



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 15th February 2026

Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to enter Lent, the Lord reminds us that he came not to abolish, but to fulfil the Law. This phrase can make us stop and think about all the rules and obligations that we follow as Catholics. We are expected to follow the Precepts of the Church, we have the expectations that we put on ourselves, and then there are those expectations that we feel from the community.

In Lent we can feel these expectations a bit more keenly. We try to do the right thing and keep the Lenten season by giving up something or taking on a practice or prayer. We can feel like we need to do these things to be good Catholics. But we can also question why we do this: What's the point if at Easter we are going to go back to eating whatever we want and dropping the practices that we started?

The reason we do anything in regard to our faith is so that we can come to know Christ a little better at each step. Christ came to fulfil the law and everything that we do as a part of our religion. Through these little practices we come to learn who we are, what makes us tick, how easily or difficult it is to live without some delicious food or drink or other comforts we often enjoy.

By better knowing ourselves and what makes us happy or sad, what gives us joy or makes us upset, we come to realise where we need God's help to make us more dependent on Him.

This Lent, as we are up our penances, we must remember that they are tools to help us know ourselves better. Whether we keep them to the end or fail in the first week, we learn how resilient we are, and that is a bonus. And we cannot forget: we have six weeks of Lent to help us start again and again if we need to.

With many prayers for the week ahead and a fruitful Lent,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th February *Ss Cyril & Methodius*

6.00pm (Vigil) – Dan Garvey RIP

Sunday 15th February – *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Nellie & Jim Geraghty RIP

Monday 16th February – *Feria in Ordinary Time*

No Mass

Tuesday 17th February – *Feria in Ordinary Time*

6.00pm – Christiane & André Rouet RIP

The Season of Lent

Wednesday 18th February – *Ash Wednesday*

9.30am – Chris Atkins RIP

7.00pm – Jan & Marta 50th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 19th February – *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

9.30am – Rita Burke RIP

Friday 20th February – *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

9.30am – Charles Shannon RIP

7.00pm – *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday 21st February – *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

6.00pm – Julia & Anna Valencikova RIP

Sunday 22nd February – *First Sunday of Lent*

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Victor Tompkins RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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, Josie Garvey.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT



During the holy season of Lent, we invite all parishioners to attend Stations of the Cross. This will take place every Friday evening at 7.00pm, beginning on Friday, 20th February and continuing through to Friday, 27th March.

FAMILY RESOURCES FOR LENT

The [CELEBRATE Family Activity Pack for Lent](#), includes creative ways to help families grow close to God during this season. There are engaging ways to count down the days in Lent, reflective prayer and discussion, craft, games, books and movies to help families draw close to God.

CELEBRATE has also created a Lent game this year - [Journey to Easter Joy](#) - which encourages children to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, in fun and interactive ways this Lent.

Both of these can be found at the Celebrate website: celebratetrust.org/celebratereathome

FUNERAL PLANNING BOOKLETS

We have available in the Church Porch from the Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Funeral Planning Booklets.

This leaflet helps you, as a practising Catholic, reflect on how you would like your funeral to be celebrated. Recording your wishes will guide and support your loved ones when the time comes.

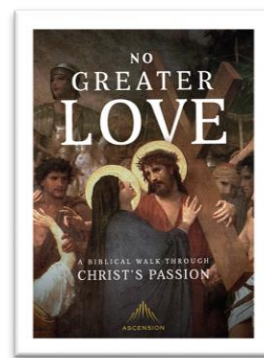
Although thinking about death can be daunting, planning key parts of your funeral allows you to share your thoughts and ease future decisions. Choosing meaningful readings, hymns, and liturgy can bring clarity and comfort, especially for those unfamiliar with the Catholic faith.

We hope this document helps reduce uncertainty and concern for you and your family.

JOINT DIPLOMA IN INTEGRAL ECOLOGY Online Course in English

Integral Ecology: From Laudato Si' to Laudate Deum
Start: 12 FEBRUARY 2026

For Information: jdei.english@unigre.it For enrolment: <https://cursionline.unigre.it>
More details on the LAUDATO SI' noticeboard



COME AND JOIN US FOR TEA AND CAKE

As we watch and discuss this series of 5 films, shot on location in the Holy Land. We will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

We will meet at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Church Hall, St Margaret Drive, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7JQ on the following Mondays:
23rd February, 2nd March, 9th March, 16th March and 23rd March.

If you would like to come please book your place by emailing:

fg.epsom@abdiocese.org.uk

'No Greater Love' Course Via Zoom St Clements Ewell

There will be a reflection group on Wednesdays in Lent starting on the 25th February at 7.30pm until 9pm. The course will be delivered **via zoom**. If you would like to join us please email Richard Preston on choddurham@gmail.com to get the zoom link.

EASTER BUFFET FOR OUR SENIORS



This Easter, Fr Ian & our Church Social Committee warmly invites senior members of our parish Community (67+) to a special Easter Buffet on: **Sunday 22nd March 2026**

These lunches are specially held for senior parishioners, **only**, particularly those who live alone and would enjoy a meal in friendly company. We would love for you to join us.

Save the date!

Keep an eye on the newsletter and church announcements for details on **sign-up sheets** and how to reserve your place.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN MAIDENHEAD



Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work.

If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are at **10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday**, when it is at **11.00am**. These Masses will be available to follow on YouTube, via the Mill Hill website:

www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena.

The Novena Prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of **£1 per booklet** to cover costs. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the **Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ**, or email nove-namhm@gmail.com

GRANDPARENTS' FORMATION DAY

Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham

Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 15th February – None

Sunday 22nd February – None

*Sunday 1st March – CAFOD - Lent Fast Day

Sunday 8th – None

*Sunday 15th March – Aid to the Church in Need

* *Gift Aid Envelopes will be available*

THE BANSTEAD FIVE GROUP OF CHURCHES

Many of you will remember the covenant signed by Banstead churches in May 1991, committing us to work together. Over nearly 35 years this partnership has blessed our community through initiatives such as the Open Door café, the annual pantomime, joint services and shared learning.

Today, however, it is becoming harder to find enough volunteers to sustain the partnership. While events like the Walk of Witness and Remembrance Sunday continue, the oversight committee is shrinking and long-serving members are ready to hand on responsibility. We remain committed to our original vision of a lay-led partnership and urgently need someone with persistence and basic IT skills to help resolve issues with our bank account.

If you care about churches working together across traditions and can offer time and enthusiasm, please speak to Geraldine or Caroline (St Ann's representatives), or email banstead@abdiocese.org.uk [.banstead@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:banstead@abdiocese.org.uk)

CYMFED FLAME CONGRESS 2027 –

SATURDAY 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. 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.

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 8/02/2026

Offertory Collection: £828.85

2nd Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund: £695.58

Lepra: £613.29

Please note: Offertory 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 90-minute 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.