



## ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parishioners,

When Christ encounters the Samaritan woman at the well, He asks her for a drink of water. This passage is already looking forward to His death on the Cross, when Christ cries out 'I thirst!'

On the surface, we see a man who is thirsty asking to be relieved of his thirst. However, the thirst that Christ has is much different. God is thirsting for souls to recognise Him and accept Him. He desires that we all know His love for us and respond with love for Him in return.

As the Samaritan woman found out: 'He knows everything that I have done'. This is the God who created us and sustains us throughout our lives until we are called to meet Him face to face. He watches over our every move, and despite our past failures, He still supports and sustains us.

The woman at the well admitted to not living the ideal moral life, and Christ still came to her, in her everyday tasks, as a woman just trying to do her best, and invites her to quench His thirst and give Him a drink. He invites her to follow Him and fill that desire in His Sacred Heart for her to love Him as Her Creator and Saviour.

That desire in Christ's heart for the Samaritan woman is no different from the desire He has for each of us. He knows what we have done and comes to us in our daily tasks in order to invite us to give our lives to Him. Our Lenten fasts and prayer should also leave us thirsting for the life-giving waters that only Christ can give to us, just as He thirsts for us to love Him.

With prayers for the week ahead,

Fr Ian

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

##### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

##### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – *Third Sunday of Lent***

8.30am – Rita Burke RIP

10.00am – Sylvia Cattini RIP

##### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Monday of the Third Week in Lent**

No Mass

##### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday of the Third Week in Lent**

No Mass

##### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent**

No Mass

##### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – *Thursday* of the Third Week in Lent**

6.00pm – John Rodrigues RIP

##### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Friday of the Third Week in Lent**

9.30am – Joseph Feeney RIP

##### **7.00pm – Stations of the Cross**

##### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday of the Third Week in Lent**

6.00pm – Pro populo

##### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – *Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent***

8.30am – Jim Keevers RIP

10.00am – Charles Adam RIP

##### 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.

REQUIEM MASS FOR  
ANTHONY SCOULLER RIP



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

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Pitzer RIP who died recently. Please also keep Paul's family and friends in your prayers.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF GUILDFORD

The Bishop of Dorking, the Right Reverend Paul Davies, has announced the death of the Right Reverend Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford. Bishop Andrew died peacefully today, surrounded by his family, less than a month after receiving a terminal diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

In a letter to the Diocese, Bishop Paul wrote that while Bishop Andrew's family mourn a much-loved husband, father and grandfather, the Diocese mourns "a much-loved diocesan bishop... an inspiring fellow disciple, dear brother in Christ, and precious friend."

Please pray for the repose of Bishop Andrew's soul, and for the comfort of Beverly, Hannah, Sam, Joe, Lydia, and all his family.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES ACROSS  
THE DEANERY

**Lent Reconciliation  
Services**

**across the Deanery**

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Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 7.30pm	St Joseph's, Epsom
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar, 11am	Sacred Heart, Cobham
Children's Service	
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar, 3pm	St Joseph's, Dorking
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 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, 20<sup>th</sup> February and continuing through to Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://celebratetrust.org/celebratereathome)

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 13<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Please sign up in the porch for catering purposes.**

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYERS ON SATURDAY  
7<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> - John 11:1-45**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> - Matthew 27:11-54**

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 800<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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](http://davidwellslive.com) To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://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](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

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@lienard.co.uk](mailto:ann.corrigan@lienard.co.uk)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – None

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Aid to the Church in Need

*Gift Aid Envelopes will be available*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- Easter Flowers

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. Visit:

[www.epsomdeanery.com/lent2026](http://www.epsomdeanery.com/lent2026)

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 9<sup>th</sup> December
  - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December
  - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB



The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March in the Hall Annexe, after the 9.30am Mass until 12.00 noon. You can pop in at any time between these hours. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend or neighbour along.

SAVE THE DATE - ST ANN'S RACE NIGHT

SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

## St Ann's Parish Information

### CONTACT DETAILS

**St Ann's Website:** [www.stannsbanstead.com](http://www.stannsbanstead.com)  
**Hall Hire:** [stannshallmanager@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed next week on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**Reopening Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**