



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter Sunday 19th April 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Whether telling tales of what we experienced after we return home, or telling stories to keep ourselves occupied and amused on the way, stories are a part of journeying and travelling. And this is exactly what we find in the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus.

Discussing what they had seen and experienced in Jerusalem over the past few days, the disciples are taking their journey in order to make sense of it all. The distress and disappointment that came with Jesus's arrest and crucifixion, the confusion that came with the empty tomb on Sunday morning left the disciples with many questions. And these two take the time they need to go away from the community of believers and try to understand what is happening.

In the midst of confusion comes Christ. The same Christ who offered His peace to the disciples in the Upper Room now comes to bring peace to these two disciples. This peace comes with understanding and knowledge, with the slow and steady acceptance of the past and how it fits into the reality they experienced. But the fullness of understanding and peace is only experienced once Jesus breaks the bread for the two disciples.

Emmaus speaks to us about the Eucharist. When we come to Mass we encounter the Risen Lord. We bring to Him the stories of our lives, the events and happenings that we are still trying to understand - good and bad. Throughout the Mass Christ speaks to us, and offers us His peace. He helps us to understand His presence and calls us to be united with His people. And most importantly we recognise Him in the breaking of the bread, in His Body offered to us, which strengthens our faith and helps us to be more like Him.

A happy continuation of the Easter Season,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th April – After 2nd Saturday of Easter
6.00pm (Vigil) - Pro populo

Sunday 19th April – Third Sunday of Easter
8.30am – Anna Eiffe RIP

10.00am – Peter Raw RIP

Monday 20th April – After 3rd Sunday of Easter
No Mass

Tuesday 21st April – After 3rd Sunday of Easter
6.00pm – Brendan Le Morvan RIP

Wednesday 22nd April – After 3rd Sunday of Easter
9.30am – Eamon & Mary Munnely RIP

Thursday 23rd April – After 3rd Sunday of Easter
6.00pm – Bernard Corrigan RIP

Friday 24th April – After 3rd Sunday of Easter
9.30am – James Dunne RIP

Saturday 25th April – St Mark, Evangelist
6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 26th April -Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter

8.30am – Jackie Timmis RIP

10.00am – Mary Taylor 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

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, Mary(Phyllis)Conlon, Maria Barcellona., Dustin Smith, David Loftus, Richard Handsford, Peter Cocks.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Josie Garvey RIP, mother of Yvonne Connolly, who died this week. Kindly remember Josie, along with her family and friends, in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Lewis RIP who was a much loved school secretary at St Anne's for over 20 years. Please pray for her husband Ralph and their children Sarah & Peter.

LECTIO DIVINA - SATURDAY 2nd MAY AT

9.30 AM IN THE HALL ANNEXE

He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

(Luke 24:13-35)

Lectio Divina encourages us to slow down with a piece of Scripture and to spend time pondering it, thus allows the Holy Spirit to speak to us. It teaches us to listen to God and one another. It is also inspiring to hear other people speak about their faith.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SUNDAY 31st 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 31st 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

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 will be on sale after all weekend Masses.

24 HR ADORATION WITH THE LORD



As we prepare for Pentecost Epsom Deanery will be holding an extended time of prayer - 24hr round the clock.

This will be held at **St Joseph's Church, Epsom**, commencing with **10am Mass on Friday 22nd May** and concluding with **Mass at 10am Saturday 23rd May**.

It is a graced moment for us to gather in prayer around the Eucharistic Lord - to pray, to adore, to be silent, to hold the brokenness of our world before the healing presence of Christ. The day and night will be divided up into 1hr slots which we would invite you to commit to coming to St Joseph's and spending 1hr in prayer. We need two people to commit to each hour so that is 48 people between the Deanery.

If you are unable to offer 1hr you can come at any time for as long or short a time as you can manage during that 24hr time - and of course more than two people can sign up for a particular hour.

Those who are sick or housebound and unable to attend are invited to send their prayer intentions via their local parish office and they will be placed before the Blessed Sacrament.

There will also be opportunities to pray the Rosary, Reconciliation, communal prayer at specific times - more information to follow

(and these will be Live Streamed).

There will be sign- up sheets available in all the Epsom Deanery Churches from next weekend, **Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th April 2026**.

For those who would like to attend but do not have transport, we hope to coordinate lift-sharing through the parish offices of the church where you registered. Once we have a clearer picture of who requires assistance and who is able to offer a lift, we can help make the necessary arrangements.

As St Theresa of Avila said in the 16th Century, 'the world is on fire' - how much more so today. May the Lord bless all our efforts and desires to bring His Peace into the world.

Fr Simon Hall, Epsom, on behalf of the Deanery

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.

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: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

DAY RETREAT AT WORTH ABBEY
MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026

There is a Day Retreat at Worth Abbey on Monday 4th May. (Bank Holiday Monday) The cost of the day is £30.00. If you are interested please fill out the google form below or contact the parish office banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

This is the registration form to attend a retreat at Worth Abbey offered by St. Joseph's in Epsom. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV5nYUscxoxk2ep2uaL07CczKds8LUNAFb5KOEIpz59Fhxw/viewform>

Plan for the day:

- 10:00 Arrival and tour of the Abbey church designed by Francis Pollen
- 10:30 A talk from a Benedictine Monk on the relationship between Joy & Happiness
- 12:00 A walk around the beautiful grounds of the Monastic Estate
- 13:00 Midday Prayer led by the Benedictine Monks
- 13:15 Hot Lunch with Dessert
- 15:00 A session on Legacy: How do I wish to be remembered?
- 16:00 Finish

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
AT ST ANN'S PARISH

SECOND COLLECTION
18TH & 19TH 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 19th April – St Ann's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP).
Sunday 26th April - Education for Future Priests (GA)
Sunday 3rd May - None

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.