



## ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago I went to my car one morning to realise that someone had been rummaging around during the night. The glove compartment was open and a few items were moved. Now, I had left the doors unlocked, and there was nothing of any value in the car, but it was still a bit unsettling.

Whoever was in my car did not have my permission and was not supposed to be there.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, only enters into our lives with our permission and in legitimate ways. The devil, trying to steal our souls, comes into our lives with tricks and lies. He deceives, he divides, he distracts, and he discourages. He forces his way in when our defences are down and tries to lead us astray.

On the other hand, Jesus leads us back to His Father. Jesus feeds and comforts us with the truth and with His love. He provides for us in ways we could never have expected, and does so for our own good and not to take advantage of us.

In celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday, we are away of the gentle and provident ways in which Christ leads us through life, providing us all we need to flourish and follow Him. But we also are aware that we need to be on our guard, making sure that we recognise those tricks of the devil that try to enter into our souls and snatch us away from the loving embrace of the Good Shepherd.

A very happy & blessed continuation of the Easter Season,

Fr Ian

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – *St Mark, Evangelist*

6.00pm (Vigil) - Pro populo

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday

8.30am – Jackie Timmis RIP

10.00am – Mary Patricia Taylor RIP

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – *After 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

No Mass

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – *After 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

6.00pm – Anthony Scouller RIP

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – *St Catherine of Siena*

9.30am – Stephen Mendes RIP

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – *St Pius V, Pope*

6.00pm – Michael Byrne RIP

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – *St Joseph the Worker*

9.30am – Brian Glossop RIP

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – *St Athanasius*

6.00pm (Vigil) – Helen Lane RIP

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30am – Keith Glass Intentions

10.00am – Pro populo

#### 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 Robert M. Foys RIP. Kindly remember Robert, along with his family and friends, in your prayers.

## LECTIO DIVINA - SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## MAY DEVOTIONS ROSARY & BENEDICTION

There will be Rosary and Benediction in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary every Sunday in May at **4.00pm.**

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10.00AM SUNDAY MASS



Children's Liturgy Sessions have now resumed following the Easter holidays.

You are warmly invited to Children's Liturgy during the 10.00am Sunday Mass (during term time). It's perfect for children aged 3 to School Year 3, with our wonderful catechists making the Liturgy of the Word easy to understand and bringing it to life.

For parents whose children who will be starting at St Anne's Primary School in September, this is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other families and help children begin to form friendships within the parish community.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May** and concluding with **Mass at 10am Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 is now a sign- up sheet available in the Church porch.**

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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*

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.**

RED BOX THANK YOU!

In 2025 St Ann's raised £1,245.00 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Our missionary community here at St Ann's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this years Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish.

Visit <https://missio.org.uk/> to find out more.

NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR FLOWER GARDEN NEEDED

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.

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** & Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April - 9am to 3pm. **Closed Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

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)

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: [si-mon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

DAY RETREAT AT WORTH ABBEY  
MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026

Joy, Happiness, & Legacy Retreat at Worth Abbey on Monday **4th May 2026**.

We will learn from a Benedictine Monk on the difference between Joy and Happiness, renewing our perspective on how we can access these in our daily lives.

In our session on Legacy we will personally identify which character traits and virtues are important to us to focus on for the remainder of our lives.

The price of a ticket is £30 per person, this includes a cooked lunch and dessert provided by the excellent catering department at Worth Abbey.

If you would like to attend, please contact Thomas Andrews on [Thomas.andrews002@gmail.com](mailto:Thomas.andrews002@gmail.com)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Education for Future Priests (GA)  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - None

## 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.