



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Lent Sunday 22nd February 2026



Dear Parishioners,

On the first Sunday of Lent we are presented with the story of the Fall of Man and then the Temptation of Christ in the desert. We hear how our first parents brought sin and confusion into our world, and how Christ, because He was fully human, suffered the effects of that sin and confusion (although, He was never subject to sin itself).

At the heart of Eve's and Adam's temptation is the desire to be someone different from who they are. They are told that eating the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil will make them gods. They will know good and evil, and they fooled to believe that they will not die. The knowledge of good and evil was not just mental knowledge, but human experience of good and evil. And ultimately they, and all humanity, experienced the final evil - death.

Christ's three temptations -- which have been said to represent the flesh, the devil, and the world -- are the same categories of temptation that we experience. Each of these present us with a denial of who we truly are as God's creation, made in His image and likeness.

By giving us these readings at the start of Lent, Holy Mother Church is asking us to consider: How are the flesh, the devil, and the world turning me away from being myself?

With many prayers for the weeks ahead,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st February

6.00pm (Vigil) – Julia & Anna Valencikova RIP

Sunday 22nd February – *First Sunday of Lent*

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Victor Tompkins RIP

Monday 23rd February – Monday of the first week in Lent
No Mass

Tuesday 24th February - Tuesday of the first week in Lent
6.00pm – Brian Glossop RIP

Wednesday 25th February – Wednesday of the first week in Lent
9.30am – All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 26th February – *Thursday* of the first week in Lent
9.30am – Kevin Gilbert RIP

Friday 27th February – Friday of the first week in Lent
9.30am – Brian Glossop RIP

7.00pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 28th February – Saturday of the first week in Lent
6.00pm – Ann & Larry Connolly Intentions

Sunday 1st March – *Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent*

8.30am – Kay Doherty Wellbeing

10.00am – Pro populo

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday & 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, Zeke Peyton, Domenico Fasino, Maurice Dingley, Martin Mohan, Josie Garvey.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul
Anthony Scouller RIP who died recently. Please also
keep his family and friends in your prayers.

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.

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](#), in-
cludes 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 chil-
dren 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.

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 symbol-
ism, 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!

Sign-up sheets will be available next weekend.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN MAIDENHEAD

Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the
Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a spe-
cial 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](mailto: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: [si-mon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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](http://banstead@abdiocese.org.uk)

Family Faith Formation Starts 31st January
At St Joseph's Catholic Church, Epsom
A new group for Mums, Dads and their children.
Join us for:

- Stories from the "The Story of All Stories"
- Fun activities and networking with other families
- YouCat For Kids
- Teddy Bear & Saints picnic

• Free admission (donations welcome)
• For more information contact epsom@abdiocese.org.uk
Last Saturday of the month, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, EPSOM

A new group for Mums, Dads and their children. Sharing our Catholic tradition through story-telling and creative play • Free admission (donations welcome) • For more information contact epsom@abdiocese.org.uk

Schedule for 2026

31 January - Creation

28 February - Lent

28 March - Road Map

25 April - New Beginnings

30 May - Mother Mary

27 June - The Sacred Heart of Jesus

25 July - Forever Friendships

29 August - Summer break (no session)

26 September - Church

31 October - All Hallows (All Saints Dressing-up Party)

28 November - Advent

24 December - Family Christmas

Mass (no session)

Last Saturday of the month, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

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

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.