



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Palm Sunday Sunday 29th March 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the Holiest of Weeks; we celebrate the most important events in the life of Christ and our lives as Christians.

Before entering Jerusalem -- the city where the Temple stood, where the high priests made their sacrifices, and where Christ was to be made the victim and host to save us from sin and death -- the disciples go and find a colt tied up and tell its owners simply that 'The Master has need of it'.

The amazing thing is that the owners just let the colt go with the disciples. We do not know if the colt was owned by people known to the disciples, or if they were a family who had followed Jesus when He was in Jerusalem. Regardless, they offer up their colt for whatever Christ wants to do.

St Jose Maria Escriva compared himself to a stubborn mule, and St Francis of Assisi referred to his body as Brother Ass - they recognised how stubborn they could be and how difficult it was at times to follow Christ. We can all feel that stubbornness to change and discomfort at times. Yet, Christ looks at us and wants us to know simply that He has need of us, of our gifts and talents, of our life's stories and love, of our whole selves. We don't know the how and why, but we have to trust that Christ will make good use out of us.

As we progress through this week, we have to remember that Christ has need of us too, and our participation at the various liturgies and personal prayers of this week help us to be ready to offer ourselves completely to Him, stubbornness and all.

With many prayers for a blessed Holy Week,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th March

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

8.30am – John Whyte RIP

10.00am – Pat Mitchell RIP

Monday 30th March – Monday of Holy Week

No Mass

Tuesday 31st March – Tuesday of Holy Week

6.00pm – Louisa Lownsborough RIP

Wednesday 1st April – 'Spy' Wednesday of Holy Week

9.30am – Paul Kehoe & Susie Fletcher RIP

The Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

8.00pm – Holy Souls – Fr Ian

Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the altar until midnight

Good Friday 3rd April

10.15am – Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00pm – Solem Liturgy of the Lords Passion

Holy Saturday 4th April

The Solem Vigil of Easter

7.45pm – Pro populo

Easter Sunday 5th April

8.30am – Frank Fennell RIP

10.00am – Betty Dunne RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 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, David Loftus, Richard Handsford.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT

During the holy season of Lent, we invite all parishioners to attend Stations of the Cross. This Friday, 27th March at 7.00pm.

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 this Friday 27th March will be the **last one**.

Please sign up in the porch for catering purposes.

THREE SHORT FILMS TO ACCOMPANY PEOPLE
ACROSS OUR FAMILY OF FAITH THROUGH
HOLY WEEK

The Diocese has created three short films for Holy Week, presented by Canon Kieron O'Brien (Brighton & Hove), Canon Jonathan Martin (Lewes), and Fr Jonathan How (Guildford).

• **Film 1:** An introduction to Holy Week, inviting reflection, prayer, and deeper contemplation of the mysteries of our Faith. Watch: vimeo.com/1176144932

• **Film 2:** A reflection on the Good Friday Liturgy, focusing on Christ's self-offering, God's goodness, and the veneration of the Cross. Watch:

vimeo.com/1176142344

• **Film 3:** An exploration of the Easter Vigil, the Church's greatest celebration, reminding us we share in the life of the Risen Christ. Watch:

vimeo.com/1176140606

LECTIO DIVINA - 28TH MARCH AT 9.30 AM IN
THE HALL ANNEXE

Lectio Divina is *Prayer *Listening *A time of quiet
*A moment when God speaks to ME

*For every day *For life

Lectio Divina on the **Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46**

WALK OF WITNESS – BANSTEAD

Join the Banstead 5 Churches for the Walk of Witness starting at 10.00am from All Saints Church carpark. The procession will continue up the High Street, finishing at the United Reform Church, Banstead. From 11.00–11.30am, refreshments will be available at the URC, including hot cross buns. Even if you are unable to process you are still welcome to join us for refreshments.

We also need Stewards for the procession – if you are able to help, please get in touch with the parish office: banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

ADORATION DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

Adoration is now suspended during the Easter holidays and resumes on Wednesday 15th April 2026.

RED BOX HOLDERS

Thank you to those who have brought in their boxes for counting. These are now available for collection from the porch. In addition there are boxes there to be collected from previous collections.

Many thanks to all boxholders for all of your support.

If you would like your box emptied and cannot get it to the church office please contact me on 07990

826312 or by e-mail at ann.corrigan@lienard.co.uk

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.

DEANERY NEWSLETTER - LENT 2026

The latest Deanery Newsletter is now available on the parish website & the Deanery [website](#) Are you wondering what happened to all those postcards from last Advent? The results are in! If you'd like some food for thought on Mission - here it is! What's going on around the Deanery during Holy Week and Easter? Find out here, come along, and you'll be made very welcome.

 [Epsom Deanery Newsletter #6 - Lent 2026.pdf](#)

If you would like a paper copy please contact the parish office.

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 now on sale after all the weekend Masses.

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL
SEED SOWING & PICNIC



Join us for a lovely afternoon of seed sowing and a picnic! Bring your own picnic along, tea, coffee, and soft drinks will be provided.

The event will run between **12.30pm and 3.00pm**, and will go ahead whatever the weather. If it rains, we will be in the church hall.

There will be plenty to enjoy, including songs and stories all about how seeds grow, as well as spring craft activities. Children can decorate flower shaped biscuits to take home, and there will be games for everyone to enjoy!

We would also love to welcome any adults who don't have small children, if you would like to come along and lend a hand in any small way. No experience is needed, just come along and enjoy yourself too!

NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR FLOWER
GARDEN NEEDED

Calling all Monty Dons and Carols who enjoy Gardeners World and would like to get their green fingers working and help in the parish.

The flower garden is well established now and requires general maintenance. We need help with:

- ☉ Watering,
- ☉ weeding
- ☉ Dead heading the flowers.

Anyone with or without experience is welcome come along and learn, help, and enjoy the friendship. If you can help, contact the parish office at banstead@abdiocese.org.uk with your availability.

We meet after 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays. We could also do Saturday mornings or other times. With spring approaching, we hope parish volunteers will join and find joy in helping. Here's hoping our prayers will be answered. Best wishes from the flower garden team.

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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For those who still use them, the 2026-27 gift aid envelopes are now available for collection in the church foyer. Some may notice that the numbers have changed. This is unfortunately something to do with the printing process and is beyond our control. Would those affected please make sure they use the new ones and avoid recycling older versions. Thank you

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 29th March – None

Easter Sunday 5th April – **Easter Offering to Fr Ian**
The Offertory Collection on Easter Sunday, including the Vigil Mass, will be for Fr Ian. If you are a Gift Aider and receive envelopes, please use your Gift Aid envelopes. All the card machines will be set up for this offering for the Saturday vigil and all Easter Sunday Masses.

If you would like to donate online, please use the details below and use the reference **Easter Offering** and your **surname**.

Account Name: RCD A&B St Ann Banstead
Sort code: 40 05 20 Account number: 61076256.

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.