



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent Sunday 1st March 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday's gospel saw God's beloved Son, just baptised by St John at the Jordan, go into the wilderness to fast, pray, and face temptation. Today, God's beloved Son is revealed again on the mountain top. And while God the Father once again makes it known that Jesus is His Beloved Son, we are also told that Jesus is one, 'with whom [the Father] is well-pleased'.

These words can also be applied to each of us. At baptism God has washed us clean and made us His sons and daughters, with whom He is well-pleased. When we follow the Gospel and strive to live lives of love, we are His children and He delights in the ways we come to follow more closely the example Christ has given us. But in the course of our sinful lives, we disfigure that glory of our baptism. We fall away from living the Gospel and being the Children of God we are called to be.

Going up on the mountain, Christ is transfigured. He shows His Apostles the glory that is hidden from them because of sin. He shows them who He truly is. He shows them the glory that is also promised to them because of their baptism.

With Christ, as we journey through the wilderness of Lent, we are called to climb those mountains we encounter, those difficulties we must face. And as we climb, Christ will reveal himself to us and show us how much we are also His beloved sons and daughters.

With many prayers for a fruitful Lent,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th February

6.00pm (Vigil) – Ann & Larry Connolly Intentions

Sunday 1st March – Second 'Transfiguration'

Sunday of Lent

8.30am – Kay Doherty Wellbeing

10.00am – Pro populo

Monday 2nd March – Monday of the second week in Lent
No Mass

Tuesday 3rd March - Tuesday of the second week in Lent

6.00pm – Brian Glossop RIP

Wednesday 4th March – Wednesday of the second week in Lent

9.30am – Requiem Mass for Brian Glossop RIP

Thursday 5th March – *Thursday* of the second week in Lent

9.30am – Michael Johnson RIP

Friday 6th March – Friday of the second week in Lent

9.30am – Donough Gleeson RIP

7.00pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 7th March – Saturday of the second week in Lent

6.00pm – Pro populo

Sunday 8th March – *Third Sunday of Lent*

8.30am – Rita Burke RIP

10.00am – Sylvia Cattini 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

Tuesday & Saturday at 5.15pm or on request.

Additional confessions on **Wednesday 4th March**

7.15pm (*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, Mary (Phyllis) Conlon.

REQUIEM MASS FOR BRIAN GLOSSOP RIP



The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Brian Glossop RIP will be on **Wednesday 4th March 9.30am.**

REQUIEM MASS FOR ANTHONY SCOULLER RIP



The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Anthony Scouller RIP will be on **Monday 16th March at 12.00 noon.**

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.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES ACROSS THE DEANERY

Lent Reconciliation Services across the Deanery

Fri 20 th Mar, 7.30pm	St Joseph's, Epsom
Sat 21 st Mar, 11am	Sacred Heart, Cobham
Children's Service	
Sun 22 nd Mar, 3pm	St Joseph's, Dorking
Fri 27 th Mar, 7.30pm	Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

During Lent here at St Ann's, there will be additional Confessions on **Wednesday, 4th March at 7.15pm.** Visiting priests from our diocese will also be available to hear Confession.

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

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.

Sign-up sheets is now available in the Church Porch

LENTEN SOUP AND FRIENDSHIP



During Lent, we will be serving soup and bread in the Hall Annexe following the Stations of the Cross on the following evenings:

Friday 13th March

Friday 20th March

Friday 27th March

Please sign up in the porch for catering purposes.

LECTIO DIVINA - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH AT 9.30AM IN THE HALL ANNEXE

Lectio Divina is a Latin phrase meaning "Godly reading". It is a spiritual discipline of meditation on Scripture in which you slowly and prayerfully read and re-read a text in order to listen and apply God's word to your life. The goal is not intellectual knowledge but conversational intimacy with God. The next Lectio Divina will be on the Gospel of John 4:5-42

MOVIE OF THE LIFE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
ON SATURDAY 14TH MARCH AT 9.30 AM IN
THE HALL ANNEXE

Pope Leo XIV proclaims Franciscan Jubilee year for the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. This special year focuses on themes of peace, conversion and care for creation offering plenary indulgences to the faithful who visit Franciscan churches and fulfil specific requirements.

Join us to watch the movie which follows Francis of Assisi's journey from a nobleman's son to a spiritual leader.

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

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

Sunday 22nd March- Easter Flowers

EPSOM DEANERY WEBSITE

Epsom Deanery

A calendar has been added to the new deanery website. You will find activities, adoration, extra Mass times in Lent and more. Visit:

www.epsomdeanery.com/lent2026

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)

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING

Saturday 9 May 2026 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley - Tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120)

One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. Thanks to the support of the trainer, we are able to highly subsidise the event. To register scan the QR code which can be found on the attached poster, or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about this course, do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

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 22/02/2026

Offertory Collection:£788.67

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

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.

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.

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