



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth 'Lætare' Sunday of Lent

Sunday 15th March 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Shortly after I was ordained, I was at the check in counter at the airport when a lady approached and asked: are you really a priest? After assuring her that I am, she then proceeded to ask: Why? Of course, she wasn't the only person to ask me why I became a priest or how I discovered my vocation. We like to know things about people, how they ended up in the situations they are in, what brought them to that moment. These curiosities can be greater or smaller depending on the person in question, but we want more information. What's more, is that we enjoy an underdog story where those who are down on their luck rise above the odds to overcome their obstacles and more.

The Blind Man definitely overcame his obstacles. After crying out to Christ, he then was healed with some spit and mud. However, the Jewish leaders were not so impressed. They knew his back story, and this success story caused them to worry about their own position, their power, and what they were convinced was true. For this reason, they even ridicule the Blind Man and remind him that he was 'born in sin'.

We don't like things that challenge our perception of the world. It makes us uncomfortable and worried for the future. It makes us realise that we need to change. But we need to change and are made to change. We are called to develop and mature over time.

Moreover, we are also called to help others who are also maturing in their faith. When we see people converting and changing their lives, we cannot question their motives and sincerity with suspicion. Instead, we must take the time to ask them to share their story, to learn from their experiences, and support them with words of encouragement and prayer.

With many prayers for a fruitful continuation of Lent,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th March

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 15th March – Fourth Lætare Sunday of Lent

8.30am – Jim Keevers RIP

10.00am – Charles Adam RIP

Monday 16th March –

12.00pm – Requiem Mass for Anthony Scouller RIP

Tuesday 17th March – St Patrick

No Mass

Wednesday 18th March – Wednesday of the 4th Week in Lent

9.30am – Francis Jordan RIP

Thursday 19th March – Thursday of the 4th Week in Lent

6.00pm – Sharon Fincham RIP

Friday 20th March – Friday of the 4th Week in Lent

9.30am – Brian Close RIP

7.00pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 21st March – Saturday of the 4th Week in Lent

6.00pm – Pro populo

Sunday 22nd March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.30am – Joan Murray RIP

10.00am – SVP Benefactors

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

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, Mary (Phyllis) Conlon, Maria Barcellona., Dustin Smith.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of mothers, through whom
Your love is revealed in so many ways.

Bless all mothers:

those who are joyful, and those who are burdened,
those expecting new life, and those

who mourn a loss,

those who nurture children now, and those who
lovingly remember.

Grant them strength, patience, and joy in their
vocation.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord,
be their guide and consolation.

Let their sacrifices be honoured,
their love

returned, and their hearts filled with peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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

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

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES ACROSS
THE DEANERY

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

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.

RED BOX HOLDERS

There will be a collection taken from the Red Boxes in
the coming fortnight. It would be most helpful if you
could bring your boxes to the Parish Office during this
time. If you would like your box collected I will be
happy to do so, please contact me ann.corrigan@lien-ard.co.uk

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 PRAYERS ON SATURDAY
21ST AND 28TH MARCH
AT 9.30 AM IN THE HALL ANNEXE

Lectio Divina is an ancient prayer practice that
encourages us to slow down with a piece of Scripture,
spend time pondering it, and allow the Holy Spirit to
speak.

It teaches us to listen to God and one another. Sharing
with one another is a central part of using this practice
as it is inspiring to hear other people speak about their
faith and what struck them in the passage.

Saturday 21st - John 11:1-45

Saturday 28th - Matthew 27:11-54

THE EASTER TRIDUUM



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper **8.00pm**

Followed by watching the Altar of Repose until
Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

Children's Stations of the Cross **10.15am**

(Ecumenical procession of witness: 10.00am From
All Saints Church in Banstead)

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm

*Confession will be available before the Liturgy at
2.00pm.*

HOLY SATURDAY

The Solem Vigil of Easter **7.45pm**

EASTER SUNDAY

8.30 am and 10.00 am Mass.

ST ANN'S RACE NIGHT
SATURDAY 20th June 2026

7.00PM



Tickets: Adults £10.00 under 18's Free. There will be table food and a licenced bar. Tickets go on sale the weekend of 21st -22nd March 2026.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Wear a Hat Day Event for Brain Tumour Research !



St Joseph's are hosting a Glamour Movie & Oscars Themed Fundraiser Evening

27 March 7.30pm -11.00pm in the Hall

£30.00 Per Person

Contact Anne McEntee



07923 961 668 for Advance booking

EPSOM DEANERY WEBSITE

A calendar has been added to the new deanery website. You will find activities, adoration, extra Mass times in Lent and more. www.epsomdeanery.com/lent2026

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sunday 15th March – Aid to the Church in Need

Gift Aid Envelopes will be available

Sunday 22nd March- Easter Flowers

Sunday 29th March – None

SEED SOWING AND PICNIC

On Tuesday 7th April we intend to do the seed sowing and picnic that we did last summer holiday. We have chosen Easter this year as last year the annual seeds did not germinate and grow enough for us to use in the flower garden.

The format will be the same. Bring a picnic if you wish to. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. The event will still take place if the weather is bad. It will be in the church hall.

There will be an opportunity for the children to sow a seed to take home and one for the flower garden This year to encourage the children we will set aside an area in the border to transplant the children's flowers and they will be able to go and check on them whenever they want to (or parents have time to take them) We will have songs and story about how seeds grow and activities and drawing for children to do. The exact time on the day has not been fixed yet but would be sometime between 11am and 5.45pm.

I know there maybe adults who do not have small children and it would be great if they would like to come along and help in a small way. No experience necessary, just come and enjoy yourself too. The more the merrier. Can't think of anything else at the moment but please keep this date in your diary.

Best wishes from children's liturgy and the flower garden team.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Stuart Burman, who coordinates the delivery of the Charismatic Renewal International Service (CHARIS) in our Diocese, is hosting 'Life in the Spirit Seminars' at St Joseph's, Redhill, on the Tuesdays of this coming Eastertide, culminating with a Mass and laying on of hands at West Grinstead on the Eve of Pentecost. For further information, please visit

<https://www.abcharismatic.org/the-promise-of-the-father-2026/>

ST ANN'S MISSION WITH FR ROYSTON
DECEMBER 2026

Please save the dates for our parish mission in December, which will be conducted by Fr Royston. The dates are:

- Wednesday 9th December
 - Thursday 10th December
 - Friday 11th December
- at 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Fr. Royston lives in the Redemptorist monastery in South London, and is the Missions Co-Ordinator for his province, organizing the Parish Mission apostolate and preaching around 20 missions a year. He's also the vocations director for the Redemptorists in the UK, helping young men discern the call of God. More details to follow.

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.