sunday 4th January – *Second Sunday of Christmas*

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Ann Vos Mahon RIP

Monday 5th January – *Vigil Mass for the Epiphany*

6.30pm (Vigil) – Pro Populo

Tuesday 6th January – *The Epiphany of the Lord*

9.30am – Gary Owen RIP

Wednesday 7th January – *St Raymond of Penyafort*

9.30am – Souls in Purgatory

1.00pm – Requiem Mass for Joan David-Looby RIP

Thursday 8th January – *Feria after the Epiphany*

9.30am – Seamus McGlone RIP

Friday 9th January – *Feria after the Epiphany*

9.30am – John Nash RIP

Saturday 10th January

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 11th January – *Baptism of the Lord*

8.30am – Joe Halloran RIP

10.00am – Thanksgiving for our Choir

Adoration will resume on Wednesday 14th January 2026.

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

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.

ST TERESA'S KNITTING CLUB

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

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.

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.

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