



## ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Second "Low", Sunday of Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parishioners,

'Peace be with you!'

The first words Christ speaks to His disciples after the Resurrection are of comfort and reassurance. He does not scold them for running off, he doesn't belittle their lack of courage, he offers them His peace. And then he shows this peace by not only forgiving their sins, but by giving them the power to forgive the sins of others in His name. Peace and forgiveness go hand in hand.

None of us is perfect, none of us always chooses to do the best thing in every situation. Our weaknesses and shortcomings can pull us down in so many ways, they cause us distress and frustration and anxiety. Shame and guilt are the result of battling with our failures and not knowing what to do with them. However, forgiveness gives us a new start, a chance to make amends and press forward. We cannot forget the past, we need to learn from it, but that doesn't mean that the lessons we take with us have to keep preventing us from moving forward.

By receiving the Holy Spirit through the breath of Christ, the Apostles are given the power to forgive in Jesus's name. The breath they receive is not only for them, but for all people. The Apostles were not perfect, they had their flaws and shortcomings. Yet, they understood that Christ's peace in their hearts and the knowledge of His forgiveness was all they needed to do the work they were called to do.

If we really believe in the Resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this season, then we too should feel and understand Christ's peace and forgiveness in our lives. Those who believe that Christ really conquered sin and death cannot allow themselves to be held back by guilt and shame. Instead, we are called to see from our past how God continued and still continues to do great things for us, despite ourselves.

A very blessed continuation of the Easter Season,

Fr Ian

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Saturday

6.00pm (Vigil) Nicos & Angelos Nicolaidis RIP

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Second "Low" Sunday of Easter

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Paul Lehane RIP

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** – After 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

No Mass

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – After 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

6.00pm – James Gallacher RIP

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – After 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.30am – Rita Burke RIP

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – After 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

6.00pm – Keith Glass Birthday Intention

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – After 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.30am – Oliver Sheils RIP

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – After 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** - Third Sunday of Easter

8.30am – Anna Eiffe RIP

10.00am – Peter Raw 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.

**No confession Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

*(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, Peter Cocks.

### A THANK YOU FROM FR IAN

*Thank you so much for your generous Easter offering. I am deeply grateful for your generosity. Your gift is not simply received, but truly appreciated.*

*Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families.*

*With heartfelt thanks and every blessing,*

*Fr Ian*

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration resumes on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026



After the 10.00am Mass in the Garden of Remembrance. Fr Ian will bless the graves in the St Ann's Garden of remembrance **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026** after the 10.00am Mass. If your loved ones are buried in the garden, please do join us. Tea, coffee & cakes will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you're an adult considering baptism into the Catholic faith we will be starting the next OCIA Course (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) (RCIA) this **June 2026**. Please contact the parish office for more information. [banstead@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:banstead@abdiocese.org.uk)

### ST ANN'S RACE NIGHT SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

7.00PM



Tickets: Adults £10.00 under 18's Free.  
There will be table food and a licenced bar.  
**Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses.**

### 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

### 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](mailto: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 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.

## CORPUS CHRISTI EVENING FOR YOUNG

### ADULTS

Wednesday 3 June 2026 7pm-9pm at Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, London Rd, Arundel BN18 9AY

"Open wide your hearts to allow Jesus to enter, and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity,"

Pope Leo XIV, Jubilee of Youth, July 2025

You are invited to an evening for Young Adults (aged 18-35) to gather together as part of the Arundel & Brighton Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers Diocesan event.

The event will be hosted by the Diocesan Youth team at Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard. The evening will include Praise and Worship music, a Holy hour including time for Adoration and personal prayer, and a talk on the history of the Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral. With a pub and pizza social to follow in Arundel for those who wish to join. Any questions about this event should be directed to Bex Driver,

Diocesan Youth Project Officer E: [bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk) To sign up to this event visit: Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event (03-Jun-2026) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

## DEANERY NEWSLETTER - LENT 2026

The latest Deanery Newsletter is now available on the parish website & the Deanery [website](#)

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

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

### Upcoming events

Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr., 8:25am – 5:00pm	Epsom	<b>A DAY WITH MARY:</b> Includes video on Our Lady of Fatima, Procession & Holy Mass (9:30am), recitation of the Rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, sermons, Confessions, Benediction, enrolment in the Brown Scapular and conferment of the Miraculous Medal. Please bring packed lunch.
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr., 3:30pm	Tadworth	<b>FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON:</b> "The Prince of Egypt", in the hall. Free entry. All welcome.
Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 3:00pm	Fetcham	<b>HOLY HOUR for Divine Mercy Sunday</b> , including Adoration, Prayer and Benediction, followed by refreshments. All welcome.
Tuesdays, 7:30pm: 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> April 12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> May; 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Redhill	<b>LIFE IN THE SPIRIT seminars</b> , at St Joseph's, Redhill, hosted by Stuart Burman, who coordinates the delivery of the Charismatic Renewal International Service (CHARIS) in our diocese, plus celebratory Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, on Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> May. See: <a href="https://www.abcharismatic.org/the-promise-of-the-father-2026/">https://www.abcharismatic.org/the-promise-of-the-father-2026/</a>
Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr., 11:00am – 12 noon	Ashted	<b>"HOW TO PREPARE YOUR OWN FUNERAL"</b> , run by the Ministry of Consolation team. Tea / coffee / biscuits will be provided. <i>To take part, please contact the parish office (01372 272267), or sign on the sheet in the church porch. Please do this by Friday April 10th at the latest.</i>
Thurs. from 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr., after 7:00pm Mass	Ewell	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> on St Mark's Gospel, led by Fr Alexander
Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Ewell	Good Shepherd Sunday: celebration of Fr Alexander's 30 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
Sun. 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 10:30am	Epsom	Mass to celebrate 25 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION of St Joseph's Church

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUNG ADULT RETREAT DAYS

Would you be interested in being a small group leader, refreshment maker or prayer minister at our diocesan Young Adult retreats?

The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton are looking to run Young Adult retreat days for those aged 18-35 across the diocese. Each will be a day of Faith, Fellowship, Formation and Food! But we need your help...if you are aged 18+ and are interested in supporting these events, please email the Diocesan Youth Project Officer, [Bex Driver E:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Bex Driver E:bex.driver@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: One Week - Palm Sunday 2026

Offertory Collection: £513.06

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections

Easter Flowers:£588.00

Holy Places:£499.27

Lenten Alms: £180.00

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

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AT ST ANN'S PARISH

### SECOND COLLECTION 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

We have 10 members. The essence of our work is person to person contact and spending time with people. We are involved in the food bank, and we support school children, detainees and the homeless in UK. The money raised from the toys' sale is to support baby feeding centres and provide vocational training for young people in South Sudan and to buy milking buffaloes for a village in India. Financial support to Disaster Fund allows them to respond immediately to emergency and humanitarian need. Jesus says, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:31-46)

**Thank you** to all the parishioners! Your support and prayers have helped us in our work.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**This Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April** – None

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – St Ann's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP).

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Education for Future Priests (GA)

## 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.